



# NEW YORK THREADS

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Meeting at The School of Visual Arts  
133 West 21st Street, Room 602C  
Holiday Party, Noon to 4pm

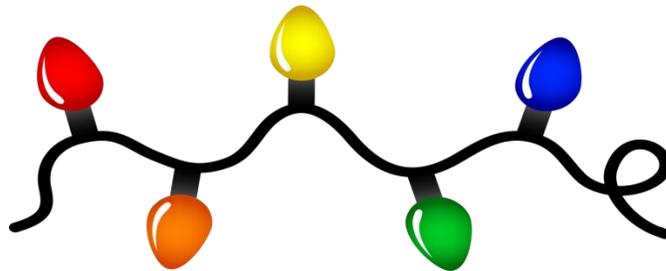
**November 2016**

## HOLIDAY PARTY AND OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 3

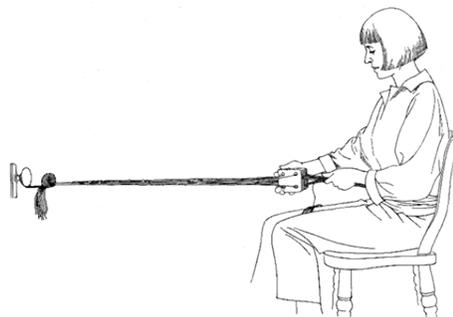
Noon-4:00 pm

Please Join



The Holiday Party!

- Relax and enjoy the company of your fellow members to usher in the festive season.
- Eat, drink, and be merry, savor the wonderful catered food.
- Try your hand at some simple, but fun cardweaving, to benefit MAFA's goody bags.



## MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITIONS

### Metropolitan Museum

1000 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10028  
212-535-7710 <http://metmuseum.org>

*Masterworks: Unpacking Fashion* is a just opened exhibition of significant acquisitions of the past ten years of the Met's Costume Institute. The exhibition highlights some sixty designs from the early 18th century through the present. The show runs through February 5, 2017.



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Guilford Art Center, in Guilford, CT, invites applications to participate in Craft Expo 2017, their 60th annual show of fine North American craft. Craft Expo is a juried show featuring 180 artists and artisans. The show will be held July 14-16, 2017. The application deadline is January 9, 2017. For a complete prospectus and application, see [www.zapplication.org](http://www.zapplication.org). For additional details about Craft Expo, see <http://guilfordcenter.org/expo/>



## WORKSHOPS

**Weaving Hand** is organizing a wine and weaving workshop at **Voz Sanctuary** in Noho. This one evening tapestry weaving class takes place on December 1. The session runs from 6-8pm. All materials are included in the \$60 fee. BYOB. Voz Sanctuary is located at 296 Elizabeth Street, New York, NY 10012. Register at <http://www.weavinghand.com/classes/>



**Cathryn Amidei** will be teaching a digital weaving workshop at **Peter's Valley School of Craft** (Layton, NJ) on the TC-2 loom next summer, Friday, June 16 - Tuesday, June 20, 2017. This workshop was presented at Convergence Milwaukee, and it preceded Complex Weavers Seminars in Chicago. If there is

enough interest, Peter's Valley will offer a second session. Contact Peter's Valley for more information at 1-973-948-5200.



**MAFA**, as mentioned already in last month's newsletter, will take place July 20-23, 2017, and member registration begins January 2, 2017. The program is chock-full of wonderful workshops, such as:

*How to create a pictorial weft ikat*, by Polly Barton. Learn the art of pictorial weft ikat, a technique of tying a bundle of weft threads to make a unique design.



*Timeless tablet weaving: ancient weaving techniques*, by Inge Dam. This workshop will introduce three tablet weaving techniques: regular double-faced tablet weaving, double-faced 3/1 broken twill,

and the 'missed hole' technique.



*Weaving in a parallel universe*, by Linda Hartshorn. Participants will weave samples, study drafts, and learn how to create a parallel threading.



## **WARP**

[Weave A Real Peace](#) (WARP) is an international organization founded in 1992, which offers a forum for those who strive to support long-standing textile traditions as a means for cultural preservation and economic development by fostering a global network of textile enthusiasts, artisans, academics, wholesalers, retailers, tour operators, designers, teachers, and other interested supporters. The organization also publishes a quarterly newsletter to highlight members' projects from around the world.

Our good friend and fellow member Susan Weltman is kindly donating a WARP membership to our Guild. This includes 2 copies of the newsletter, which will be saved in our periodical library. It also includes free online access to the newsletter for all Guild members. Thank you so much, Susan!



## 'TIS THE SEASON

The holidays are upon us again, so it is time to review some options for crafty gift shopping. Of course the usual big markets will be around, such as the ones at Union Square, Columbus Circle, Bryant Park, and Grand Central, but many other, lesser-known markets and fairs are on around town as well. Here are just a few listed by Time Out magazine:

### **Astoria Market Holiday**

On three Sundays before Christmas (Dec. 4, 11, and 18), Queens' classic Bohemian Hall beer garden transforms into an NYC-centric artisan market chock-full of handmade and vintage merchandise. More information on the event's website <http://astoriainmarket.com>

### **Etsy New York Handmade Cavalcade**

This retailer's week-long run (Dec. 5-11 at Chelsea Market) allows any impatient DIYers to grab creative handmade presents from more than 50 talented fashion, beauty and lifestyle crafters for

everyone on your list. More information on the event's website <http://handmadecavalcade.com>

### **Brooklyn Holiday Bazaar**

Grab a gift for everyone on your list at this market curated by e-commerce site Brooklyn Makers. The Bazaar is open the weekend of Nov. 26-27. More information on the event's website at <http://brooklynholidaybazaar.com>



## OCTOBER PROGRAM REPORT

Last month, on October 29, Betty Vera joined us again, this time to discuss color in weaving. She talked about the many ways of using color, and presented many fabulous examples of weavings, both of her own and of other artists, to illustrate her presentation. It was an exciting and well-received talk which drew a full house.



## MARKETPLACE

For sale: A 60" Varpapuu Countermarche Floor Loom, with bench and other accessories. The loom was purchased in Finland in the 1970s. It is of traditional mortise & tenon birch construction – functional and attractive. Whisper quiet to operate, a light harness action, steady and sturdy for all fabrics, from rugs to lace weaves. Pick-up in Metuchen, NJ. \$1000 or best offer (Paypal or cash). For more detailed information, contact the owner at 1-732-548-1575 or by email at [francis.beverly@gmail.com](mailto:francis.beverly@gmail.com).

For sale: Romney/Leicester Longwool yarn, produced at Longfield Farm, fifteen miles west of Albany, NY. Both 2-ply and singles are available on cones. See their [website](#) for contact information.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**January 28, 2017**

### **Weaving Software: 12 Benefits Beyond the Basics, Carol Steuer**

Weaving software is for a lot more than just planning out your design. From block substitutions to yardage estimations, we will explore the additional benefits of moving from graph paper to a computer. For those of you not familiar with weaving software, we'll start with a short introduction on how most programs work. Then we'll go on to 12 features that could make your weaving life easier.

**February 25, 2017**

**TBA**

**March 25, 2017**

### **Variations on Plain Weave**

This will be a member-driven workshop exploring the many possibilities for weaving creative variations on plain weave. A variety of looms, from rigid heddle to 8-shaft will be available to try your hand at many different effects.

**April 29, 2017**

### **Exploring the Art of Basket Weaving, Camille Meade**

Camille Meade will provide a brief history of basket weaving as well as share several examples of her work using a variety of basket weaving materials. This will range from the more traditional Nantucket Style Baskets using cane, to Reed baskets as well as those made with more unique materials like willow, pine needles, sea grass and painted paper. The lecture will conclude with a hands-on experience to allow members to work with a specific medium and try their hand at basket weaving.



Part of the crowd at Betty Vera's presentation

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**Closing date for the January issue is  
January 13, 2017.** Please send your  
submissions to [the editor](#)



Tatiana Blass, "Penelope" (2011), carpet loom, wool yarn, chenille at the Chapel of Morumbi.  
Photo by Everton Ballardin

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Holiday gift buying for friends or yourself?  
Remember to sign up for [Halcyon Yarn's](#) Guild Rewards so  
our group gets 5% of every purchase.