

The Weaver's Bag

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February Guild Meeting

WHAT: The Seduction of Twills, by Jeanette Tregeagle

WHEN: Thursday, February 9, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: South Valley Unitarian Church, 6876 Highland Drive

Since February is the month of love, what better topic to discuss than a weave structure that made us fall in love with weaving? This month's presenter will be Jeanette Tregeagle. She has graciously agreed to lead us on her journey of weaving discovery by recounting the twill structures that have been pivotal in her weaving experience. She will be examining several weave structures with us from simple to complex—twills that hold thrills for all level of weaver's skill.



Feel free to join in on the "love fest," and be sure to bring samples of weave structures you have fallen in love with. We hope to see you there! (Be sure to bring your exciting finds and creations for Show and Tell at 6:30.) ❖



President's Message

What a great meeting in January! Because I keep my warps short, I may never use one of the two methods of sectional warping that were demonstrated, but I think I would like to try. It was fun to watch our Guild members moving in for a better view, asking questions, trying to get their hands on equipment and thread, and just generally being involved in the presentation. Many thanks to Deanna and Sonya.

Our February meeting is on Twills and will be taught by Jeanette Tregeagle. I was thinking about twills and when I had last woven twills. As I counted up a few projects, I had to wonder when I had not woven with twills. There was the double weave table runner with a point twill pattern. Before that, there was shadow weave, which is threaded in twill design with a dark and light thread on opposing shafts. And then there was a waffle-weave blanket, which was threaded in twill. At Judie's workshop in November, we wove straight twills.

Twills! We take them for granted and we love them. February is the month to celebrate the people and things we often take for granted but love. Happy Valentine's Day, and I hope to see you at the Guild meeting.

Jo Stolhand ❖



The January Guild Meeting— Sectional Warping

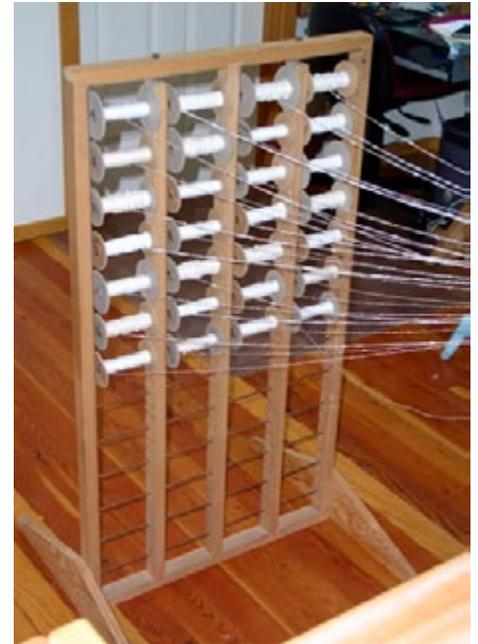
I know you're getting used to really wonderful summaries of our Guild meetings. That's because they are written by Maureen Wilson! But she wasn't able to attend our January meeting,

so you are stuck with me, Susan Hainsworth. Oh well, I'll do my best.

At our January Guild meeting, we had lots of intensely interested Guild members gathered around a loom, watching every movement made by Deanna Baugh and Sonya Campana. It was lots and lots of fun, and extremely interesting, even to those who will probably never put 20 yards of warp on any loom. Sonya was kind enough to prepare and bring a loom that Deanna, our instructor, could use to demonstrate sectional warping. Deanna showed us, from beginning to end, how to thread a loom using this very useful technique, and if anyone can warp a loom, it's Deanna!

One reason there was so much interest in the demonstration is that the tools, techniques, and processes were so fascinating. All of us felt that we had learned very valuable information, and many of us may change the way we warp when doing so is useful for our projects.

The Show and Tell that began the meeting had so many wonderful projects that it was hard to get everyone back to their seats for the presentation. Our Guild members are doing lots of lovely work! ❖



Guild Challenge

The Guild board made a decision to issue a **challenge to the Guild** for the upcoming year. We would like each member to participate by weaving a placemat or mug rug, and we will have a showing at our Guild meeting in June. Further, we are asking experienced weavers to design something new, and those of us with less experience to use a structure we have not tried before. It was suggested that we could use our product at the lunch—so whether you design a mug rug or a placemat might be dependent on whether you want to eat from a mug or a plate! Our new treasurer, Lori Webb, thought that with the wonderful foods that we have at our potlucks, she might make a tablecloth!

Robin Bromley will be in charge of this challenge. ❖

GA Convergence 2012 to be held in Long Beach, California

HGA's **Convergence® 2012 Long Beach** will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center, July 15–21, 2012. The Convergence conference is outstanding for everyone who loves and works in fiber. It is the biennial, international conference sponsored and organized by the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. (HGA), with the help of many dedicated fiber enthusiasts. Convergence features special lectures, workshops, one-day studio classes, super seminars, exhibits, tours, special events, and a commercial vendor hall full of fibers, fiber-related equipment, and an artist market. The classes include novice to advanced instruction in a variety of fiber techniques, including weaving, spinning, dyeing, basketry, feltmaking, knitting, garment construction, sewing with handwovens, and more! ❖

MMAWG Fiber Festival 2012!!

Mark your calendars!

**The 2012 Fiber
Festival will be held
April 13 through 17!**

**Within the next week
the information on what,
where, when, who,
how to register
will be available on
the Guild website.**

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Guild Calendar, 2012

February 9, 2012

Fancy Twills, by Jeanette Tregagle

March 8, 2012

Felted Easter Eggs, by Beth Myrer

April 13-17, 2012

Utah Fiber Arts Festival with dinner on Friday, keynote speech by Joanne Tallarovik and mini workshops on Saturday plus a three-day workshop by Joanne Tallarovik

May 10, 2012

Huck Lace, by Charlene Lind

June 2012

Potluck Lunch and Guild Challenge Reveal
Susan Hainsworth's home