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October 2024 Newsletter Humboldt Handweavers & Spinners Guild

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Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday
(Feb, March, April, May, Sept, Oct, & Nov)

Board meeting begins at 5:30 PM
Social/Snack time at 6:45 PM
Program begins at 7:00 PM

October Program:

Diary of a Textile Archaeologist by Barbara Klessig



This presentation will take a look at the research that I have been accumulating for the past 30 years and include textiles, tools and iconography found in the sites, museums and storage facilities throughout Europe, Britain and the Mediterranean. Discussion and illustrations will look at the pre-Herstory (that's the way we textiles archaeologists spell it) and development/evolution of textiles and how we research and reconstruct those technologies of the past through experimental/experiential archaeology.

Barbara is a textile archaeologist and lecturer at Cal Poly Humboldt. She has been weaving and spinning for about 45 years and had an interest in ancient textiles and how they were made. She was 53 when she received her BA and 61 when she got an MA. She's been teaching at Cal Poly Humboldt now for 10 years and has been spending her summers in the field, excavating, monitoring and collecting data on textiles and the tools used in their creation. She's undertaking a PhD and will be looking at tools and their distribution from a site she worked on this last summer in Macedonia.

Calendar Of Upcoming Guild Events 2024

*Meetings are in-person at the Wharfinger Building
in the downstairs Bay Room.*

Oct 10 **Guild Meeting**
Archeological Textiles
w/ Barbara Klessig

Nov 14 **Guild Meeting**
Mixed Media Fiber Art
with Yael Bentovim

December **No Guild Meeting**

Jan. **ROC Day Celebration**
Date and Time TBD



August 2024 Treasurer Report

Income **Zero**

Expenses

Humboldt County Fair Awards
Handspun yarn, Spinning Contest,
Handcrafted and Fleece \$420

Checking balance \$3,428.64

Membership Dues: \$30 for 1 year, \$60 for 2 years

Dues can be mailed to:

*Humboldt Handweavers & Spinners Guild
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Time to send in dues for the year!

New Opportunity!

My name is Stephanie Grant. I'm the coordinator for fiber alive, a youth outreach program. I briefly introduced myself at the September guild meeting. There is expressed interest from our youth about the fiber arts and our guild. We should seize the opportunity and meet them where they are, at their schools. I'm looking for guild members and friends to volunteer their time.

I've already spoken with heads of faculty at Ferndale High School, Eureka High School, Arcata High School and Redwood Prep Charter School in Fortuna. All of those schools have been forthcoming about their search for artisan creators to lead on campus enrichment programs both during and after school. They have all told me the fiber arts are perfect. The process will start with an assembly and classroom visits to perform basic demonstrations of knitting, weaving, spinning, dyeing and potentially more. The volunteers need to explain why the fiber arts are so important and why they should be interested. The next step will be the enrichment program itself, coming back to teach students how to craft with fiber for themselves.

Ultimately students and faculty will also be informed about and directed to the guild and its mission in our area. I believe we all found joy in the new young attendees at our September meeting. Cindy did an outstanding job getting our message out at the fair. The momentum is great. With my initiative, not only can we bring additional members to the guild, but we can pass on some of the incredible skills possessed by members and keep fiber arts alive for the oncoming generations. If you have the time, inclination and skill to lend to fiber alive, please call or text me at (707) 499-3547 and together we will keep these skills alive.

To our wonderful members from your President:

Autumn is the time of year for HHSG board members to decide to continue in their positions or to resign. We have several board members resigning. I want to acknowledge Cindy Russell (County Fair Coordinator), Angelina Gregorio (VP), and Betsy Neal (CNCH rep) for their outstanding service to the HHSG! Cindy coordinated everything having to do with the County Fair and made our booth there more engaging, more educational, and very beautiful esthetically. Angelina did a wonderful job with the PR and hospitality. She also instituted a mentor program within the Guild where more experienced members are listed and available to help less experienced members. Betsy Neal was our representative for The Conference of Northern California Handweavers (CNCH) and was also on their conference planning committee. A huge thank you to each of you!

The HHSG board needs members interested in fulfilling these vacated positions. Our Guild has so much to offer precisely because there are many people that work hard to keep the organization relevant and vital. Anyone interested in these positions can contact me or anyone on the board. I know there are many talented and competent members in the HHSG that could step into these roles and make a positive impact. Please consider service to our Guild.

I want to give a shout out to Stephanie Grant who came to the Sept. board meeting and spoke about her ideas for outreach into our area schools. She is in the Ferndale/Fortuna area and has plans for fiber arts presentations and other fiber arts activities at the high schools there. She would like others to join in this type of outreach (in any area of Humboldt) and would be happy to talk with you if you are interested. Her phone number is 707-499-3547.

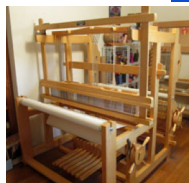
It was nice to see so many of you at our meeting on September 12. As always, I am available to listen to any ideas or concerns regarding the HHSG. I am proud to be part of the organization, and I am often impressed by the deep generosity and creativity of our membership.

Sincerely, Linda Holland

Classified Ads and Notices

Wanted: T-shirts either light yellow or light lime or mint green.
Small areas of printing are OK, large areas of that thick plastic-like stuff won't work.
If you have a T-shirt in either of these two colors that would be headed to the thrift store, please contact me.
Contact: Leslie VanderMolen 707-445-0445

For Sale: Cranbrook 4-harness, 10-treadle, 48" loom, excellent condition. With solid maple construction and steel front and back beams, this is a great loom for rug weaving, as it can maintain high tension. It also performs beautifully on lighter projects. Sold with 12-dent reed, lease sticks, and assembly instructions. The loom measures 63" wide, 57" deep, and 64" high. If purchased locally I can help the buyer assemble the loom. Price is \$1,200; I am happy to accept installment plan payments. Contact
Contact: Donna: 707-476-0273 dwild@reninet.com



For Sale: 2020 Ashford table loom - 8 shaft, 32" with a 10 dent reed
About 1000 heddles. In great condition, just upgraded for more shafts. \$900.
Contact: laurelcasper@gmail.com



For Sale: Macomber B5-400 Loom that folds, in good condition. Has 32 inch weaving width, and 8 shafts which can be expanded to 10 shafts, Two reeds are included: a 32 inch 10 dent reed, and a 30 inch 8 dent reed. I also have a home made trapeze that can be added if the buyer is interested. Asking \$1,000.00. judith.stclair@gmail.com



Humboldt County Fair is complete!



Thanks to Guild members, we successfully had a beautiful and educational display, recruited new members and raised money for our scholarships and guest speakers!

Thank you to members who donated their time, talents and beautiful hand work. The Ruana has sold, but the shawl is still available for purchase. If you are interested in being part of this rewarding experience, please contact me, as I will be stepping down this year.

Cindy Russell
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Find us on the web @ www.hhsguild.org . Current Newsletter & meeting details are available on the website.

Membership form Yes! I'd like to join Humboldt Handweavers & Spinners Guild

Name _____ Email** _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State & Zip _____

** By submitting your email address for inclusion on the Guild's membership list, you understand that this list may be freely used by all Guild members to communicate Guild messages and other fiber-related information, including the distribution of announcements by owners of fiber businesses who are Guild members.

Our newsletters are delivered by email in PDF format to all members with email addresses. Printed newsletters (without fliers or special announcements) are mailed to members without email or by request. Please mail printed version _____

Annual Dues are \$30. Collection process starts in September.

Make checks out to HHSG (not tax deductible).

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