

# The Weaver's Bag

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## October Meeting

**When:** Thursday, October 14, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

**What:** Using Alternative Wefts in Plain Weave, by Jo Stolhand  
Completing Hopi Burden Baskets, by Connie Denton

**Where:** South Valley Unitarian Church



At our October meeting, Jo Stolhand, one of our Guild vice-presidents, will teach us how to vary our use of plain weave by incorporating alternative wefts, such as natural materials. She will show us how to prepare for weaving with an invasive plant species found commonly

on the waterways of most of the United States.

Phragmites are a reed that has a very erect and straight nature, which makes it easy to weave. It is found throughout Utah and is often burned or moved to remove it as it is very competitive with native species.

Another plant fiber we will demonstrate is the stems of domestic lavender. This will be an introduction to inspire you to find your own plants with which to work. These natural materials make particularly nice placemats.



The second part of the meeting will be a continuation of the basket weaving workshop taught by Connie Denton. Bring the projects you started along with your bucket, towel, and cutters. Connie will teach the techniques that are needed to finish the baskets.

For those of you who did not weave a basket in September, there will be a loom on which you can weave reeds, thereby getting a chance to experiment yourself with the technique. Also, you will be able to observe some of the techniques for making the Hopi Burden Basket, and there will be plenty of hand-dyed reeds (by Connie Denton) for you to take home with you so you can make your own basket. The baskets are easy to make.



Please remember that from 6:30 to 7:00, we have show and tell. Please bring lots of your projects to show, or you can bring projects that are in process and get help. We hope to see you there! ❖



## President's Message



As I contemplate what else I want to weave for the upcoming show, I think of the many Guild activities in which I have participated. I have learned so much since joining the Guild. I love our show-and-tell time each month. Bring your things for this time. I look at the yarn I have bought at conferences and try to decide what projects to do first. I want to do some shawls and scarves—air conditioning makes them a comfortable accessory for indoor events. And I love topping a coat with them in the winter. Now, what colors are my daughter's winter coats—or what colors do they like? Scarves last a long time.

Having spent more time down recently than I wanted, I again remember how much I love to cover

up with a handwoven throw. So there is another idea for me. In the meantime, I am working on some practical rugs. I love sock loops and Pendleton selvages. And my daughters are working on some for their Christmas lists too. And then there are Christmas cards—do you think I could get some of those done? The trouble with being in the Guild is all of the ideas—but wait—that is the advantage of being in the Guild.

I hope your life is full of more things to do than time to do them. I think it keeps our minds sharp and life fun. Wishing you lots of fun too. ❖

—Judie Eatough



## Kathrin Weber Workshop

There are still a few spots left in the Kathrin Weber workshop to be held November 11–13, 2010 (that's a Thursday, Friday, and Saturday). The workshop will be held at the Pioneer Craft house. Please see the flyer included in this newsletter for information. The workshop will be fabulous!

For those of you who have already registered, Judie Eatough will be getting drafts to you very soon. If you have questions about the workshop, please contact Judie at 801-373-5535 or judie@eatough.net. ❖



## The Guild Show Is Coming: March 10–April 26, 2010

We are very fortunate to have been invited back to the Utah Cultural Celebration Center for our third fiber arts show there. The venue is fabulous, the shows are presented with great professionalism, and many people see the shows and find that they like fiber arts!

Please begin creating your pieces for the show now. March will be here before we know it. Pieces can be in any type of fiber arts medium. We will provide more detailed information shortly, but we want each of you to begin thinking about what you can make for this show. Participants may submit up to three pieces. We will notify the other fiber arts guilds in Utah as well. Please let your fiber-y friends know about the show.

The show opening will be on Thursday, March 10. The opening will be our March meeting. ❖

## Sharon Alderman's Color Workshop, April 14–16, 2011

We are very fortunate to have Sharon Alderman teaching a three-day workshop in connection with our Guild show. The workshop will be held on April 14–16, 2011. More information will come soon about how to register. Sharon taught this workshop many years ago to our Guild, and the participants still remember the important lessons they learned. This is not to be missed!

Sharon describes this workshop: "This workshop begins at the beginning with definitions, color theory and discussion of the relationships between colors. Participants learn about color by working directly with colored papers, exploring relationships and how color perception is affected by such things as environment, value, saturation, proportion and placement. These explorations are related directly to woven cloth and the experience of that handweaver." ❖

**It's Time to  
Join the Guild!**

You can't find a better bargain than Guild membership! The Guild provides so many opportunities to learn and to associate with great artists.

Guild dues are \$30 per year (\$35 if you would like the newsletter mailed to you).

Please get your dues to Charlene Lind, the Guild treasurer.

# Report of September Meeting

The opening meeting of the 2010–2011 year was held on September 18, 2010, on the covered patio at the beautiful home of Timmy Burton. Connie Denton taught participants to weave a Hopi Burden Basket. There were lots and lots of people who wanted to learn how to weave this lovely basket, and we greatly appreciate Connie's expertise as a teacher, which allowed everyone to learn the techniques.

We had a fabulous potluck lunch, which was not a surprise, given that all of us are the cooks! Much of the

food came from people's gardens, so that made it extra special. Many thanks to Timmy Burton, who opened her home and her patios so that we could weave baskets and eat our lunch in comfort.

For those of you who were not able to attend, Connie will be continuing to teach some of the basketry techniques at our October meeting. There is plenty of beautiful reed, dyed by Connie, and you could take some home to make your own basket if you are so inclined. ❖



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# Guild Calendar, 2010–2011

## Thursday, October 14, 2010

Using Alternative Wefts in Plain Weave, by Jo Stolhand  
Completing Hopi Burden Baskets, by Connie Denton  
Unitarian Church

## Thursday, November 11, 2010

Creating from the Right Side of the Brain for Weavers  
(Fearless Interaction with Tools, Materials, and Process)  
Kathrin Weber  
Unitarian Church

## November 11–13, 2010

Dye, Design, and Weave Using Space-Dyed Yarns  
Kathrin Weber  
(See her website [blazingshuttles.com](http://blazingshuttles.com))

## Thursday, December 9, 2010

Guild Christmas Party  
Potluck Dinner and Gift Exchange  
Mimi Rodes's Home

## Thursday, January 13, 2011

Finishing Techniques—Rugs, Hemstitching, Edge Finishing  
Deanna Baugh, Jeanette Tregeagle, Kathleen McMaster  
Unitarian Church

## Thursday, February 10

Double Weaves  
Charlene Lind  
Unitarian Church

## Thursday, March 10, 2011

Guild Show Opening  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center

## March 10 through April 26, 2011

Guild Fiber Arts Show  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center

## Thursday, April 14, 2011

Summer and Winter Weaving  
Judie Eatough  
Unitarian Church

## April 14–16, 2011

Color Workshop  
Sharon Alderman  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center

## Thursday, May 12, 2011

Tapestry Weaving  
Kristine Bullock  
Unitarian Church

## June Meeting, 2011 (Date TBA)

Studio Tours

## July 21–24, 2011

Intermountain Weavers' Conference  
Durango, Colorado