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# FIBERGRAMME



January/February 2004

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## PROGRAMS FOR 2004

**All meetings are at the Maitland Art Center at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.**

**January 9-11** Workshop "Shaker Rugs" Mary Elva Erf Mt. Dora Art Center (full)

**January 10<sup>th</sup>** Meeting at Mt. Dora Art Center with a program by Mary Elva Erf

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** - Kathy Martin "Off loom Techniques: inkle loom, card weaving, Punjabi and Palmetto. Maitland Art Center.

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** - Lyn Taylor from Merritt Island will present "What Is a Bead?" An audience participation program. Mini-workshop in the afternoon. Participants will make a beaded pin.

**April 2 -4<sup>th</sup>** - Marian Reid from Tallahassee,, "Enhancing Your Fabric With Surface Design" She will teach a number of simple dyeing techniques including stenciling, painting, printing (you can cut your own block), warp painting, etc. She's very flexible and has a great deal of knowledge to share. When you register for the workshop in February, please indicate your special interests. Will be held at LaVonne Robertson's house on Stone Island.

**May 1st** - May Day Picnic Details TBA

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** - "The Perfect Fit" taught by Theresa Davey who was the head of alterations at Jacobsen's for years. You may bring a garment and she'll help you with fitting problems. Maitland Art Center

**July 10<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting date changed due to the holiday. The program will feature reports on the workshops and seminars held at the Convergence in Denver. Maitland Art Center.

**August 7<sup>th</sup>**: TBA

**September 11<sup>th</sup>** - LaVonne Robertson will present a program about various ways of painting on fabrics used for kimonos and other textiles.

**October 1 - 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Crackle Workshop with Susan Wilson who will come from Denver. Meeting will be held at Mount Dora on **October 2nd**.

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** - Irene Munroe, who was awarded a FTWG scholarship last year, will discuss the tapestry and color workshop she attended in Taos, NM. Maitland Art Center.

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Party

### About Mary Elva Erf

We are very pleased that Mary Elva Erf accepted our late request to present a workshop for the guild in January since she usually has a one-year schedule. Her linen towels workshop was enjoyed by our members several years ago.

Mary Elva is a textile artist with an emphasis in the history of fibers. She began weaving in 1973 after teaching embroidery and other related handwork for 17 years.

She lived near some of the Shaker communities and was fascinated with the beautiful linens and rugs. After doing extensive research she reproduced textiles for the Metropolitan Museum of Art's permanent Shaker exhibit.

## Betty's Unbirthday

Fete will be held February 15<sup>th</sup> 2004 at 11:30. No gifts (Betty's wishes). It will be pot luck at Betty's home on Stone Island... If you have any communicable disease, please stay home.

## Southeast Fiber Forum

This year it will be held in Plaquemine, La. March 26-28th. Workshops offered include:

Jane Olsen - Fiber Pendant Necklace  
 Susie Blyskal - Decorative Beaded Gourd Bowl  
 Lucy Landry - Creative Cloth Doll Making  
 Roberta Jones - Create an Appalachian Egg Basket  
 Marci Petrini - Knitting for Fulling  
 Laura fry - Magic in the Water 1  
 Lorri Helms - Spinning Toward a Project  
 Pat Kyser - Crazy Quilt Adventure  
 Pat Neal - Color in a Jar  
 Lorraine Bergeron - Heirloom Sewing  
 Brenda Harms - Weaving a Large Tote Basket  
 Makiko Tada - All-In\_One Kumihimo

For additional information, contact: Margaret Ganier  
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or Charlene Bishop at [Bellegleurcmb@aol.com](mailto:Bellegleurcmb@aol.com) Registration before J

an. 15<sup>th</sup> is \$175, after 15<sup>th</sup> \$190.

**FOR SALE: Kessenich 30" Floor Loom. Fold up to 32" x 36". Made of all OAK wood - 4 H. A heavy loom that one could use for rugs or fine threads. Make an offer. Anne McKenzie at [lamram@earthlink.net](mailto:lamram@earthlink.net) (352)669-1340**

Anne will be making up Betty's Birthday calendar. Each year we purchase an angel calendar and weavers choose a week or two where they call in on Betty and visit for an hour or the day. Sometimes we take her lunch or a jar of jam... she loves sweets. Please Email me if you could possibly do a week or two. Thanks for supporting our effort to look after Betty's well being. She is a wonderfully knowledgeable person. [Lamram@earthlink.net](mailto:Lamram@earthlink.net)

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### CARD OF THANKS

Thank you for all the cards, Emails, phone calls, and most of all the hugs I received after the passing of my husband. It has been my weaving friends that have supported me and kept my spirits up during the past eight years of his illness.

It is wonderful for me to be back with my "weaving family"

Sincerely,  
 Garnet

## Demonstration Opportunities

January 17<sup>th</sup> - Scottish Highland Games

January 31<sup>st</sup> & February 1<sup>st</sup> - Uncle Donald's Country Fun Days 10a.m. till you get tired.(lunch provided)

Mid February 2004 St. Augustine textile arts guild spin in. More details later

February 26<sup>th</sup> - March 7<sup>th</sup> Central Florida Fair. We usually demonstrate on the weekends and actually get paid. Most importantly we need to participate in their creative arts exhibit. We fall in the Needlework Department under class M for weaving. Start your project now and earn a \$ prize.

**WANTED: Newsletter Editor: Betty is working and needs a break. Basic computer knowledge needed. Help is friendly and everyone donates articles on time!**

**Also Needed: Garnet needs a break. Can you help us with her function as the electronic link to guild news.**

## OFFICERS FOR 2004

Please contact us if you have questions or suggestions.

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Sandy Lazarus, Gloria Corbet, & Carol Maier

Minutes of Weaver's of Orlando Guild Meeting, 1 November 2003

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President Marilyn Frew started the meeting at the Maitland Art Center at 10:05 am.

Joy Bergmann, Membership chair, introduced Cynthia Star. Ann Nunnally introduced Marian Brock. Marian Brock's mother has looms for sale.

The President announced that Lorna Stanton got married 30 Oct 2003 and is now Mrs. Oliver Gillespie.

- Paul & Lavonne Robertson were welcomed back after their illnesses.
- The weaver's party for Betty terLouw's 100th birthday will be Sunday, February 15th. Her family is coming down to have their own celebration with her on her birthday, Sat, 31 Jan.

Elections- There being no nominations from the floor for 2d Vice President or Treasurer, Mary Burns was acclaimed as 2d Vice President, and Berna Lowenstein was acclaimed as Treasurer.

- An Exchange/Sample Chairman is needed for next year.
- Ann Revels is to audit the books in December.
- 215 to 220 Name tag holders, for Florida Tropical Weaver's Guild conference next March, were completed by Carol Maier with a little help from others. They were turned over to Jody Cosby. Name tag holders will be selected rather than being included in the packets.

Jane McLain reported on the Holiday Sale and had publicity info for going to your local papers. Sandy had flyers to pass out and asked for demonstrators during the sale. Ann Nunnally announced a need for a treasurer for next year's holiday sale.

Sandy Lazarus, Demonstration Chair, said the next demonstration is at Uncle Donald's Farm, Sa&Su, Jan 31 & Feb 1.

- The holiday party is on the 2d Sat in December, the 13th, at 11am, eats at noon at the Maitland Art Center. It will cost \$5.00 per member & \$10 for others. It is a tradition to bring a handmade ornament for a brown bag exchange. The handmade ornament may be bought for about \$5. There is no card exchange this year, but you can use your card as the ornament exchange.

Joy Bergman, Membership Chair, said the deadline for dues is January 15. Dues are \$25 per person, or \$35 for a family.

- At the holiday party, there will be raffles for a scarf woven by Joy from the leftover yarn from the Maitland project, two napkins sent to the guild by the Handweaver's Guild of America, and some samples left over from the placemat exchange. Tickets for the scarf will be \$1 ea, or 6 for \$5.

Bev Tavel, Hospitality, thanked those who brought food & needs goodies in Feb & Mar 2004.

Lavonne Robertson, 2004 Program chair, & Joy again announced equipment needs for the January workshop. Three sewing machines are needed with black, red, and one other thread. Three spinning wheels with large orifices are needed as well as a Niddy Noddy, Ball Winder, & rotary cutter.

- Susan Wilson will be the instructor for a Crackle Weave Workshop next October.
- The president has applications for the Guild Workshop scholarship. It pays the fee for the workshop. The scholarship will be drawn for at the Holiday party in December.

Betty Schmidt, Newsletter Editor, asked that the next newsletter deadline be a firm 10 December. She would like to get a main article. How about "Living Thru My 1st Weaving Class".

Mary Adolph, Librarian, reported which books had been taken into the library from those Judy brought last month. The rest were sold.

Minutes of Weaver's of Orlando Guild Meeting, 13 December 2003

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President Marilyn Frew started the meeting at the Maitland Art Center at 11:45 am.

After explaining how lunch would be conducted, the eating part of the party commenced.

After lunch, Marilyn thanked the people who had done the preparation of the room, especially Lou Mckenzie who came to move tables and those who purchased the food and decorated the tables. She then thanked Lorna for her two years as 2d Vice President and 2003 Program Chair. A thank you went to Mary Burns for accepting the post as 2d Vice Pres and 2005 Program Chair. Thanks went to Mary Mahon for being Treasurer and to Berna Lowenstein for accepting the position for the next two years. If you know of a good program you would like to see taught to WoO in 2005, submit your suggestion to Mary Burns early next year.

Joy Bergmann, Membership chair, collected money for the raffle on the scarf, the two napkins, and 3 sets of samples from the last placemat exchange. Joy then announced the anniversary certificate recipients.

5 year: Bonnie Arbuckle

Joan Fursey

Jane Larson

Cynthia Starr

Beverly Tavel

10 Year Sonya Hyduke

Anne McKenzie

Judy Smathers

20 Year Art Lee

Joy acknowledged the New Weavers Study Group that began in 2003 and acknowledged Diane Click and Berna Lowenstein for being Teaching helpers.

Marilyn announced that Jan Beck is the new Historian. Jan then announced that she has a long distance lens and there would be pictures of people from the party who didn't know that they were in the camera lens.

Carol Maier is the new Samples & Exchanges Chair. She will be gone for several months, so Jane McLean will do the first exchange in 2004. Garnet asked to be relieved as the e-mail contact for the Guild. As soon as possible would be nice.

Betty Schmidt asked to be relieved as the Newsletter Editor soon. As a working person, it is difficult for her to fill this job too.

Anne McKenzie is working of Betty's Calendar for 2004. If you want to be included or have your weeks changed, call Anne soon.

The weaver's party for Betty terLouw's 100th birthday will be Sunday, February 15th. Her family is coming down to have their own celebration with her on her birthday, Sat, 31 Jan.

Lorna Gillespie thanked all her presenters for 2003 with little gifts. She also included gifts for the hospitality chair and helpers at workshops where she was not there.

The next program is on Shaker Rugs taught by Mary Elva Erf, 9,10,& 11 Jan at the Community Bldg in Mt Dora. Friday starts at 9 am. The Guild meeting

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There was no treasurer's report.

**Show & Tell-**

Ann Nunnally announced a 2H rug loom and a 6H LeClerc for sale. Other looms were mentioned Marilyn said how enjoyable the Chenille Workshop was & showed 7 yards of crackle weave. Eva Walsh showed a place mat. Berna Lowenstein showed inkle loom belts and some shawls. Jewel Bledsoe showed a shadow weave scarf from the Chenille Workshop. Joy said there may be enough yarn to do another scarf out of the 20/2 yarn from the project. Cynthia Star showed a painted warp scarf and placemats in 20's/2. Ann Nunnally showed table runners. Mary Burns showed a cotton top, and pockets for our guild name tags. Jane McLean showed beading around neckline. Rhonda Colcord had a scarf. Carol Maier showed her chenille scarf. Asta Solie had a stitched Norwegian advent calendar and her workshop chenille scarf. Pete & Julia Brooks showed a runner and 4 placemats. Jan showed her workshop scarf. Mary Adolph showed a little inkle loom by the Good Wood Loom Co.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15am. The Program on Color will be given by Berna Lowenstein after the break.

Respectfully submitted by Gloria Corbet, Secretary

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and presentation by Mary Elva is at 10 am on Saturday.

The Drawing was held for Guild Scholarships. There were lots of applications. The lucky winner was Jan Beck. She gets a free workshop in the next eighteen months and must provide one set of samples for the newsletter after her free workshop.

Audrey commented on the Christmas Sale. They had 1/2 the artists, 1/2 the workers, lots more demonstrators ( who were a big hit) and many more reasonably priced items. Only three WoO members showed up on Thursday evening for the private sale for us, but when they opened up for two ladies, the ladies called over their bus load of friends and over \$900 worth of merchandise was sold. It was suggested that Thursday be open to the public, but close down Sunday.

Joy Bergmann held the raffle on all the items available. Anne McKenzie got the scarf. Jody Cosby got the napkins. Karen Simpson, Eva Walsh, and Diane Click won the three sets of samples from the last exchange.

Marilyn revealed how to find the table numbers and with that the gift exchange commenced. After all the gifts were picked up, everyone showed what they had gotten and everything was beautiful.

The party/meeting ended at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Gloria Corbet, Secretary.

**DUES REMINDER:** Don't forget your dues are due by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please use the form in this newsletter to renew.

The directory goes to press then and you don't want to be left out. Also, please let Joy Bergman know if there are any changes in your listing.

**NEW WEAVERS STUDY GROUP**

We will be starting another new weavers study group in February. This study group is geared to teach a new weaver how to wind a warp, plan a project, read a draft, warp the loom and actually weave a project. If you are interested please contact Joy Bergman.

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Directory deadline is around the corner. An exciting year in weaving is planned and we know you don't want to be left out. And, we don't want to leave you out. We know you don't want to don't miss a single issue of FIBERGRAMME. Please take a moment and fill in the renewal form and send it to us along with your check. Thank you and Happy New Year.

WEAVERS OF ORLANDO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: WEAVERS OF ORLANDO

\_\_\_ INDIVIDUAL \$25.00                      \_\_\_ FAMILY \$35.00

Dues year is January 1 – December 31, dues are collected from November 1 and are past due January 15. Membership directory goes to press in January with paid members listed.

Areas of interest, please mark all that apply:

\_\_\_ LOOM WEAVING:    \_\_\_ 4 HARNESS                      \_\_\_ 8 HARNESS

\_\_\_ SPINNING                      \_\_\_ BASKETRY                      \_\_\_ OTHER, PLEASE SPECIFY:

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