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# FIBERGRAMME



Weavers of Orlando Newsletter

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## Mark your Calendars

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November 7 Orlando, OCHM

10:00 a.m. Berna Lowenstein will speak on "Color in Weaving."

December 5 Mt Vernon Inn

11:00 a.m. Holiday Party

January 8-10, 1999 Mt. Dora

Workshop "Theo Moorman Technique" with Ruth Holroyd.

January 9 Mt. Dora

10:00 a.m. Ruth Holroyd will give a slide presentation of the Theo Moorman Technique.

February 6 Orlando, OCHM

10:00 a.m. Auction!!

Clean out those closets -- empty those shelves! Give yourself room for all those goodies you brought back from Atlanta. Come and find some treasures and help our guild coffer grow.

## Color in Weaving

We've had our color analysis done, and we've all seen a color wheel; but weaving with color has its own special qualities and problems. At the November 7 meeting, Berna Lowenstein will talk about weaving with color and show examples of what works and what doesn't work.

## *It's Holiday Luncheon Time!*

Our annual holiday social will be Saturday, December 5th at the Mt. Vernon Inn on 17-92 in Winter Park. Our holiday menu will be London broil, salad, potato, vegetables, roll, and dessert. Cost for each person is \$11.75. Spouses and adult guests are welcome.

- ⊗ Bring a handmade (can be purchased) ornament for our annual ornament exchange! It doesn't have to be for the tree. It may be an ornament for the body, wall, table, or even the car. "Wrap" the ornament in a paper bag that is tied or stapled closed with your name inside.
- ⊗ Wear your latest creations for an impromptu fashion show!
- ⊗ Admire the exchanged linen tea towels!
- ⊗ Win a beautiful handwoven item!

Make your reservations now! Money and reservations should be given to Gail Blich. See you there!



### Weavers of Orlando

president Joy Bergman..... (904) 985-5805  
 vice-pres. Karen Simpson. (941) 792-1635  
 2nd v.p. Pam Carr..... (941) 746-1560  
 treasurer Susan Boykin .... (352) 242-9685  
 secretary Jane Plante..... (352) 589-7706

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

## Moorman Technique Workshop

Our teacher for the January workshop, Ruth Holroyd, has been teaching weaving since 1961. Ruth acquired her weaving knowledge through workshops and personal research. She was a weaving instructor for nine years at the Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester and was the Director of the Weaving Studio, Chautauqua Institution. She has given lectures and workshops around the country for guilds and at conferences including several HGA Convergences. She has written numerous articles for various handweaving publications and was the author and publisher of two volumes based upon an 18th-century manuscript pattern book of multi-shaft work. *Jacob Angstadt His Weavers Patron Book* and *Jacob Angstadt Designs Drawn from His Weavers Patron Book* were published in 1976. In 1992 she published a third volume, *Jacob Angstadt His Diaber Book*, on Star Work in 1834. She is currently involved in cataloguing the collection of Mary Snyder.



### Holiday Raffle

We have two lovely handwoven items to raffle at the Holiday party. The first is a towel given to our guild by the Handweavers Guild of America in appreciation of our Fiber Trust donation. The second item is a cozy overshot sampler lap robe graciously donated by Kay Lee. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. You may buy tickets at the November meeting and at the party. Take a chance -- it could be your lucky day!

### Tea Towel Exchange

Those participating in the linen tea towel exchange should bring the fruits of their labors to the Holiday Party where the rest of us can drool over them (but, hopefully, not on them). Don't forget the samples!



## Dues are Due!

Don't forget to pay your 1999 dues by January 1st. Please complete the dues renewal form in the newsletter and return it to Ann Nunnally as soon as possible. Directories will be printed earlier this time and your dues must be paid by January 15 to be listed.



## Demonstration Opportunities

Wanted: helping hands and demonstrators at the Orlando Public Library on November 21 from 9:00 to 2:00. Sandy Lazarus will have four or five small 2-harness looms warped for the children to weave. All equipment will be provided but willing hands are needed. If you would rather bring drop spindles and wool to spin that would be fine. This event made a big hit last year; the children were very enthusiastic. To volunteer call Sandy at (407) 886-6518.

## News and What-not

Get well wishes for Edith Weeks who is recovering from an illness.

Anne McKenzie who planned to present the November program is still in Canada. Lorna Stanton returned from a trip to find that the post office had sent several week's of "held" mail back to senders as non-deliverable. Nancy Heaton will celebrate her November birthday in Paris.

Weavers of Orlando currently has 113 members.

## Small Expressions

The same *Small Expressions* exhibit you may have seen at Convergence is currently at the Jacksonville Museum of Contemporary Art, 4160 Boulevard Center Drive, Jacksonville. *Small Expressions* is an annual, international, juried show of small works of fiber art sponsored by the Handweavers Guild of America. Eva Walsh is a participant in this year's exhibit which will be in Jacksonville from October 16 to December 6, 1998. Call the museum at (904) 398-8336 for museum hours.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear friends,

What a great two years this has been! Time really does fly when you're having fun. Our guild truly is a family, each member working for the good of the guild. I hope in the coming year each of you will take an active part in your guild.

We've had great workshops this year, and the schedule for 1999 is outstanding. Sometimes we can't take every workshop we want, but we owe it to ourselves to try to take one at least every year. We deserve it. Give yourself a present-time to weave, time to learn, time to have fun - a workshop.

As I write this, yarn samples adorn my dining room table. Selecting yarns and planning projects for the coming year is an inspiring project in itself. My goal for the coming year is to have my handwovens "stay home" with me - not going somewhere else to "live." There is a baby on the way in the family next year, so I know there is one baby gift to be done.

Our holiday party is shaping up to be exciting - two items to raffle, a special announcement from the board, the ornament exchange, and of course a dazzling show & tell. I hope you can be part of the festivities.

As the holidays approach, it is a time to reflect and give thanks for all we have. As I worked closely with many of you our friendship grew and I am thankful for each of you.

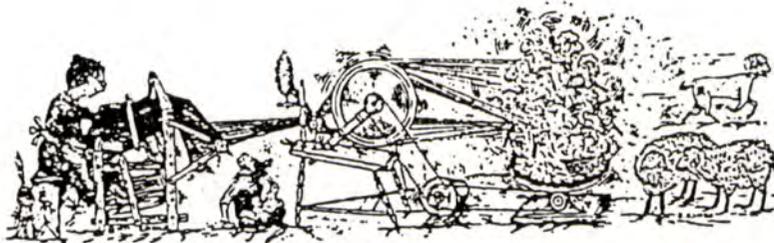
To each of you, I wish you all of the best in the coming year.

Happy Holidays,

*Joy*  
Joy

## WIT & WISDOM

"Weave a little love into all you do."



## Poetry Corner



Ken Welch sent us this Scottish version of the Weaver's poem:

### The Weaver

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

Some shuttles are filled with silver thread,  
And some with threads of gold;  
While often but the darker hue  
Is all that they may hold.  
But the Weaver watches with skillful eye  
Each shuttle fly to and fro,  
And see the patterns so deftly wrought  
As the loom works sure and slow.

God surely planned that pattern  
Each thread -- the dark and fair --  
Was chosen by His master skill  
And placed in the web with care.  
He only knows the beauty  
And guides the shuttles which hold  
The threads so unattractive,  
As well as threads of gold.

Not till the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly  
Shall God unroll the pattern  
And explain the reason why  
The dark threads are as needful  
In the Weaver's skillful hand  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.



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## Color, Color, Color

Remember how we had our colors done earlier this year? Not only do certain colors look better on us than others, but colors can affect us in some surprising ways. A very special thank you to Rebecca L. Ewing for allowing us to reprint her Convergence handout on "The Psychology of Color" in our newsletter.

## New Members

Please welcome these ladies to our guild.

**George Burris-Meyer**  
2310 Overlook Drive  
Mt. Dora, FL 32757  
(352) 383-9373

**Cynthia Starr**  
16349 Andrews Circle  
Cedar Key, FL 32625  
(352) 543-6548

**Bebe Ann Street-Pierce**  
1305 Willowbrook Drive  
Jasper, AL 35504  
(205) 387-2523

**Beverly B. Tavel**  
643 Darcey Drive  
Winter Park, FL 32792  
(407) 628-2155

## Address Changes / Additions

**Graziela de Andrade**  
2016 Bay Drive, # 206  
Miami Beach, FL 33141  
(305) 864-5487

**Lynn Whitenack**  
(407) 857-9222

 Please -- if you move notify the membership chair or newsletter editor of your new address. 

## Season's Greetings



## Weaving Wisdom

"Four rules that should always be observed in weaving -- other things are more or less matters of opinion and taste.

1. Never weave on a loom that is out of adjustment.
2. Never weave on a poor warp.
3. Never permit a mistake in threading or slewing to go uncorrected.
4. Make a good selvage.

I should like to add (5) -- always make a sample to keep -- and keep it! -- of everything put on the loom. A good collection of samples is an extremely valuable part of a weaver's equipment."

*Mary Meigs Atwater*

Betty TerLouw adds: "Together with the sample, be sure to include all pertinent information (threading, etc.)."



### Betty's Helpers: November and December

Margaret Johnson..... Nov. 2 - 8  
Ann Nunnally..... Nov. 9 - 15  
Joy Bergman..... Nov. 16 - 22  
Ann Revels ..... Nov. 23 - 29  
Linda Stevens-Sloan... Nov. 30 - Dec. 6  
LaVonne Robertson ... Dec. 7 - 13  
Jane Plante..... Dec. 14 - 20  
Audrey Smith..... Dec. 21 - 27  
Mary Adolph ..... Dec. 28 - Jan. 3



## Holiday Party Reservation



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$11.75 = \_\_\_\_\_ total cost.

Please make checks payable to WEAVERS OF ORLANDO and give to Gail Blich.



## 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

Please make checks payable to WEAVERS OF ORLANDO and mail to:

Ann Nunnally  
1800 VanArsdale Street  
Oviedo, FL 32765

## For Sale:

New or slightly used items, will mail if needed:

Two 11" Schacht boat shuttles: \$10.00 each.

Two LeClerc Tapestry beaters, metal teeth, 2", heavy, new:  
\$15.00 each.

Two Ashford wooden drop spindles, 12": \$5.00 each.

Wooden niddy-noddy: \$5.00

*Traditional Textiles of Central Asia*, new hardcover: \$15.00

Leclerc Swedish temple, opens to 38": \$20.00

Also looking for old drum carder for sale or trade.

Please call Patience Murphy (407) 331-3772 anytime.



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