

The Weaver's Bag

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February Guild Meeting

When: Thursday, February 8,
2007, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Unitarian Church, 6876
South Highland Drive

What: "Museum Quality
Finishes: Preparing for
Our Guild Show,"
by Deanna Baugh

Since the January Guild meeting had to be cancelled due to a storm, Deanna's presentation was rescheduled to the February Guild meeting. Deanna Baugh will help us prepare for our upcoming Guild show. She will discuss

ways to finish fiber pieces to make them heirloom quality. She will also discuss how to present fiber items so that they are displayed at their best. Deanna will have examples to show, and she would like you to bring fiber pieces that are beautifully finished and have been displayed, or pieces you need help with in order to finish or display them.

Deanna Baugh has been weaving, spinning, sewing, dyeing, making bobbin lace, and doing surface design for many

years. She enjoys all textiles and has taught fiber arts classes for many years. We are lucky to be able to share in her expertise.

Please note that our meeting will begin at 6:30. From 6:30 to 7:00, we will have social time, when you can meet friends, eat refreshments, and check out the library. At 7:00, we will have a business meeting and then Deanna's presentation. We hope to see all of you there!

President's Message

Hello Weavers!

As I write this, Julie Schwartz and I are preparing to leave for Tucson. We are taking Julie's 92-year-old mom, Peg, down to visit her sister. I am intrigued with Peg. She has lived a good life, filled with work and play and things that she loves. It has not always been an easy life but Peg has continued to live it fully. She is vital and interesting to talk with and fun to be around. In other words—the kind of person that I would like to be. So how does she do it? One of the things that I have noticed is that she reads everyday. In other words, she makes an effort to keep learning. I think that may be part of the secret. So, I am challenging myself (I could offer this challenge to you but it might be that this challenge can only be to one's self). I want to learn something new everyday or try to look at the same-old-same-old in a new way. My weaving may just benefit from this fresh perspective. I hope so. Let me know if you decide to join me in the challenge

and we can compare notes. As Gandolf told Frodo: "All you have to decide is what to do with the time that is given you," nothing more, nothing less.

We have some wonderful opportunities coming soon. Our Guild show is this spring in a wonderful setting at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center and I hope that all of you are busy finishing your projects for the show. I have been having a great time with mine and plan one for sure and maybe two or three. Another opportunity is the Robin Spady workshop. There is still room in the workshop and it sounds like it will be great. I mentioned it to a weaver in another town and she told me that her guild had Robin for a workshop and she was delightful. If you haven't done so already, you can send a check for \$25.00 to our treasurer, Julie Schwartz, to reserve your spot.

Take care and happy weaving!

Patti

Guild Show

Title: “Utah Fiber Celebration”

Dates: March 2 through April 11, 2007

Place: Utah Cultural Celebration Center,
1355 West 3100 South, West Valley City

Show Opening: Friday, March 2

Date Entries Are Due: February 23, 2007

The entry date for items for the Guild Show is only a couple of weeks away. Do fill out the entry form that was in the January newsletter and on the website. For those living in the Heber area, Julie Schwartz is willing to collect entries and bring them to Salt Lake City as a group. If you do that, remember to include your check for the entry fee. Charlene will do the same for anyone in Utah County. The entries will be accepted on Friday, February 23, from 9:00 to 5:00.

Show Opening: We hope you are planning to be part of the special evening of the Show Opening on Friday, March 2, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bring your family and friends. Plan to come a little early and set up to demonstrate your favorite fiber art to interested members of the different guilds and to the public. Watch the work of other guilds. Make new friends. See another fiber art you might like to try. There will be postcards and invitations available at the Guild meeting to send to your friends. Awards will be announced during the evening also.

Robyn Spady Workshop and Lecture

Workshop Title: “There’s Two Sides to Every Cloth”

Lecture: “Less is More”

Dates: Workshop: March 22 through 24, 2007;

Lecture: Thursday, March 22

Place: Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 3100
South, West Valley City

Cost: Lecture: free and open to all; Workshop: Around
\$100. \$25 deposit will reserve your space

During the MMAWG Guild Show, being held at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, there will be a three day workshop also at the Cultural center led by Robyn Spady. Robyn is a delightful person and super teacher. You won’t want to miss this one. The workshop will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 22–24. The cost of the workshop has not been finalized yet, but our goal is to keep it at \$100 or less. To reserve a place in the workshop send a \$25 deposit to the guild treasurer, Julie Schwartz, 1568 S. Red Filly Rd., Heber City, Utah 84032.

The workshop is titled “There’s Two Sides to Every Cloth.” Robyn’s description is “All cloth has two sides, so why not make them as distinct and

interesting as possible . . . even completely different? In this workshop participants will have the opportunity to learn a variety of intriguing double-faced weave structures that are reversible, produce intricate designs, quilted effects, and/or three-dimensional effects on as few as three shafts. Weave structures explored will include, but not be limited to, double-faced twills, double-faced overshot, stitched double cloth, matelasse, and other double-faced designs.”

The lecture will be Thursday evening and is open to everyone whether or not enrolled in the workshop. Topic for the lecture will be “Less is More.” “Big looms and exotic warps seem to get all of the attention. This seminar goes to the other extreme and gives participants a hands-on opportunity to explore the possibilities of creating distinctive trims, such as certain types of galloons and gimps, on single and side-by-side narrow warps (sometimes fewer than 20 ends per warp) by using multiple wefts of different sizes, textures, appearances, etc. Trims may be used for embellishments on garments, home interiors, and other fun purposes. Ideas for expanding techniques to larger looms and warps will be discussed.”

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2007 Calendar

Thursday, February 8:

Deanna Baugh, “Museum Quality Finishes: Preparing for Our Guild Show,” South Valley Unitarian Church, 6:30 p.m.

March 2–April 11:

“Utah Fiber Celebration” at Utah Cultural Celebration Center

March 22, 23, 24:

Workshop taught by Robyn Spady—“There’s Two Sides to Every Cloth.” The Utah Cultural Celebration Center in West Valley City.

March 22 (Thursday):

Guild Meeting with lecture by Robyn Spady, “Less is More,” at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April, 12:

Judie Eatough will present “Overshot, Stars to Double Weave,” an in-depth look at the structure of overshot and what to do with overshot patterns. Fabric samples and weaving software will be used to illustrate the presentation. Questions about using your computer software? I will try to answer them. South Valley Unitarian Church, 6:30 p.m.

May and June meetings:

To be announced