



# Jacksonville Weavers' Guild, Inc.

Jacksonville, Florida

September 2010

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<http://www.JaxWeaversGuild.org>

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## Next Meeting

September 11, 10 a.m.

Location: [Southeast](#) Regional Library

10599 Deerwood Park Blvd

Jacksonville, FL 32256

(904) 996-0325

Program: Dragon Boats by Lynette Holmes

**VISITORS WELCOME**

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## Letter from the President

Welcome to the start of the 2010-2011 year for the Jacksonville Weavers' Guild. We had the chance to get together a few times in the summer to enjoy some fibre-related activities and to discuss ideas related to the guild, including opportunities for new people to learn to weave. Connie has done a great job revamping our website which has attracted several people who are interested in weaving (check it out if you haven't visited recently). This fall the programs include our participation in the Riverside Arts Market followed the next month by a program open to guests to try out weaving and other fibre techniques (similar to our February 2010 workshop at the Women's Center).

I had a very busy summer traveling, starting with a trip to Albuquerque for Convergence 2010. As usual, the weaving and other fibre techniques on display, as well as the array of goods in the vendor hall, were inspiring and overwhelming. Barbara Wroten and former member Sandy Stranahan were also there. The fashion show was more controversial than usual as this year the jurors were not weavers or fibre artists and made some choices which were 'interesting'. The workshops and seminars I took were mostly very good and I met some old and new friends in between catching up with my mother and sister who also attended the conference. Between new ideas and new purchases, I have lots to share for our show-and-tell.

See you next week.

Linda Schultz,  
President, JWG

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### Officers

**President:** Linda Schultz  
**Vice President:** Jeanne Applegate  
**Secretary:** Susan Wallace  
**Treasurer:** Lee Kessler

### Committees

**Library:** Barbara Wroten & Connie Geller  
**Membership & Webmaster:** Connie Geller  
**Newsletter:** Ann Stodola

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## September Program

By Lynette Holmes

**Chinese Dragon Boats – Tsung Tse** are the symbol used at the Dragon Boat Festival in China. At one time Tsung Tse was the name of a rice dumpling wrapped in bamboo leaves which was always served at the Festival. Its attractive shape is now used for decorative purposes in the form of small colorful silk windings. Tsung Tse can be strung together and displayed in different ways and are often used as Christmas ornaments.

I will get you started on making these ornaments and provide you with a form to start. Hopefully we will have many for our sale at Riverside Arts Market in October. The following are materials to bring:

Paper scissors, pencil, straight edge (ruler), a file folder (tag board)

Pins (about 1" long) with round heads, or straight pins to use with beads

Embroidery floss (it takes 2-3 hanks to make one 3" dragon boat), or pearl cotton (5/2 is a good size), plain, metallic, variegated, silk and other threads that you have

scotch tape, liquid glue (Sobo or Elmers)

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## Local Art Events

FLORIDA TROPICAL WEAVERS GUILD THIRTEENTH ANNUAL FALL RETREAT  
September 22 - September 26, 2010

The motel registration deadline has past but you may still be able to attend for the day.

<http://ftwg.org/Retreat.htm>

First Wednesday Art Walk in downtown Jacksonville is a free event every month to promote the local arts. Tour galleries and museums, meet artists, and try the local restaurants.

<http://downtownjacksonville.org/things-to-do/downtown-vision-events/art-walk-landing>

Check here for a follow-up on Convergence:

<http://www.weavespindye.org/pages/?p=exhibits.html&loc=1-112-00>

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## News from around the Web... Fiber Researchers Look Backward and Forward

By Susan Wallace

Reconstructing Greek Linen Armor

A group from the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay is using linen to reconstruct and test body armor similar to the armor used by the Macedonians under Alexander the Great. They seek to reproduce linothorax, made by laminating layers of cloth together, using historical documents as guides. The link, <http://www.uwgb.edu/aldreteg/Linothorax.html>, contains a description of the project, photos, videos and a "do it yourself" section for those inclined to armor themselves.

Looking Backward for Innovative Ideas

Early American frontier houses were often insulated or wall-papered with layers of newspaper. Today, Lori Weitzner is exploring textiles and wallcoverings made with a combination of ancient and modern materials. One product, "Newsworthy" uses recycled

newspaper strips as weft in handwoven wallpaper. More information including several close-up photos is available at <http://tinyurl.com/2e83bkg>.

#### BioCouture Fashion Research Project

Sustainable and ecological clothes grown from bacterial cellulose? Yes, research is underway. For a quick summary of the project and photos of two finished pieces see <http://tinyurl.com/27ggfpf>. For more in depth information, including photos and videos of the process from start to finish see the researcher's site: <http://www.biocouture.co.uk/index.html>. Click on the small icons on lower right to see the culture process, growth of the medium, dyeing attempts, and finished articles of clothing.

#### Acoustic Fiber?

Researchers at MIT are producing fiber that can detect and produce sound. They envision clothes that capture speech or monitor body functions and fibers that could measure capillary blood flow or brain pressure. Read more about the project at <http://tinyurl.com/23cevrh>.

Perhaps in the future, in addition to "please turn off your cell phones" we could hear "and remove your clothing"!

#### Spider Web Shawl

This topic appeared in one of last year's newsletters but this three and a half minute video is worth a mention: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2z07dB3sKTs>. There are wonderfully close-up shots of the intricate woven result which gives whole new meaning to "fine threads."

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### Member News

Barbara, Lynette, Betty & Connie have made squares for this Jacksonville community art project:

<http://www.imaginationsquared.com/index.html>

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### Announcements

We are registered with the Riverside Arts Market for October 2, 2010, in booths 712-713.

On [www.weavezine.com](http://www.weavezine.com) site in the Archive, I found some interesting articles: "Pricing Handwovens" by Nadine Sanders, April 16, 2009. Two others on color by Barbara Walker, "Color: The WOW Factor", July 26, 2009, and "Woven Ratios", March 20, 2009. Check them out and you may also find other articles which peek your interest.

Lynette

### Library Committee

Browse the Interweave Press books and single issue magazines. We'll be submitting an order in mid October, our discount is 25% and there is a guild fee of \$1 per item.

**Website Coordinator** Connie Geller

Good news! I've found a new website development tool [weebly.com](http://weebly.com), and have published a new version of [www.JaxWeaversGuild.org](http://www.JaxWeaversGuild.org)

With this tool it'll be easier to make updates and expand our info. It'd be fun to have a gallery page of our looms or studio. So kindly email me a .jpg of you & your loom, and of woven goods.

Check out the site and if there are any errors or additions to be made please let me know!

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## For Sale

Find a good home for your unneeded weaving equipment or supplies by announcing them here.

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## Minutes of the Jacksonville Weavers Guild

May 8, 2010

Southeast Regional Library, Jacksonville, Florida

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by President Lynette Holmes.

**Members present:** Lynette Homes, Susan Wallace, Connie Geller, Barbara Wroten, Donna Markovitz, Lee Kessler, Ann Stodola, Jeanne Applegate.

Approval of minutes from April 10, 2010. Lee moved to approve the minutes. Susan seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance \$1116.59.

### Committee Reports and Volunteers:

**Hospitality** – no report.

**Library** – no report.

**Membership** – Last year's membership totaled 23.

**Programs** – October 2, 2010: Riverside Arts Market demonstration and sale  
November 13, 2010: Beginners Workshop

**Old Business:** Proposal to increase dues. After discussion, Connie moved to keep dues at \$20. Barbara seconded. Motion carried.

Book order: Lynette reminded members to decide on their book orders for the September meeting.

Barbara and Jeanne had volunteered earlier to work with Kathy and Christine on guidelines for teaching. They will work further over the summer.

Connie and Linda had a successful day at Bartram Springs Elementary School arts demonstration day. Linda had the spinning wheel and Connie had the inkle loom. A parent who was skilled in weaving also worked with the students weaving with cloth strips.

RAM: We will celebrate National Spinning and Weaving Week at the Riverside Arts Market October 2 with demonstrations and sales. All are welcome to bring items to sell. Suggested

items include towels, mug rugs, bread cloths, other table linens, bags, or whatever you are yearning to make. Lynette encouraged members to price their work adequately.

**New Business:**

Program planning. Lynette asked for ideas on next year's programs. Suggestions included making jewelry from kumihimo braids. Dates to fill are September and January through May. October we will be at the Riverside Arts Market, November will be a beginners' workshop similar to what we did at the Women's Center, and December is the annual holiday party. All are welcome to attend the planning meeting June 5, 10 am, at Panera Bread on Atlantic at just off Southside.

Demonstration requests. Connie received a request from Seabreeze Elementary School in Jacksonville Beach for help demonstrating spinning and weaving from plant to clothing. The teacher expressed a particular interest in cotton. No specific time frame was requested. Connie will forward the request to the guild via email.

Gregory Drive Elementary School in the Riverside Area requested a hands-on weaving experience for the students on May 14. Linda has warped the Dorset warped and delivered it to the school. Someone was needed to supervise the activity.

Public help requests. Lynette has received a request from Joseph Perry for help learning to weave rugs and choosing a loom. Contact her if you can help.

**Show and Share:** Lynette – dish towels from February's beginners' workshop, bag of woven cloth strip fabric embellished with appliquéd (and painted) leaf and three-dimensional flower of stitched wire ribbon, also painted. She also discussed her experience at a design workshop taught by Vallery Goodwin at Fiber Arts Network. Susan – series of rep weave mug rugs and several double weave bags in cotton, all unique.

Jeanne – two bags from her fabric shared at the January idea swap, lined with stamped fabric from March and handles of flat kumihimo braid. She also brought a book published by the Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore: *Sixty scarves for 60 years*.

Meeting adjourned at 11 am.

**Program:** Purse design and construction by Lynette and Barbara.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Stodola, past Secretary.