

Weavers' Bag



MMAWG Schedule for 2005-2006

By Susan Hainsworth

- December 8, 2005 Holiday Party at Teri Jo Mauch's home. Gather at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm.
- January 12, 2006 Beth Myrer and Julie Schwartz on Shadow Weave.
- February 9, 2006. Scarf and Tea Towel Exchange and Mary Meig's Atwater Birthday Celebration.
- March , 17-18 2006 State-wide Meeting at Utah Cultural Center with Anita Louvera Mayer as our guest speaker and workshop leader. Workshops will be March 19—21, 2006
- April 13, 2006 Connie Denton and Robyn Kruppa will present Theo Moorman Weaving using rags.
- May 11, 2006. TBD
- June 17, 2006, Saturday at Kathy Wright's meadow in Park City. Steve Dayton will teach us how to dye basket materials with natural dyes and how to make a pie basket (a basket that's great for carrying a pie). We will also have a potluck lunch.
- July/August—no formal meeting. See full calendar for events
- September date is TBD for a 1 day workshop.

President's Message by Patti Pitts

Happy Holidays Weavers!

I find it is almost impossible to believe how fast the days go by; when I write this message for every newsletter. I was so impressed with our last meeting: the information was great and our presenters helped me so much. I hope that all of you enjoyed it as much as I did. I would like to offer a huge thank-you to Susan Hainsworth for putting the program together and to Deanna Baugh, ReNee Page, and Anne Carroll Gilmore for sharing their experiences and knowledge with us. Their information should help all of us feel more comfortable about entering shows and displaying our work. I cannot even begin to express my appreciation to Anne for letting us help her waulk her fabric. I have read about this method of fulling fabric and wished so many times that I could be a part of this tradition. Thank you, Anne, for sharing this with us and for your music and company.

Our next meeting is our holiday party at Teri Jo Mauch's and I hope that



Patti with her effervescent smile!

all of you will try to attend. Our community is such a special group that I would like to be able to personally see every one of you and offer a wish for peace-and-joy-and-time-to-weave, to each of you. The guild will provide turkey breast, beverages, table set-up. Everything else is potluck.

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December Meeting by Susan Hainsworth



Our December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8, at Teri Jo Mauch's home (see directions to her home on pg 6). Please note at this meeting we will begin gathering at

6:30 and will eat about 7 pm. This will be our annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange. Please bring a potluck dish for the dinner. The guild will provide the turkey breast and the drinks and table set-ups. We would be happy to see a little stuffing or mashed potatoes and gravy among the potluck items. (See Pg 3)



Treasurer's Report by Beth Myrer

As of November 17, 2005, we have 37 paid members. Expenses to date have been \$999.52 and income has been \$389.00. We have a balance of \$1831.83 in savings and \$6537.84 in checking. Our September workshop had an income of \$1145.00 and expenses of \$729.41 (reported as of October 31). Please welcome the following new members: Dale Craighead, Kathleen Deneris, Marty Neilsen and Sonya Campana.



President's Message, Cont.

Don't forget that we also have a gift exchange. Last year, I was in South America at party time, and I really missed seeing all of you and wishing you a happy holiday. We tried something new last year for the gift exchange process and we'll be trying something new again this year. It is an "Identification Game". It's a little more involved so I would like you to be prepared. Please be ready to list five things about yourself that not everyone will know. The person that identifies who it is will get the gift that the person brought. The following year we could play a version of "Name that Holiday Tune", or "Holiday Wheel of Fortune" or "Holiday Jeopardy" or we can just draw numbers again. Also, this year for the gift exchange, let's have all the items be fiber-related in \$10.00 - \$15.00 range. This "fibery" gift can be something that you have made or purchased...it could be a beautiful skein of yarn, a handmade book, a woven basket, or a beaded something, a handmade towel, a handmade scarf, etc. This is what we'll do for this year. Then we can discuss/vote on limiting, changing or expanding the gift ideas next year.

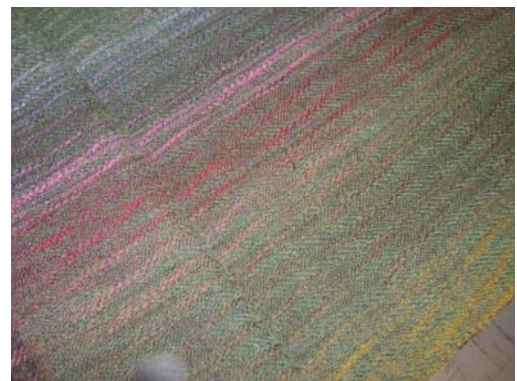
I hope that some of you were able to attend SOAR in November. I bought enough stash to last a couple more lifetimes but I could not resist the camel down, silk merino, cashmere, silk...I can hardly wait to

finish my current project and start on some of the luxurious fiber that I acquired. Aren't we lucky to live in a state with such strong and such kind people who share their knowledge and time so that others can learn to appreciate fibers? I want to thank all of you who have helped me and encouraged me to keep weaving. (Remember that chenille warp on my Harrisville, Deanna?) I have learned so much here and I can only thank all of you for the support that I have gotten and that I am sure others have gotten too. I want to resolve to pass it on in the New Year and I hope that all of you will consider doing so, too.

I think that I must be careful about the length of my messages in the New Year or we will have to increase the budget for the newsletter... Happy Holidays and I hope to see you all at the party on December 8th.

Patti

.....Identification Game—What are 5 things about yourself that not everyone will know?





November Presentation/Meeting Summary by Susan Hainsworth

The meeting of the Mary Atwater Weaver's Guild, held on October 13, 2005, began with Guild President Patti Pitts making announcements. On Friday, March, 17, which is the first day of the Statewide Meeting, the Guild will hold a Jazzy Junque Jubilee. This will be an opportunity for anyone to sell anything fiber related that you are not using. Items could include such things as books, fibers, or tools that you have in excess or that you just aren't using. The Guild will get 20 percent of the purchase price, so you should consider that when you put a price on your items. Also, Patti issued one last call for the scarf and towel exchanges. There are still a few openings in both. You will need to sign up soon because the items will be exchanged at our February meeting. Contact Patti if you are interested.

After the announcements, we had presentations by three fiber artists about how to prepare for and enter regional and national fiberarts shows. We not only learned much that was inspiring and helpful, but we gained insight into three different artistic perspectives, and we learned something about the personal history of these three excellent artists.

ReNee Page shared with us some of the ways in which the Guild has helped her grow as an artist and produce the beautiful pieces she has red into shows. She showed us the pieces of wearable art she has made over the years and discussed the importance of beginning early, of taking good photographs, and weaving enough fabric to send with the show application.

Deanna Baugh helped us understand that different judges will jury pieces very differently, and encouraged us not to get dis-

couraged but to keep entering shows. She explained how some of her pieces have been treated very differently in the shows she has entered. She also displayed some of the lovely woven pieces that have been juried into shows. She encouraged us to enter local shows.

Ann Carroll Gilmore discussed how important regional and national shows have been in helping her gain the confidence to devote much of her time and energy to the fiberarts. Because she is a full-time fiber artist and makes her living by selling, she enters shows so that people will become familiar with her art. She shared the process of developing some of her pieces of wearable art. She encouraged us to send in as many pieces as allowed by each show. She has had experiences where pieces she sent as an afterthought were juried into shows. A lot depends on what the jurors are looking for in that particular show.

After these presentations, we had the wonderful privilege of participating in a traditional waulking! Ann had finished weaving a long length of wool fabric and wanted to full it in the traditional way. Guild members sat around a table and sang songs while beating and passing the fabric from one person to another. The fabric looked very different when we were finished, and we didn't know that we had such good singers in our Guild! We hope that we get to see what Ann makes with her cloth.

December Meeting, cont.

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We hope to see everyone there to share the beauty and warmth of the setting, the friendships, the gifts, and (of course) the food!

Teri's Jo's address is 2800 Oquirrh Drive (1190 South 2800 East), Salt Lake City, UT 84108. Her phone number is 585-0940 in case you get lost.

Directions on page 6....





Scarf and Towel Exchange

Group One —Towels	Group Two —Towels
Open Judie Eatough Diane Haueter Kathleen Higham	Michelle Poulen Alfeld Deanna Baugh Maureen Wilson Rebecca Raybould
Group Three —Towels	Group Four —Towels
Julie Caldwell Charlene Lind Beth Myrer Open	Sara Lee Neill Patti Pitts Julie Schwartz Marty Neilsen
Group Five —Scarves	Group Six —Scarves
Julie Schwartz Patti Pitts Michelle Poulin-Alfeld Barb Cabrol	Terri Jo Mauch Julie Caldwell Judie Eatough Open
Group Seven - Scarves	
Susan Maturlo Sara Lee Neill Dian Cheney Open	These are the final groups.

Groups will exchange either cotton towels or tencel or silk scarves (maximum of \$30 per lb fiber cost). Towels should be 15 to 20 inches wide by 24–30 inches long. Scarves should be 6 to 9 inches wide by 72–80 inches long. You make a scarf or towel for each person in your group including yourself if you want. You may also choose to make an additional scarf or towel that you can barter or sell at the exchange meeting.



Waulking the Line

Presentations to Past Presidents



Patti, our current president, made the presentation of the gift shuttles to the two past presidents at our last meeting. The Guild thanks the past presidents for all their work by presenting them with a weaving shuttle of their choice. Again, the Guild really appreciates the work the president does to make the Guild run smoothly.

Thanks to Deanna Baugh and Julie Schwartz as past presidents!



SOAR at the Canyons by Julie Schwartz

This was my first time at SOAR. I went for the market and the hope that I could add to my skills in spinning. Of course you must understand that the volume of skill I have for spinning would fit in a thimble (do you use a thimble in spinning?). I WAS NOT DISAPPOINTED!

The market was small compared to Convergence but it was packed with variety. The shoppers new what were considered premium items as they were sold out very quickly. Even so, there was enough for me to make my credit card cry from swishing across the plate.

I was also able to extract a lot of suggestions about spinning



from most anyone and once I sat down to attempt it myself, felt I had a good beginning.

Now the added bonus was the friendliness of all the attendees. They were from all over the world. They came to experience it all and they sure seemed pleased with what they were getting.

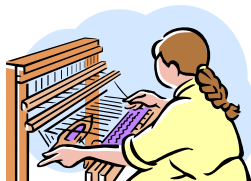
I also heard very good comments about the classes that were offered.

I think I'm going to have to put the conference on my calendar for next year. It's in the Tahoe area. Not a bad place to spin, enjoy other's company and the sights.

Statewide Meeting (March 17—18, 2006) by Julie Schwartz

The Statewide Meeting for 2006 is finally piecing together. I've had some significant ups and downs but things are now pretty well set. We will be now be holding the Meeting (after a major upheaval) at the Columbus Community Center which is part of the South Salt Lake Parks and Recreation Department. It is a wonderfully re-done elementary school of Spanish architecture—bright and cheery. It is centrally located in the Salt Lake area. The Statewide Meeting is March 17 and 18 followed by a one day (Mar 19) and a two day (Mar 20—21) workshop.

Our featured speaker and one of our workshop leaders is Anita Louvera Mayer. Anita started as a weaver but has



transcended into garment designing. Most of her garments are squares and rectangles with the emphasis on the embellishment of the cloth. Her underlying purpose of her teaching is to give her listeners confidence in their own capabilities, a sense of positive self-esteem and ways to achieve creativity in their work.

We are also offering several other mini-workshops that cross many fiber related avenues, an open spinning/knitting/weaving time, and a jazzy junque jubilee to help clear out your unwanted fiber items.

You'll find the schedule, course descriptions and application in the files area of our website. All workshops are on a first come, first serve basis. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me or give me a call.

Warping with a Trapeze

WARP WITH A TRAPEZE AND DANCE WITH YOUR LOOM by Kati Reeder Meek is off the press and shipping. TRAPEZE is:

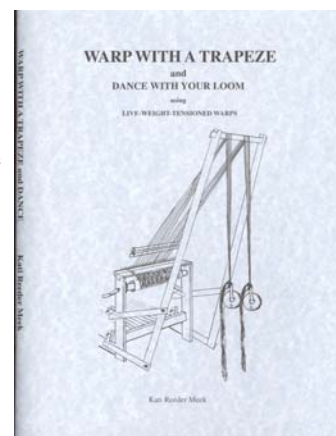
8 1/2 x 11 inches, 48 pages, black & white, saddle-stitched, 171 photographs, 7 diagrams, high-quality opaque paper.

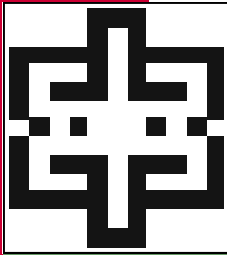
The list price is 19.95 plus s/h (\$4.00 to US).

If you are interested in ordering a copy, please see Terri Jo at

the next meeting (or email her). If we have 10 orders we get one free for our library.

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December Meeting Cont.

To get to her home from the north, travel east on 800 South until you pass the zoo, then take the first right after the zoo. This road will curve to the left. The first stop sign is Oak Hills Way (there is an LDS stake center on the corner). Turn right on Oak Hills Way. Take your first left, which is Oquirrh Drive. Teri Jo's house is about half a block up on the right.

To get to her home from the south, travel east on 1300 South until you cross Foothill Drive. (If you are on I-215, take the Foothill Drive exit, and then turn right on 1300 South.) Above Foothill Drive, 1300 South will curve to the left (if you go straight, you are on St. Mary's, one block south of where you should be) and becomes Oak Hills Way. Take the first right, which is Oquirrh Drive. Teri Jo's house is about half a block up on the right.

