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WEAVERS OF ORLANDO NEWSLETTER - January, 1997, Vol. 21, No. 1

Mark your Calendars



Feb. 1 Berna Lowenstein
Morning program and afternoon hands-on
Drop Spindle Spinning
If you have any type of drop spindle, be sure to bring it.

Mar. 1 Lorna Stanton
Body exercises for Fiber workers
Lorna will present a program of exercises to help us as we weave, spin, bead, etc.

After lunch, we will have warping demonstrations: back-to-front, front-to-back, using the warping paddle and using a warping reel.

April 12 10: 00 Lucille Crighton Program

April 12, 13, 14 Lucille Crighton Workshop
Rags & Riches for Clothing. Using strips of fabric, we will weave samples for clothing. (Only one opening available--contact Ellen Turner)

May 3 Guild Picnic -- At the new home of Jud and Kathy Martin, Merritt Island

June, July, & August--
Details still being developed . We will be touring the Maitland Art Center, Indigo dying among other things.

October 18, 19, 20 Linda Hendrickson
Workshop -- Tubular Cardwoven Neckpieces
October 18 10:00 Linda Hendrickson Prog.
Sign-up sheet available at Feb meeting. Deposits of \$25 now being taken.

(see Turner, page 2)

TerLouw's Study Groups to Reconvene in February

Study Groups will start the first week of February, beginning with Group Three, Thursday, Feb.6.

TerLouw's Birthday Party is on January 26.



The annual Unbirthday covered-dish celebration for and with Betty will begin at 11:00. If you are new to the Guild, the Study Groups invite all to honor our Mentor. Betty says she has no birthdays any more, so it has become an "Unbirthday." She refuses to accept gifts, so the individuals in study groups offer Betty a day of their time to be used for visiting, taking Betty shopping or to appointments, or whatever. If you are not in a study group and wish to offer Betty a day, call Audrey and she will put you on the calendar for a time convenient to you.

Mary McFate, Honorary Member Passes Away

Mary McFate has been a member of the Guild for 30 years. She served as librarian and was active on many committees. Her weaving was perfection and her woven suits exquisite with minute patterning. Her heath had not allowed her to attend meetings of late, but she kept up with the Guild activities. The Guild extends its sympathy to her family.

Berna presents the magic of the drop spindle

Well, it isn't really magic, and we will learn the reasons why at our February 1 meeting. Berna has examples of several types of drop spindles and will show us why some work better than others.

She will have several extra spindles for us to give a whirl, but if you have one be sure to bring it along.

Also, don't forget our show-and-tell session. I can't wait to see some of the finished garments from the recent Virginia West workshop.

Ellen T. finally makes her move.
New address as of Jan. 14:
218 N. Willowick Avenue
Tampa, FL 33617-4841
813-899-4433

Although I will continue as Vice-President in charge of Programs, we have arranged for a local contact so you don't have to phone Tampa. If you have any questions regarding programs or workshops, you may call Audrey, 831-0899.

Volunteer lodging needed

Anne McKensie has graciously offered to host Lucille Crighton (and her spouse) during the workshop. After our workshop, on Friday and Saturday of that week, she will be doing a workshop for Intercoastal. Kathy Hill from Intercoastal and I are soliciting volunteers for someone to put them up for the three days in between. You wouldn't be expected to entertain them, merely provide a place. Please see me at the Feb. meeting, or call Audrey.



Dues are Due - Pay by February 15 if you want to be included in the new membership booklet. \$25 or \$35 for couples. Send checks to Kathy Martin 35 Granada Ave., Merritt Island 32952

Sullivan's New Book Has Arrived

Donna Lee Sullivan's new book, *Weaving Overshot, Redesigning the Tradition* is one of her best.

The introduction is excellent. Beginners should be able to go into the first chapter with little or no trouble.

The easy-to-follow drafts, explanations, options and yarn suggestions continue throughout the book to be fully described in detail, but without an excess of verbage.

The color photos, print, glossary and index are of fine quality.

The last chapter is a delight. Even if you don't intend to analyze old wovens (and you will if you take study classes from our Betty), the connection to our heritage is summed up by Donna as she says, "To analyze the pattern of an antique cloth is to connect with the spirit of an earlier weaver who wove the pattern or hoarded it as a treasure, awaiting an opportunity to bring the pattern to life. For me, such connections with our tradition are sacred rituals of great satisfaction."

Horse sense is what keeps horses from betting on people.

The bar code in the checkout line won't work on items you're embarrassed to be buying.

Did you see Jane Plante's lovely chenille scarves on display at Mt. Dora?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our first Saturday, Sunday, Monday workshop was a huge success! More members were able to attend the guild meeting Saturday morning and enjoy an indepth presentation by Virginia West. Those not taking the workshop got a "hands on" peek at what the rest of us would be doing. For those taking the workshop, ideas and suggestions flowed freely. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's finished handwoven top. It would be great to see many of these tops in the fashion show at the State Conference in March at Lake Yale.

Are you a member of Florida Tropical Weavers Guild(our State Guild)? The rewards of membership include networking with other weavers from across the State at the annual Conference, not to mention the fantastic workshops offered at that time. As we all gather at Lake Yale our spirits are lifted by the lovely surroundings and we look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. There will be a fashion show to admire each other's talent. One of the highlights are the commercial vendors selling their yarns that we just can't live without, and other items. I must admit the '96 Conference was my first and I wouldn't have missed it for anything. I am now looking forward to another "weaving retreat" this March. Think about it - you don't want to miss the fun!

Also, HGA (Handweavers Guild of America) is our national guild. Do you remember last year's Convergence stories we heard. They certainly had a great time! The '98 Convergence is in Atlanta - much closer for many of us to attend. The HGA magazine, "Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot" is worth much more than the dues!(The magazine is included in the annual dues) Jane Plante is our HGA representative so see her to get on the bandwagon!

As I sit here right after the V. West workshop, my mind is pondering what to weave at this year's State Fair. The loom needs to be warped soon. Maybe I should try overshoot again - everyone was fascinated at that.

I'm anxiously awaiting the yarns for the tartan towel exchange. My towel will be Jim's family tartan. For his Scottish heritage it's the towel, and we even get to include his Swedish heritage since the yarns come from Sweden for the towels.

Now to get those Shaker towels off the loom! It looks like I've got my work cut out for me. I hope you all have big and exciting projects planned.

Happy treading,

Joy
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"You gotta be warped to weave!"

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