

New York Threads

The Newsletter of
The New York Guild of Handweavers

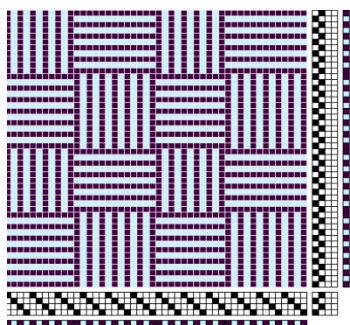
Next Meeting – Saturday, March 24, 2018

Hands-On Workshop: “Plain Weave Isn’t Plain Anymore”

Special Time: Noon to 4pm

MEETING LOCATION

School of Visual Arts
133 West 21st Street
between 6th and 7th Aves.
Room 602C
Noon to 4pm



All skill levels will find inspiration in this workshop. Come explore a variety of plain weave ideas for 2 to 8 shaft looms.

We will have a selection of 10 looms prepared for you. You'll be sampling plain weave variations, among them, **Spaced and Crammed** threading, **Checks**, and color and weave techniques like **Log Cabin**. You'll

learn to wind a warp using space dyed yarns to create and weave **False Ikat**. Using a pickup stick, you'll sample **Leno** and learn to use specialized tools for making oriental knotted rugs, and try your hand at **Boutonne**, a plain weave variation that uses a knitting needle to make a looped pile pattern on a plain weave ground.



This is an opportunity to create and share ideas. Bring your imagination and color sense! Samples created in this workshop will be collected for the Guild Library for a Plain Weave Sample Book.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS: Please arrive at 11AM to set up the room for the workshop.

SWATCH ANALYSIS STUDY GROUP CANCELED

Due to the workshop, there will be no swatch analysis study group before this meeting. See you in April for the final session of this study group. We're out of swatches! -Carie Kramer

LIBRARY WILL NOT BE OFFERED THIS MONTH

I will not be bringing any library books to this meeting since I am bringing a loom. Please wait until the April meeting to return the books you have. Thank you. -Carie Kramer, Librarian

ALLENTOWN FIBER FESTIVAL

The 3rd Annual Allentown Fiber Festival (formerly Steel City Fiber Festival) gathers together the region's best Indie dyers of fiber and yarns, Farm raised fibers, and Handcrafters, be it Knitters, Crocheters, Weavers, Rug Hookers or Spinners!



This year's festival, in addition to having 74 wonderful vendors, will be offering classes in various techniques (check back often for updated class offerings), a wonderful onsite food vendor, and plenty of adorable animals to learn about.

Come join us to celebrate our craft!

Admittance to the vendor areas and parking is Free. Service animals are welcome, but please be mindful of our animal vendors

April 14-15th, 2018 (Rain or Shine)
Merchants Square Mall, 1901 S 12th St,
Allentown, PA 18103
10-5 Saturday; 10-3 Sunday

Though the majority of the vendors will be indoors or under tents, please bring an umbrella, the festival will continue Rain or Shine. Please check the Festival website for info on classes, directions, and buses from New York. <http://allentownfiberfestival.com/>

LIBRARY BOOK DONATION

Many thanks to Carol Kover for her generous donation of the following books to the Guild Library.

A Joy Forever - Latvian Weaving by Jane A Evans
Pueblo Weaving and Textiles Arts by Nancy Fox
Warping Your Loom & Tying on New Warps by Peggy Osterkamp
The Weaver's Book of Fabric Design by Janet Phillips
Weaving Techniques for the Multiple-Harness Loom by Pierre Ryall
Rag Rug Handbook by Janet Meany and Paula Pfaff
Double Two-Tie Unit Weaves by Clotilde and Eunice Smith
Overshot by Peter Mitchell
The Raven's Tail by Cheryl Samuel
Peter Collingwood: His Weaves and Weaving by Peter Collingwood
The High Pile Rug Book by Susanna Cuyler

PETER'S VALLEY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Greetings Peters Valley Fibers working group!
<https://www.petersvalley.org/>

Peters Valley's upcoming Volunteer Weekend is Saturday/Sunday, April 14-15.

This will be an opportunity to spruce up the fibers studio and more importantly perform some much-needed maintenance on our beautiful Macomber looms.

I think the plan will be primarily to wipe down the wood components of the loom with Howard's Feed and Wax and replace the torn aprons. We will also inspect the looms for other repair needs. I plan to buy small notebooks to attach to each loom so that each time someone uses a loom they can make note of what works/doesn't work so we can address those needs.

That weekend will also be an opportunity for us to meet Elisabeth Schwartz, PV's new full time, year-round studio manager whose responsibilities will include the

Fibers Studio. I hope to meet with Elisabeth shortly to assess our supply requirements (rags, Howards, silicone spray, cotton for the aprons.) I will also try to dig out the notes I have from last summer on the conditions of the looms and see if there is anything we need from Macomber.



I think accommodations will be available on campus if you'd like to stay overnight. Please confirm your availability to participate! Contact maleyne@gmail.com to volunteer. It will be fun!
-Maleyne Syracuse

Guild Rewards Update

As many of you are aware, NYGH has been participating in **Halcyon Yarn's** 5% Back Guild Rewards for the last two years. This year our rewards check was \$109! Thanks for all of you who shopped there.

To participate:

- 1) create an account on [Halcyon Yarn](#)
- 2) then click on Guild Rewards at the top of the page
- 3) scroll down and click on the NY Guild of Handweavers entry.

To further entice you, use this offer code to receive \$5.00 off your next order over \$50.00: GRHY2018

The Woolery is also offering a 5% Back Guild Rewards and we've just signed up. To participate use this [link](#) or go to the [NYGH Supplies](#) page and click on the Woolery banner ad.

-Carol Steuer

WELCOME TO THE FAIR

Is your weaving blue ribbon worthy? Show your talent at the New York State Fair, August 22, 2018 -September 3, 2018 in Syracuse, New York. You can help promote the craft of weaving by entering the Arts and Crafts

division of the Fair. Entry forms are available online, and you can mail in your entry. A few years ago, Gail Gondek won third prize for woven accessory.



<https://nysfair.ny.gov/competitions/how-to-enter/>.

Scroll down to the "Art and Home Center" and be sure to read the Art and Home Center General rules and the Arts and Crafts rules. You must submit your registration by July 3, 2018, and mail-in items are due by August 4, 2018.

2018-2019 PROGRAMS

I'm peeking over the shoulder of our Program Chair, Carie Kramer, to see who our lecturers will be for next year. It's going to be a great year.

September 29, 2018

Brenda Rosenbaum, Mayan Hands, the Journey

October 27, 2018

Lucienne Coifman, REP, RIPS, REPS, Discovering Rep Weave

December 1, 2018 Holiday Party

January. 26, 2019 TBD

February 22, 2019

Ria Hawks, Saori Weaver to 7-year-old boy: what do you want to weave today? Answer. A hotdog

March 30, 2019

Ed Bing Lee, What Knots

April 27, 2019

Norma Smayda Staley, Weaving Designs by Bertha Gray Hayes

INTERWEAVE PRESS ADVERTISERS PROMOTE NATIONAL CRAFT MONTH

I'm not much of a gambler, so, although Convergence is in Las Vegas this summer, you won't find me at the gaming tables or slots. However, if there is a raffle ticket to be bought, or a contest to enter, I will be the first and most frequent entrant. I have won theater tickets, posters, obedience classes for my dog, a gift basket of dog items, a fiber gift basket from the Long Island Fiber Festival, and a year-long health club membership. Now it's YOUR turn to win some goodies!



Interweave Press is celebrating National Craft Month with a raffle giveaway. They hope to encourage you to try a new craft, or revisit one that you have enjoyed in the past. Partnering with some of our favorite sponsors, among them Treenway Silks, DMC embroidery floss, Schacht looms, Susan's Fiber, and Brown Sheep Company, Interweave is offering 20 amazing prizes in their drawing.

You can enter daily until March 31, 2018; the lucky winners will be selected April 2, 2018. Please follow the link below to enter. I'm sure to win *something*, but there will still be 19 prizes left to be awarded.

https://www.interweave.com/best-national-craft-month-giveaway-yet/?k=ogkDPZdHQnNBWIFFZeuNMk%2FvCqpPjiilPbeKdWysTDY%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=deb&utm_campaign=wt-esc-deb-180301-NCM#/thanks?submitted=true

-Gail Gondek



FREE LOOM TO A NEW WEAVER

Guild member Elizabeth Starcevic has kindly donated a table loom to the guild. We have refurbished it and the Board would like to offer it to a new weaver who does not own a loom.

To be considered, please send a brief essay on why you would like the loom to president@nyhandweavers.org. You must be a member (or agree to join) and within one year, you will weave a 5x5" sample of your choice to be included in the swatch library. If at any time you decide that weaving isn't for you, then you'll agree to return the loom to the guild. As an added incentive the guild will provide a mentor for one year to help you get started weaving.

Deadline to enter your essay will be April 15, 2018. The recipient will be announced at the April 28, 2018 guild meeting.

-Carol Steuer

Loom Specs:

18" wide weaving width

15 dent reed

4 shaft - levers on the right side like a Structo loom.

400 wire heddles

Footprint: 24" x 26" This loom does not fold up.

Approximately 15 pounds.

Delivery included within the 5 boroughs.

HUGE FIBER ESTATE SALE

Sunday, March 25, 2018 – One Day Only

9AM – 5PM

#16 Jade Place, Iselin, New Jersey

CASH ONLY, no credit or checks.

No early birds.

Take it with you at the time of sale. (Equipment pick up may be arranged.)

Find an extensive variety of wool, cotton, linen, silk, novelty yarns and bobbin lace threads of all weights for sale. Take home that new-to-you loom, spinning wheel, or bobbin lace pillow you've been wanting, or find the perfect book to add to your library. Need bobbins, the perfect size knitting needles, a beautiful spindle, or that single accessory that will make your life so much easier? Chances are great you will find what you are seeking at this one-day only estate sale.

Fiber artist **Andi Trasborg** asked her family and friends to make sure that her extensive collection of fibers, equipment and books found new homes. To celebrate her life, we are having a huge sale that includes everything she's collected over the years. Now is your chance to start a new hobby, add to your own collection, or just remember Andi with something special that was a part of her studio.

For more information, email Sale Coordinator Mary at mrothdavis@juno.com

CLASSIFIEDS

GAIL'S SALE – TWO LOOMS ARE LEFT!

SCHACHT TABLE LOOM

- Beautiful rock maple wood loom is newly cleaned and in excellent working condition, just add your own yarn and creativity. 8 harness, 20" weaving width, 400 twisted wire heddles, nice for



fine threads. I wove some very nice 20/2 cotton dish towels on this loom. Front mounted levers, make this loom very comfortable to use. Reed is 12 dents per inch. No rust on reed. Loom has tie on rods, no apron needed. Loom is 26" wide, 26" deep and 19" tall. Weighs 25 pounds. Price- \$600. firm. Please email Gail at msthimble@aol.com or call 212-956-3946 after 7PM.

DOROTHY LECLERC FOLDING TABLE LOOM- Newly cleaned rock maple loom is in good working condition. 4 harness table loom, 15 3/4" weaving width, twisted wire heddles. No rust on reed. Apron is old, but clean, no stains. Plastic lever handles are new. Wood is clean, but there are scrapes and dents from use. This is the loom I took to FIT on a luggage rack! Comes with lease sticks. Loom is 20 1/4" wide, 20 1/2" deep, and 17 1/4" tall. Folded measurement is 20 1/4" x 28 1/2" x 9 1/2". Loom weighs 16 pounds. Price- \$300. firm. Please email Gail at msthimble@aol.com or call 212- 956-3946 after 7PM.

LECLERC WARPING BOARD/INKLE LOOM

Warp up to 10 yards or use it as an inkle loom and weave 6" wide by 16 yard bands. Good condition but one peg is missing. About 36" square. Price - \$50. Email Carol at CLSteuer@aol.com



REEDS FOR SALE

6 Dent / 36" wide carbon steel reed: \$20
15 Dent / 15 1/2" wide carbon steel reed: \$10
Both have some small rust spots but are perfectly usable. Email Carol at CLSteuer@aol.com

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Email president@nyhandweavers.org if you are interested in joining the NYGH Board to participate in leading our upcoming activities. All skills needed!

UPCOMING GUILD CALENDAR

April 28, 2018

Dimensional Double Cloth

Anatasia Azure



SOCIAL MEDIA

<https://www.facebook.com/The-New-York-Guild-of-Handweavers-111455605593162/>

https://www.instagram.com/NY_GUILD_OF_HANDWEAVERS/

<https://www.pinterest.com/nyhandweavers/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG7Bzh2BR34MwaW8enHEkGg>

<http://www.ravelry.com/groups/new-york-guild-of-handweavers>

<https://weavolution.com/group/new-york-guild-handweavers>

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