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FIBERGRAMME

Weavers of Orlando Newsletter

November - December 1999

Vol. 23, No. 6

❄ Mark your Calendars ❄

Nov. 6 OCHM

10:00 a.m. "Shibori on the Loom, part 2" with LaVonne Robertson. Shibori dyeing techniques followed by indigo dyeing of your woven samples.

Dec. 4 Mt. Vernon Best Western in Winter Park

11:00 a.m. Holiday Party.

Jan. 15 Mt. Dora

10:00 a.m. Program by Carol Bertwhistle.

Jan. 15, 16, 17 Mt. Dora

Workshop "Don't Be a Draft Resistor" with Carol Bertwhistle. This workshop on designing original drafts is Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Please see Jane Plante to sign up for the first workshop of the millennium.

Feb. 5 OCHM

10:00 a.m.



Weavers of Orlando meets most months at the Orange County Historical Museum (OCHM) in Loch Haven Park in Orlando.

SHIBORI CONTINUED. . .

Traditional Shibori techniques are done by sewing and/or binding cloth by hand. In September, LaVonne Robertson showed us that cloth can be woven with gathering threads for dyeing Shibori style. For the November program, LaVonne will describe the dyeing process and demonstrate indigo dyeing of samples woven by any industrious members.

For those bringing samples to dye:

- ❖ serge or sew cut edges and wash samples before the meeting.
- ❖ label samples with a label that will survive the dye vat. LaVonne suggests making labels from Tyvek envelopes and using an indelible marker like Sharpie.
- ❖ wear old clothes.
- ❖ bring rubber gloves and a one-gallon size zip-type plastic bag.

IT'S HOLIDAY TIME!

Our holiday luncheon will be Saturday, December 4th at the Mt. Vernon Best Western on 17-92 in Winter Park. Gather at 11:00 a.m., eat Chicken Divan at 11:30. Cost for each person is \$12.00. Spouses and adult guests are welcome to join us.

Bring a handmade (can be purchased) ornament for an ornament exchange. It doesn't have to be a tree ornament; it may be an ornament for the body, wall, table, car, or whatever! "Wrap" the ornament in a paper bag that is tied or stapled closed. Be sure to put your name in the bag, too.

You can have two opportunities to leave the luncheon a winner! First, the Workshop Scholarship for 2000 will be awarded - turn in your application to Gail Blich before the big day. Second, buy a raffle ticket for a handwoven runner!

You must have reservations to attend; buy luncheon tickets from Jane McLean before November 15.



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A Word from our President

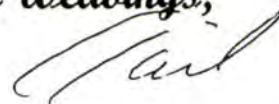
Dear Friends,

I thoroughly enjoyed our recent workshop with Connie Forneris. I love workshops! they challenge you to go outside your 'comfort zone'. They also help to inspire you.

My trouble is that I have too much inspiration! I have more projects planned in my head than I have time to accomplish!

Speaking of workshops, I want to personally thank Pam for an outstanding year of terrific workshops, and mini work sessions. I have learned so much and have experienced many new things. I am anxious to see the end result of my Shibori on the loom. What a fantastic end to a great weaving year!

Happy Weavings,



submitted by Jane McLean.

The Loom of Time

anonymous

Man's life is laid in the loom of time
To a pattern he does not see,
While the weavers work and the shuttles fly
Till the dawn of eternity.

Some shuttles are filled with silver threads
And some with threads of gold,
While often but the darker hues
Are all that they may hold.

But the weaver watches with skillful eye
Each shuttle fly to and fro,
And sees the pattern so deftly wrought
As the loom moves sure and slow.

God surely planned the pattern:
Each thread, the dark and fair,
Is chosen by His master skill
And placed in the web with care.

He only knows its beauty,
And guides the shuttles which hold
The threads so unattractive,
As well as the threads of gold.

Not till each loom is silent,
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God reveal the pattern
And explain the reason why

The dark threads were as needful
In the weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
For the pattern which He planned.

FIBERGRAMME is the newsletter of the Weavers of Orlando. Send material for the January edition before December 10 to Becky Gillespie, 2664 Sweet Springs St., Deltona, FL 32738-2010, or phone: (904) 789-6777, or email: gillespi@n-jcenter.com

Dues are Due!

Please complete the membership renewal form in this newsletter and return it to our new Membership Chair, Susan Boykin, as soon as possible. Your dues must be paid by January 15 to be listed in the directory.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election for a new 2nd vice-president and treasurer will be held at the November meeting.

The proposed slate is: **Anne McKenzie** for 2nd Vice-president and **Marilyn Garner** for Treasurer.

Our thanks to out-going officers **Pam Carr** and **Susan Boykin** for their hard work and dedication to our guild.

So, what is it you want?

Anne McKenzie would like to know what upcoming workshops you desire. Bring your ideas for presenters or topics to the November meeting or call Anne (352) 669-1340, or email lamram@earthlink.net.

IT'S RAFFLE TIME

A cream colored cotton handwoven table runner will be raffled at the Holiday Luncheon. This item was given to Weavers of Orlando by the Handweavers Guild of America in appreciation for the donation we sent them. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

News and Whatnot

Oops! Sue Monopoli lives in Flower Mound, Texas, not Mould as reported in last issue.

Pam Carr found an interesting web site on kente cloth: <http://www.si.edu/nmafa/exhibits/kente/top.htm>

Jewel Bledsoe has a timely warning: Be sure to check your toilet paper to make sure it is Y2K compliant! If it isn't, come Jan. 1, 2000, it may roll back to 1900 and turn into Sears Catalogs!

happy  hanukkah

MILLENNIUM PROJECT

by Jane McLean

The Millennium Sample Book is in the process of being entered on the computer to make all project sheets have the same format. Berna is working diligently on this project and we all anxiously await the news of the final step of putting the books together in the next several months. The weavings are a great success. Thanks to all of you for working so hard and sending in such fine samples. What a wonderful guild this is.

Betty's Helpers

Margaret Johnson...	Nov. 1 - 7
Ann Nunnally	Nov. 8 - 15
Joy Bergman.....	Nov. 16 - 21
Ann Revels.....	Nov. 22 - 28
Linda Stevens-Sloan	Nov. 29 - Dec. 5
June Atkinson.....	Dec. 6 - 12
Audrey Smith.....	Dec. 13 - 19
Jane Plante	Dec. 20 - 26
Mary Adolph.....	Dec. 27 - Jan. 2



Baby, it's Cold Outside

Here's something Sandy Lazarus found on the wall at a 100 year old spinning mill in Nova Scotia.

If Mary had a little lamb
And forty head of sheep,
They would produce a lot of wool
And mittens would be cheap.
Then we would more protection have
Against this wretched weather.
No longer would we knock-kneed stand
And clap our hands together.



Musings from an October workshop

by Pam Carr

We took a poll at the workshop to see how many looms the group owned. We only counted table, tapestry & floor looms, no inkle, backstrap, frame or rigid heddle. We had 18 people (including the teacher) in the workshop and the grand total came to 72! That's an average of four looms per person. Anne McKenzie had the most with 10. We all thought that this was an interesting and, as it turned out, a fairly astounding statistic. Makes you wonder what the total would be for the entire guild.

MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Joy Bergman and Audrey Smith

September 11, 1999

President **Gail Blitch** called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed visitor Victoria Tenbrink.

President Blitch announced a change of schedule: program would be first, followed by the business meeting and show and tell.

LaVonne Robertson presented a program, "Shibori on the Loom," sharing her experiences with this technique of dyeing handwoven fabric.

Business meeting called to order at 11:15 am.

Nominations: Thank you to **Mary Adolph** for presenting the slate of officers to be voted on at the November meeting.

Library: Mary brought **Betty TerLouw's** book of "Tips" that was assembled and embellished by **Kay Lee**. The guild scrapbook will be at the November meeting for members to help identify "mystery" photos. In future each photo submitted to historian **June Atkinson** must be labeled with names, date, and occasion.

Demonstrations: in the absence of **Sandy Lazarus**, **Joy Bergman** announced upcoming demos and passed the sign-up sheets.

Membership: **Ann Nunnally** reports we are getting about one or two new members each month.

Special Projects: **Jane McLean** is collecting the Millennium Project samples. She thanked the participants for being on time. **Berna Lowenstein** will assemble the books. Sign-up deadline for the Holiday Party is November 15.

Hospitality: **Beverly Tavel** is continuing to orchestrate refreshments in the absence of **Carol Maier**.

Publicity: **Ann Revels** would like to send information to the small local papers, if members would provide addresses. Ann also asked for a show of hands from members interested in participating in a small gallery museum exhibit.

Programs: **Pam Carr** said the October workshop was still not full. She also passed the sign-up sheet for the January 15, 16, & 17, workshop.

Gail reminded everyone to apply for the guild scholarship which will be awarded at the Holiday Party in December.

Show and Tell:

Betty TerLouw showed her colorful marbled hat.

Gloria Corbet had many purchases from her summer travels including note cards, silkworm display from Treenway Silks, spinning and weaving bags, and two triangular shawls.

Fonda Haddad modeled her "Sunflower Maiden" T-shirt dress from a discharge dyeing class at John Campbell. She also had a footstool woven of shaker tape to show us she does weave! **Jane McLean** brought a silk paper sample she made after the August program and silk scarves dyed in a recent class. **Joy Bergman** wore a beaded necklace with lambs woven by **Eva Walsh**. **Ellen Turner** had a double weave chenille throw purchased at the Textillary in Bloomington, Indiana. **Susan Boykin** wove a 4-shaft shadow weave scarf. **Kay Whitfield** brought a felted wool scarf and lots of samples from a recent class. **Ann Nunnally** wore a space-dyed rayon chenille scarf woven by **Rudell Kopp**. Rudell had unique felted pin cushions and an amazing felted hat she got in North Carolina. **June Atkinson** wove lovely overshot place mats and napkins for someone lucky's wedding gift.

October 2, 1999

President **Gail Blitch** called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and introduced guest Jody Paris of Mt. Dora.

The deadline to purchase tickets for the Holiday Luncheon is November 15. The cost is \$12 per person. A scholarship for a free guild workshop will be awarded during the party. Gail has extra scholarship application forms.

Demonstrations: **Sandy Lazarus** reported that the demonstration at Disney world will be held sometime in November on a Monday/Tuesday. The guild exhibit at the Orange County Main Library, set up by **Sandy** and **Joy Bergman**, will be on display through October. There will be a demonstration at Pine Castle on October 16/17. The Central Florida Fairgrounds has asked the guild to participate in a "Sheep to Shawl" demonstration the first weekend in March, 2000.

Jane Plante, 2nd vice-president, is taking deposits for the January 15, 16, & 17, 2000 workshop. "Don't Be a Draft Resistor" by **Carol Bertwhistle**.

Jane Plante, in her role as HGA representative for Florida, said that Convergence 2000 registration information will be in the next issue of *Shuttle, Spindle, and Dyepot* magazine. Convergence will be held in Cincinnati this July and needs volunteers. Those interested should see **Jane** for further information.

Berna Lowenstein had the only "show and tell" - her Millennium Project samples and a scarf woven from Tencel yarn purchased from New World Textiles.

President **Blitch** thanked out-going vice-president **Pam Carr** for organizing all the 1999 workshops and programs.

After the meeting was adjourned, **Pam** introduced the speaker, **Connie Forneris**, who showed slides and spoke of her career creating handwoven rugs.

Happy Holidays!

Directory Additions

Welcome to our new member, Victoria Tenbrink.

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HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION

Name _____

Number attending _____ X \$12.00 = _____

Adult guests only, please.

Please make checks payable to **Weavers of Orlando**
and give to **Jane McLean** by November 15.

Weavers of Orlando Membership Renewal

Please circle or note any changes.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ Email _____

Areas of interest, please mark all that apply:

___ LOOM WEAVING: ___ 4-HARNESS ___ 8-HARNESS

___ BASKETRY ___ SPINNING ___ OTHER please specify: _____

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..

___ INDIVIDUAL \$25.00 ___ COUPLE \$35.00

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For Sale

48" Newcomb studio rug loom, 4 harness, 6 treadle. *New* stainless steel heddles, reed, apron, ties, etc. \$500. Call Judy Smathers (352) 383-5707

For Sale

32" Herald loom, dark wood, jack type. 44" W x 42"H x 38" D when folded. Two reeds: 10 dpi and 8 dpi, lease sticks, bench with lid. \$350. Call Alison Gustafson (407) 851-7314.

For Sale

36" LeClerc, 4 harness, folding jack loom that stores in a 46" x 14" space. Good condition. \$550. Call Debbie Oriel in Geneva, FL, (407) 349-9062.

CONFERENCES IN 2000

LunaSea 2000

sponsored by Lunatic Fringe
February 4-6, Destin, Florida

Conference 2000

Florida Tropical Weavers Guild
March 23-26, Lake Yale, Florida

Convergence 2000

Handweavers Guild of America
June 22-25, Cincinnati, Ohio



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