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THE WARPED WEAVERS GUILD, BEL AIR, MD
Dedicated to the Enjoyment of Fiber Arts

FEBRUARY, 2010



WARPED WEAVERS MEET
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AT 3 PM
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
224 N. MAIN STREET, BEL AIR



RENAISSANCE OF HANDWEAVING IN APPALACHIA

Were you aware that the skill of handweaving was nearly lost one hundred years ago in this country? Looms had been burned for kindling, draft notations baffled and meant nothing to an entire generation. But the lost was found in Appalachia, and Becky and Barbara will tell how it happened.

WARPED WEAVERS GUILD - January 24, 2010

Reports

Attending - 12 members

Treasurer: Members dues paid up

Study Group: Met at Barbara Stam's. They are continuing progress on boundweave.

Library: Jane Brackett-Freed is progressing with the cataloging of Dotty Szymanski's weaving folders.

MAFA: Cheryl announced the 2011 Gettysburg Workshop Weekend, noting that volunteers and teachers are needed.

Future Meetings

February 28, 2010 – Barbara and Becky will present our program; Karen will prepare the samples for that newsletter; there will be a voluntary gift exchange of a handmade item, under \$10 value.

March 28, 2010 - Cheryl will present program.

April 25, 2010 - Ann will present program.

Guild Website

Karen led a discussion of guild's intention to keep the www.warpedweavers.org name and to continue to communicate with Dave banks at MAFA who maintains the website for MAFA and the guild links at that site. Thanks were again expressed to Patrick Donohue who has maintained the guild web site up until now. He expressed a caution to consider – use of last names in the newsletter reporting. Members present discussed and decided this is not a concern at this time.

Scheduled Meetings

Suzanne raised the question of our meeting day/time to allow discussion. This will be presented to all membership, since those for whom Sunday afternoon is not a preference were, most likely, not at the meeting.

Show and Tell / Goings On

Ann – two baskets made at a recent workshop; announced Basket Bingo 2/20/2010 by Deer Creek Basketry Guild; information about Helmet liners knitted of 100% wool, sent to armed forces.

Juanita - sample of feedsack fabric and patterns

Gregory - loom news – purchased 22" Norwood; new project on 40" Gilmore loom is rag rugs inspired by her great grandmother in law; suggested knitting groups meeting at Panera and the Aberdeen Library; asking for volunteers to join her at Port Discovery Children's Museum for demonstration of fiber arts to school children.

Carol – two scarves in deflected doubleweave; knitted yellow sweater.

Hugh - brought online info on fringe twisters in response to Barbara's need; reported on project in Summer Winter & M's and O's.

Lizanne – rigid heddle adaptation of an old loom; handout on Mill Ends; samples from placemat study.

Barbara – news of visit to Harrisville, NH.

Cheryl – a shawl of Lion Brand Fisherman's Wool in progress from knitting book by Sally Melville

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STUDY GROUP REPORT - FEBRUARY

*To study group we're loyal forever,
We love to share and learn together.
We plan with care,
To each be there,
But, this month, we're beset by weather!*

Next month, we will explore Monk's Belt at Mary's.

Study Group has scheduled a day trip to Philadelphia Fiber Fest on Tuesday, March 16. Guild members and friends are welcome to join us!

Karen Heppen

HELMET LINERS

Ann brought information to our guild meeting about the need for all-wool helmet liners for troops serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. A pattern for the helmet liners as well as information about where to send them, can be found at: <http://knitting.about.com/od/hatpatterns/a/helmetliner.htm>

KNITTING TOGETHER

Harford County area knitters get together at:



Aberdeen Library
21 Franklin Street
4th Tuesday of the month
6:00 pm

Ewenique Yarns
130 N. Bond Street, Bel Air
Every Thursday
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

The Harford Knitting Guild at Harford Day School
715 Moores Mill Road, Bel Air
1st Thursday of the month
7:00 pm

Panera Bread
1022 Beards Hill Road, Aberdeen
3rd Tuesday of the month
6:00 pm

Bring your project and join in for camaraderie and support from fellow knitters!

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Interweavestore.com is having a sale.

Timonium Sugarloaf Crafts – April 16-18; October 1-3.

Program

Les Manufacture des Gobelins: French National Tapestries and Rugs from the 15th Century to the Present

Karen, accompanied by background music and home-made meringues, introduced us to the "factory" and its wonderful weaving.

Lizanne Smith

SHEEP AND WOOL NEWS

The Maryland Sheep and Wood Festival will be held on Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2 this year.

The WGGB member of the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival has asked that MAFA post some new additions to the Skein and Garment Competition. The Sheep and Wool group is particularly interested in receiving more contributions to the MAMIE FRANCES BLANKET Category. They have added a new item and new criteria for items eligible for some fine prize money.

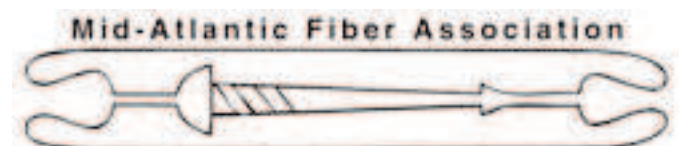
Below are the new classes (note the baby blanket which is less than 36" wide and the 50/50 blend which are new this year). Refer to the web page for the rules of this competition at <http://www.sheepandwool.org/>

- B-1 Lap Robe in any weave, 36-50" wide and any length
- B-2 Blanket in any weave, larger than 50" wide and any length
- B-3 Lap Robe or Blanket in any weave woven by a Junior (18 or under), minimum 36" wide and any length
- B-4 Baby Blanket in any weave, less than 36" wide
- B-5 Lap Robe or Blanket in any weave or size above made from a 50/50 wool blend

Prizes are...

- \$500 for Grand Prize Winner
- \$100 The Mannings Handweaving School & Supply Center
- \$100 Louet North America
- \$100 of merchandise from the Interweave Store
- \$100 Gift Certificate from Harrisville Designs

From the MAFA website - www.mafafiber.org



What is the biggest ant in the world? An elephant.

