

NEW YORK THREADS

The Newsletter of
The New York Guild of Handweavers
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Meeting at The School of Visual Arts
214 East 21st Street, Room 703A
Holiday Party- Noon-4PM

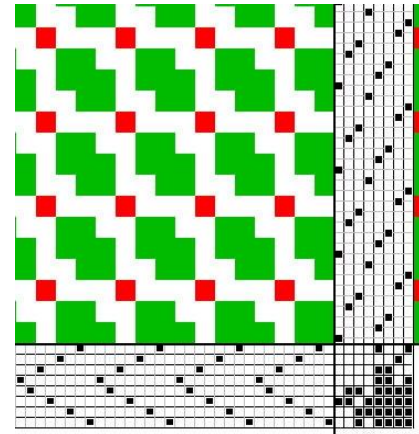
November/December 2014

HOLIDAY PARTY & OPEN HOUSE

December 6, 2013 Noon-4PM

Dear Guild Member,

You're invited to the NYGH Holiday Party and Open House! This year's Holiday Party will have a crafty theme, with a variety of projects and activities for you to explore. Bring a friend, bring your family, all are welcome!



— Inspired by the work of Sheila Hicks, we will create our own weaving experiments on small chipboard looms. Yarns will be provided; you are encouraged to bring oddball fiber/materials and outrageous ideas you've been meaning to try. Pipe cleaners, porcupine quills, Q tips, if you can stick it in a warp, let's try it! Soraya Shah and Jonathan Miller are also bringing copper pipe tapestry looms for you to try your hand.

— You'll have a chance to try drop spindle spinning with Linda Sax. She will demonstrate, answer and encourage. This is your chance to learn from an expert in a relaxed, friendly setting. Bring your own spindle or borrow one of ours.

— Our woven sample archives need some attention. Librarian Carie Kramer will show us how to properly archive our samples in books for future reference.

— A delicious Organic Gourmet Buffet, catered by Vice President Soraya Shah will be enjoyed by all. Please join us on this special day of fellowship, fun, fiber and food!

-Gail Gondek, President

75 SCARVES FOR 75 YEARS

As announced at our last meeting, in celebration of our 75th anniversary we will be collecting 75 scarves, woven by members, to be donated to the [Partnership for the Homeless](#).



Gail Gondek

If you have some woven scarves to spare, or care to do one or two quickie new (scarf-length) weavings, do consider donating them. We would appreciate it if you could bring your contributions to the Holiday Party meeting, or, if that is too soon for you, bring them by our booth at Vogue Knitting Live, January 16-18, 2015. Obviously, the sooner we reach our goal of 75 scarves the sooner we can make sure that some folks less fortunate than us will have some added warmth.



Pamela Pataky

Pam Pataky was the first member to contribute toward our goal with no less than seven (7!) scarves. Thank you so much Pam, for your generosity.

A CALL FOR HANDWOVEN ITEMS FOR VKL 2015

Do you have some samples of your weaving that you'd like to show off to *at least* 2,000 people? That's how many are expected to visit Vogue Knitting Live 2015 this January — and NYGH will have a booth there once again. We'll have a Cricket loom warped up and ready to try, Guild flyers, and, best of all, samples of our members' work! All sizes and types of handwovens are welcome; just bring them to the Holiday Party on December 6

We're looking forward to making this year's booth as beautiful and successful as last year's was — and we need your help to do it!



EVENTS

How time flies! The holidays are already upon us again. Here, as per tradition, a selective list of some of the many holiday fairs and markets going on around the city:

[Holiday Shops at Bryant Park's Winter Village](#)

October 21, 2014-January 3, 2015

[Grand Central Holiday Fair](#)

November 17-December 24, 2014

Union Square Holiday Market

November 20-December 24, 2014

Columbus Circle Holiday Market

December 2-December 24, 2014

19th Annual Crafts at the Cathedral

St. John the Divine

Amsterdam Avenue and 110th Street

December 5, 6, 7, 2014

\$6 / Day, \$7 / Weekend

Bust Holiday Craftacular

Brooklyn Expo Center, 79 Franklin St.,

Greenpoint, Brooklyn

December 6-7, 2014

American Fine Craft Show

Brooklyn Museum

November 22-23, 2014

Smiley's Yarns Annual Manhattan Sale

Holiday Inn

440 West 57th Street (bet. 9th-10th Aves)

December 1-5, 2014 12:00 noon-7:00 pm

Although the emphasis at this sale is on knitting and crochet yarn there are always some silks, wools and alpaca too. Consider getting some nice yarn at a nice price to weave a scarf (or two) to contribute to our celebration donation!

FALL 2014 SHOW-AND-TELL, A REPORT IN PICTURES

On October 25 a substantial number of members gathered together for this season's Show-and-Tell. It was an inspiring afternoon, and a lot of amazing work was shown. We'll let the pictures do the "talking."



Members showing....



and telling....



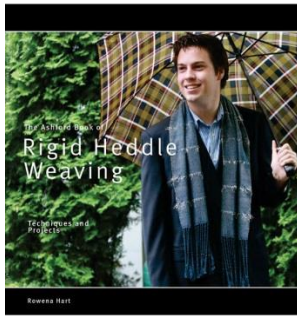
and showing and telling some more.



A nice sample of member work, showing the diversity of materials and techniques.

NEW TO THE LIBRARY

The Ashford Book of Rigid Heddle Weaving, revised edition, by Rowena Hart. Donated in part by Gail Gondek, and selected by the Wacky Weaving Gadget program winners Bea Aubrey, Jonathan Miller and Carie Kramer. Thank you to the winning team for their selection, chosen to welcome our rigid heddle members.



And, donated by Carie Kramer, thirty volumes of the *Weaver's Craft* by Jean Scorigie. Thank you, Carie, for your generosity.

A MARSHFIELD SCHOOL WEAVING CLASS: A REPORT

This beginner-level weaver spent a great five days at the Marshfield School of Weaving www.marshfieldschoolofweaving.com.



I decided to do Scottish tweed, enough for a

sports jacket, and because the School is project oriented, I was able to create this “class of one.” To make a long story short (long as in five yards of tweed, 32 inches wide), I was taught how to warp four threads at a time using the raddle cross method, how to dress a 19th Century barn loom (see me at the loom, which was a six-foot cube, approximately), and given the opportunity to weave, weave, weave: the studio was available 24/7, and returning after dinner for an extra hour or so was especially delightful. Either Director/owner Kate Smith or one of her two associates was there when I needed them –which wasn’t rarely.



What else was delightful? My wife Paula and I stayed at Kate’s rental apartment, next to her own home up the road from the studio, recently created in a corner of her barn. Thoughtfully designed, it was enhanced with her woven blankets and rugs. We lucked out by having the founder Norman Kennedy at home (he lives in the house next to the studio). Although retired from the school, he was available for questions and not shy about comments, either. Norman is also a folk singer, famous for preserving Scottish ballads of his homeland. One day everyone at the School picnicked in the late autumn sunshine, where Norman sang a ballad of clan love and treachery.

-Jonathan Miller

OBITUARY

Recently we received the sad news of the passing of Thea Iervolino earlier this year. Thea was a lifetime member of our Guild in recognition of her great support over the years. Although Thea did not attend Guild meetings anymore in recent years, some of our longer-term members still remember her fondly:

Thea Iervolino, lifetime member of NYGH, was probably best known to members for her photos of our meetings, shows and other events. Most of the photographic records of the Guild are hers.

She was a staunch supporter of the Guild, sometimes quietly donating financially to some of our larger events. She said she wanted to give where she was involved personally, not to an impersonal charity. Oddly, I don't think she was a weaver. At least I don't remember seeing any of her work. She came to meetings because they interested her. She usually sat in the back with her transistor radio earpiece in one ear so she could hear her opera while she listened to the lecture. *-Carie Kramer*

Thea told me that she had been given a camera and started taking pictures when she was quite young. Her first pictures were of Jesse Owens competing in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. I now realize she must have been about twelve years old at the time.

She was always cheerful, smiling and taking pictures and listening to the opera. She was altogether an amazing woman.

Her kind, generous presence will be missed.
-Darby Downey

NEW MEMBERS

Erika Wei



Erika joined us for last month's show-and-tell, and brought along some lovely weavings. Please join us in welcoming her to our Guild.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2014-2015

December 6, 2014 — Holiday Party

January 31, 2015 — Alison Castaneda, Textile Conservation

February 28, 2015 — Tom Knisely, Rep Weave and Rugs

March 28, 2015 — Laverne Waddington, Backstrap Weaving

April 25, 2015 — NYGH Newsletter
Editor Ria Koopmans, The Frugal Weaver



Happy Holidays to All!

Closing date for the January issue is January 16, 2015.