



*Winter 2020*

## President's Message

As someone who has been wearing glasses since sixth grade, I am delighted by the prospect of a year of 2020 vision. As president of MAWS, my view is quite clear to me: facilitate a change in the bylaws to clarify board responsibilities, purge unnecessary records and facilitate the election of a board for the next two years. As a member of MAWS, I look forward to spending a week in Helena at the end of June, reveling in the company of people who share my passion for fiber while honing my skills. Studying this newsletter and the conference website are top on my list, choosing classes so I will be ready to register on Valentine's Day. I will imagine the scurry of people getting in scholarship applications and Living Treasure nominations well before that.

I also treasure looking back at this time of year to the traditions of days gone by. According to Nancy Bush, the Estonians swept out the Yule straw (which had made more comfortable sitting during the days of Christmas in their barn-like homes,) and then set up the spinning wheels for some weeks of serious spinning followed by weaving until planting season began. I see myself sweeping out the clutter of the holidays and moving my wheel to my southern window where the winter sun beckons. I hope to re-establish my habit of starting each day with a bit of fiber preparation, with some exercise for my looms in the afternoon. To celebrate Roc Day, also called St. Distaff's Day, on January 7, 2020, I will be dropspindling in airports as we fly to Arizona for some vitamin D and hiking with friends (Julienne Valentine, a former MAWS board member, and her husband.)

I will think of you, a circle of like-minded folk, as we embrace the oncoming light but also embracing this darker time of year that allows us to stop and see the fiber.

Looking forward with 2020 vision,  
Joan Goldstein  
MAWS President

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Registration for the MAWS Vision in  
Fiber Conference Opens Valentine's  
Day (2/14/2020)  
Make sure to get registered at:  
<https://helenaweaversandspinnners.org/>

### *The "Trading" Post!!*

Calling all MAWS members!! Time to weave and spin some "extra" projects for trading at the 2020 MAWS conference. For the EXCHANGE you may bring three items to trade.

**HAND TOWELS OR KITCHEN TOWELS** – any fiber, any pattern!

**HAND SPUN SKEINS** - Any fiber, 4 oz. for knitting weight yarn or 2 oz. lightweight yarn.

1) Please label your items as follows: Name, address, phone, email and include the fiber, the technique or pattern and the care instructions for the piece.

2) Deliver trade items to the Conference during registration. An area will be designated for "Trade ins". The actual Exchange will take place at the OUTTA SIGHT PARTY on Saturday night!

Contact Carol Dees at 406-422-0307 if you have questions. Don't miss this opportunity!!



## *Call for Nominations for the MAWS 2020 Living Treasure Award*

*We in Montana are fortunate to have so many talented and enthusiastic “treasures” among us! Please consider nominating someone you know who fits the criteria mentioned on the Living Treasure Application.*

*You will find the application on the MAWS website by clicking on “Latest News”, then MAWS 2020 Living Treasures Application. It is a weighty responsibility for the committee to choose those who receive the award from among those nominated, so if you nominated someone in previous years who did not receive the award, it does not mean they were not qualified. Please consider nominating them again! Deadline for nominations is March 15, 2020. Presentation of the awards will occur at the 2020 MAWS Vision in Color Conference.*

*Applications should be sent to:*

*Anita Krueger*

*42 Buckhorn Trail*

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*[42agkrueger@gmail.com](mailto:42agkrueger@gmail.com)*

*Please visit the website to download a copy of the nomination form and get more information about The Living Treasure Award at:*

*<https://www.montanaweavespin.org/living-treasures-awards>*



## **A message from the Scholarship Committee**

**There are five, \$175 scholarships available for the upcoming 2020 Visions of Color Conference! You do not have to be financially challenged to apply for one. Anyone who is a MAWS member in good standing is eligible. There are some excellent classes with top-notch instructors scheduled. In addition, you'll have the opportunity to be around many other fiber artists, which is always fun and inspirational! You can use the money you save with scholarships to have fun in the vendor area and purchase some fibery goodness to go along with all the new skills you've learned while attending the conference, which is a huge win for everyone! I hope to see my mailbox flooded with application forms!**

**Sincerely, Ann Kennan**

**To download an application form, please visit the MAWS website at:**

**<https://www.montanaweavespin.org/conferences-events>**

**The deadline for scholarship applications is March 1, 2020, so don't delay!**

# VISIONS IN FIBER!!

MAWS 2020 CARROLL COLLEGE JUNE 25 -28, 2020

WELCOME! WELCOME!! WELCOME!!!

The time has come for another fabulous, informative, stimulating MAWS conference loaded with opportunities at every level for learning, laughter and fun. **Come**, feed your creative hunger, nourish your intellectual curiosity, indulge your fiber fantasies and nurture friendships, old and new!

Very basic Beginner classes will be Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 pm to give newbies a taste of knitting, spinning and weaving. Post conference workshops provide experienced fiber enthusiasts opportunities for extended study with nationally known experts! There is something for everyone!

REMEMBER! CHECK OUT THE HELENA WEAVERS AND SPINNERS WEBSITE FOR MORE and CURRENT INFORMATION! <https://helenaweaversandspinnners.org/>



## REGISTRATION



Online registration opens **Valentine's day, Fri. Feb 14<sup>th</sup>**. Look over all the wonderful classes and be ready to register on the day that celebrates LOVE...because what's not to love about fiber arts? Fiber lovers who register before lucky **St Patricks day , March 17<sup>th</sup>** will be entered into a drawing for **\$50 in Vendor bucks!** Who will be the lucky winner? Could be you! Regular registration continues until Mother's day, **May 8<sup>th</sup>** at which point single day, unfilled class registration will begin. On Memorial day, **May 25<sup>th</sup>** late registration will begin with an additional \$25.00 late fee. Father's day, **June 21<sup>st</sup>** food service registration ends. Onsite registration will be available for Open classes and workshops from 7:30 – 9:00 am during the conference. The REGISTRATION DESK will be in the lower level of the Student Center starting Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. (Don't forget to apply for one of the 5 MAWS \$175 scholarships!!)

## SCHEDULE

The final conference schedule will be printed in the conference program provided to each participant at the Registration desk. A map of the campus will be included. If you want to check out the college logistics ahead of time click this link <https://www.carroll.edu/carroll-college/campus-map>

## MEALS

All conference meals will be in the Cafeteria, which provides a wide variety of foods to accommodate special dietary preferences. If you have specific food restrictions, please provide that information when you register.

Cafeteria meals can also be purchased separately during your pre and post conference stay. During the Post conference workshops, lunch will be included in the registration fee. If you prefer, there are a variety of dining establishments within walking distance.

## HOUSING OPTIONS

There will be two housing options available during the conference. When you register online there will be two options on the form for college housing, as well as the option for NO housing.

**\*\*Basic Dorm Room:** This option has a room with 2 occupants, no elevator, no frig, no microwave and a bathroom down the hall....no frills, just basic. \$22.00 per night

**\*\*Trinity Suites:** This dorm provides 2 – 4 private sleeping rooms joined by a shared bathroom, a communal living area with couch, a “kitchen” with frig and cooktop. It is equipped with elevators. There are no utensils in the kitchen. \$38.00 per night

**BOTH** housing options come with the linen package consisting of a pillow, blanket and sheet set as well as a set of towels. The linen fee has been added into the room fee for your convenience.

## EVENING PROGRAMS

Starting Thursday night we have planned some interesting and exciting programs!

### THURSDAY - MARY MEIGS ATWATER

Thursday night there will be a presentation about MARY MEIGS ATWATER by her great- granddaughter, Mary Biehl. She will talk about the many hats Mary wore during her life. It will be embellished by a show of some of her original weavings as well as contemporary weavings of her Recipe Book patterns. So much to learn, so little time!

### FRIDAY – A LIVING TREASURES RECITAL

Tonight is the night when the newest Montana Living Treasures are honored for their contributions to the fiber arts community. We will hear accolades of their amazing abilities and then hear from the “Treasures” themselves about their journeys.

### SATURDAY – *OUTTA SIGHT PARTY* AND DESSERT!

**Straighten your Spectacles** so you can see all the crazy new spinning “techniques”, which are sure to produce more laughs than yarn! Tonight we take down the walls, join the vendors, honor our Instructors and have them sign copies of their books, have a Spin In, do the towel and skein exchange and listen to some “groovy” music. Wear your gaudiest glasses and a big smile as you compete for the title of **2020 Fiber Visionary!** *(It's all about the glasses!!)*

### Guild News, Happenings, and Information

To see what happening or to get in contact with a guild near you, please visit our website for contact information and specific guild happenings at:

<https://www.montanaweavespin.org/guilds-grants>

## BEGINNER'S ACADEMY

### THURSDAY JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00

In response to many requests, MAWS is offering Introductory classes in Spinning, Knitting and Weaving. These classes are for beginners wanting to get a taste of their chosen subject. The lessons are being presented by experienced and knowledgeable craftspeople. Each class is three hours which will give beginners a basic introduction and a spring board for further learning. All the materials and equipment are provided in these classes so the student can have fun and get a feel for the craft without having to purchase costly equipment. (Conference registration is not required. These are stand alone classes)

CLASS FEE: \$50 for instruction Each class will have a materials fee to cover the cost of supplies.

### BEGINNING SPINNING

Discover the fun of spinning yarn on a wheel! Explore the age-old art that figures in fairy tales. You'll learn the fibers and tools, the purpose of combs and carders, and study the mechanics of the wheel. Skilled spinner Trudy Moffett will show you how to use a short backward draw, how to use a drafting zone, how to apply the correct tension and how to ply your singles. And she'll teach you the lingo, too.

INSTRUCTOR TRUDY MOFFETT will provide:

Spinning Wheels

Combs

Carders

Fleece and Roving Materials for spinning

Materials fee: \$15.00 for syllabus and spinning materials

Student supply list – none

If the student has a working spinning wheel, they may bring it to use

Student Maximum – 7



### BEGINNING KNITTING

Learn to read simple pattern, cast-on, knit stitch, purl stitch, and how to combine these two stitches to form six different patterns (garter stitch, stockinette, basket weave, seed stitch, smooth sand stitch, and ribbed stitch) in your scarf.

INSTRUCTOR: JENNY GEORGE

SKILL LEVEL: Beginners

Material Fee: \$15.00

(includes knitting needles, yarn, markers, & pattern)

Student Maximum: 8





## BEGINNING RIGID HEDDLE WEAVING

If you have wanted to learn to weave, this is your chance to weave on a simple, portable loom and produce a woven sample of your weaving experience. Enjoy learning about color and design using yarns. Looms will be provided, ready for weaving. A demonstration of how to put the yarn on the loom will be included. Sources of information for continuing to learn to weave will be provided.

INSTRUCTOR: JOANNE HALL

STUDENT SKILL LEVEL: no experience necessary

Student maximum: 8

Equipment and Supplies Students Should Bring: none

Materials Fee: \$20

Fee Includes: Use of loom and supplies needed for weaving.

Printed materials and yarns will be provided.

The weaver will take home their woven sample.



## MAWS 2020 SHOWS AND EXHIBITS

As part of every MAWS Conference, members can make a big impact by participating in the SHOWS! With several to pick from, there is a place for everyone to join in! We are excited to see what **you** will share with the members!

## "OUR TRUE COLORS" GUILD BOOTHS

We invite every Guild to set up a "booth" to show off what **you** have been doing over the last two years! Always beautiful and so educational! Can't wait to see what all the amazing members have been up to! Each Guild will be provided a space with one 8 foot table. The college prohibits attaching things to the walls, so guilds will need to take that into consideration when planning their exhibit. Contact [Annette.cade@yahoo.com](mailto:Annette.cade@yahoo.com) to reserve a space for your Guild!!

## "CREATIVE VISIONS" OPEN SHOW

Enter one or more of the show's seven categories! Items will be collected during registration on Thursday, juried and then exhibited the next morning. First and second place ribbons will be given in each of the seven categories along with ribbons for *Best of Show*, *Judge's Choice*, *Chairperson's Choice*, and *People's Choice*. HGA provides a ribbon and award for the piece that best meets their criteria, too. (See entry form at the end of this newsletter)

## "EYE FOR STYLE" FASHION SHOW

Let's put some WOW into this Fashion Show! On Sunday morning participants will make their way across the stage and through the group to show off their latest creations! With three categories **you** can create several pieces for this wonderful, stylish show! This year, fashions can also be exhibited in the Open Show and then modeled in the Fashion Show. Ribbons will be presented to the Best of each category and One for People's Choice! The Brunch – Fashion Show is open to the public and extra tickets will be available.

**Visit the conference website to complete registration forms for these events:**

<https://helenaweaversandspinnners.org/>

# VISIONS in FIBER

## INSTRUCTORS and CLASSES

*\* - designates a pre or post conference class*  
**FOR COMPLETE CLASS INFORMATION:**  
***[helenaweaversandspinnners.org](http://helenaweaversandspinnners.org)***

### **DEB ESSEN**

Weaving with Supplemental Warps  
Color for Fiber Artists

### **JOANNE HALL**

Beginning Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom\*  
Tapestry Weaving  
Intro to Drawloom Weaving\*

### **DARYL LANCASTER**

Custom Fit and Fabulous!!

### **KATE LARSON**

Weights and Measures for Spinners  
All About Locks  
Spinning the Three Leicesters  
Spinning for Weaving and Knitting\*

### **BONNIE TARSES**

Spontaneous Weaving from the Heart  
Wrapped Ikat-Silk Jewelry

### **JANNIE TAYLOR**

Warp Painting on the Loom  
Over shot to Double Weave  
Echoes and Iridescence  
Playing with Blocks  
Diversify Your Weaving Portfolio\*

### **HEATHER TORGENRUD**

Pick up Band Weaving\*

### **JENNY GEORGE**

Beginning Knitting\*  
Knitted- Felted Mitered Bowl  
Entrelac Knitting

### **KAMMY JOHNSON**

In Search of the Golden Fleece  
Land to Loom\*

### **TAMMY JORDAN**

It's So Fine! Spinning Lace Weight  
Yarn  
Woolen Watercolors – Painting with  
Wool

### **JAYNE LUND**

Needle Felted Ornaments  
Realistic Needle Felted Bunny\*

### **TRUDY MOFFETT**

Beginning Spinning\*

### **LAUREL ORTHMEYER**

Dyeing on the Farm  
Texture and Felt – Beyond Nuno

### **ANNETTE SCHIFF**

Dyeing "Cupcakes"  
Learning How to Understand a Draft  
Color and Weave Effects\*

**To read more about these talented instructors, please visit the instructor bio  
page at: <https://helenaweaversandspinnners.org/instructors>**



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DATE / TIME	EVENT	INSTRUCTOR
<b>Thursday, June 25</b>	<b>Pre-Conference / Registration</b>	
9am – 9pm	Conference Registration	
1pm – 4pm	Beginner's Academy - Beginning Rigid Heddle Weaving	Joanne Hall
1pm – 4pm	Beginner's Academy – Beginning Knitting	Jenny George
1pm – 4pm	Beginner's Academy - Beginning Spinning	Trudy Moffet
Noon – 6pm	Vendor Set-Up	
Noon – 6pm	Guild Booth Set Up	
Noon – 4pm	Turn in Towel & Skein Exchange	
Noon – 4pm	Turn in Open Show Pieces	
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Dinner	
6pm-9pm	Vendor Booths Open	
7:30pm	Atwater Presentation	
<b>FRIDAY, June 26</b>	<b>Conference Begins</b>	
7:30am – 9am	Conference Registration	
9am – 4:30pm	Supplemental Warps (Day 1 – All Day)	Deb Essen
9am – 4:30pm	Custom Fit & Fabulous (Day 1 – All Day)	Daryl Lancaster
9am – 4:30pm	Spontaneous Weaving From the Heart	Bonnie Tarses
9am – 4:30pm	Warp Painting on the Loom	Jannie Taylor
9am – 4:30pm	Weights & Measures for Spinners	Kate Larson
9am – 4:30pm	Dyeing on the Farm (offsite workshop)	Laurel Orthmeyer
9am – 4:30pm	Knitted – Felted Miter Bowl	Jenny George
9am-Noon	It's So Fine – Spinning Lace Weight Yarn	Tammy Jordan
Noon – 9pm	Vendor Booths Open	
Noon – 9pm	Guild Booths Open	
Noon – 9pm	Juried Show Open	
Noon – 1:30pm	Lunch	
1:30pm – 4:30pm	Woolen Watercolors – Painting with Wool	Tammy Jordan
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Dinner	
7:00pm	Talk & Living Treasures Award	
<b>Saturday, June 27</b>	<b>Conference Continues</b>	
7:30am – 9am	Conference Registration	
9am – 4:30pm	Supplemental Warps (Day 2 – All Day)	Deb Essen
9am – 4:30pm	Custom Fit & Fabulous (Day 2 – All Day)	Daryl Lancaster
9am – 4:30pm	Wrapped Ikat-Silk Jewlery	Bonnie Tarses
9am – 4:30pm	In Search of the Golden Fleece	Kammy Johnson
9am – 4:30pm	Entrelac Knitting	Jenny George
9am – 4:30pm	Texture & Felt – Beyond Nuno	Laurel Orthmeyer
9am – 4:30pm	Tapestry Weaving	Joanne Hall
9am – Noon	All About Locks	Kate Larson
9am – Noon	Over Shot to Double Weave	Jannie Taylor
9am – Noon	Dyeing Cupcakes	Annette Schipf

<b>Noon – 9pm</b>	<b>Vendor Booths Open</b>	
<b>9am – 9pm</b>	<b>Guild Booths Open</b>	
<b>9am – 9pm</b>	<b>Juried Show Open</b>	
<b>Noon – 1:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>1:30pm – 4:30pm</b>	<b>Needle-Felted Ornaments</b>	<b>Jayne Lund</b>
<b>1:30pm – 4:30pm</b>	<b>Spinning the Three Leicesters</b>	<b>Kate Larson</b>
<b>1:30pm – 4:30pm</b>	<b>Echoes &amp; Iridescence</b>	<b>Jannie Taylor</b>
<b>1:30pm – 4:30pm</b>	<b>Learning to Understand a Draft</b>	<b>Annette Schipf</b>
<b>5-6:30pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	
<b>7-9pm</b>	<b>Outa Sight Party!! And Dessert!!</b>	
<b>7-9pm</b>	<b>Exchange – Show &amp; Tell</b>	
<b>7-9pm</b>	<b>Spin-In</b>	
<b>Sunday, June 28</b>	<b>Conference Ends / Post Conference Classes</b>	
<b>8:30am – 1pm</b>	<b>Vendor Booths Open</b>	
<b>9:30am – Noon</b>	<b>Brunch &amp; Fashion Show</b>	
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>MAWS Membership Meeting</b>	
<b>1:30pm – 4:30pm</b>	<b>Playing with Blocks</b>	<b>Jannie Taylor</b>
<b>1:30 – 4:30pm</b>	<b>Color for Fiber Artists</b>	<b>Deb Essen</b>
<b>Sunday – Tuesday June 28-30</b>	<b>POST CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS (2 ½ DAY)</b>	
	<b>Color &amp; Weave Effects</b>	<b>Annette Schipf</b>
	<b>Introduction to Drawloom Weaving</b>	<b>Joanne Hall</b>
	<b>Felted Bunny</b>	<b>Jayne Lund</b>
<b>Monday – Tuesday June 29-30</b>	<b>POST CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS (2 DAY)</b>	
	<b>Diversify Your Weaving Portfolio</b>	<b>Jannie Taylor</b>
	<b>Pick Up Band Weaving</b>	<b>Heather Torgenrud</b>
	<b>Spinning for Weaving &amp; Knitting</b>	<b>Kate Larson</b>
<b>Monday, June 29</b>	<b>POST CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS (1 DAY)</b>	
<b>9am – 4pm</b>	<b>Dyeing on the Farm (Offsite Workshop)</b>	<b>Laurel Orthmeyer</b>
<b>9am – 4pm</b>	<b>Land to Loom (Offsite Workshop)</b>	<b>Kammy Johnson</b>

# **Alpine Weavers & Spinners Guild Happenings**

The 2019 theme for the Alpine Weavers and Spinners Guild has been "Fibery Fun". With the "fun" part of this theme in mind, we decided to consolidate our business into three meetings per year and enjoy interesting activities, presentations and each other's company at the rest of our monthly gatherings. In addition to the monthly gatherings for the spinners, weavers and full guild, we added a group called the Freeform gathering. This has been as structured as its name suggests, meeting at various members' homes with focus on a wide variety of fiber-related activities.

The Guild put on its annual three-day demonstration at the Northwest Montana Fair in August. Teresa Knutson did a fabulous job of displaying tools used to create various fiber arts pieces. She, as well as numerous other members demonstrated spinning, weaving and 7-strand braids. The give-away braid kits are a popular item that fairgoers have come to expect at the annual fair.

To encourage new spinners down the path of "Fibery Fun" with their wheels, the Guild hosted a Beginning Spinning workshop in February taught by member Mary Warner. Those spinners have had over six months to practice their skills in preparation for a weekend 3-part workshop taught by Judie Overbeek Oct. 5-6. The more advanced classes included diameter control, plying and novelty yarns.

As we wind down our year of "Fibery Fun", members will participate in a two-part basketry project taught by Vicki Faulkner. We'll end the year with our annual holiday potluck in December. We decided on a theme for the upcoming year of "20/20 Color Vision". The fibery fun shall continue in infinite hues!



The object of the Alpine Weavers and Spinners Guild is to develop the art of weaving and other related crafts.

- The full Guild meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. The guild meets consist of a fiber-arts related program followed by a business meeting.
- The Spinners study group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring their spinning wheels, drop spindles and/or desire to learn spinning to these meetings. Occasionally, there are organized sessions related to spinning technique.
- The Weavers study group meets the second Wednesday of the month at the home of a hostess weaver. Please send email to get location information. The content of these meetings are usually weaving technique oriented.

**Find out more on their Facebook page at:**  
**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AWSGuild/>**



# Billings Weavers Guild Happenings

Some photos from the December meeting and Christmas Party.



For more information on the Billings Weavers Guild, please visit their facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/billingsweaversguild/>

# Great Falls Weavers & Spinners Guild Happenings

Jan 18 is Acid Dye workshop with Cathy at guild room, Happy Tails Lodge. 10 am.

Jan 23-25 Lewistown Winterfair Fiber Show and Spin-in. Lewistown Arts Center.  
This fun event hosts loads of activities from fiddle contests to skijoring! Loads of great events and a Fiber Arts show too! See website for entry info. Spin-in on Saturday. Let's go!

February 7 is First Friday Spin-In

February 15 – Ice Dyeing workshop with Cathy at guild room, Happy Tail Lodge.

**For more information about the Great Falls Weavers & Spinners Guild, please visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Great-Falls-Weavers-and-Spinners-Guild-684622181737890/>**

## A little MAWS History...

Barbara Hand, one of the Missoula Weavers Guild members and an accomplished rug weaver, sent me this accounting of the founding of MAWS. I thought it would be interesting reading for our members.

Hi Sharon,

The other day I was looking over the plans for the next MAWS conference and was struck by the growth and success this organization has experienced. It made me look back to the time it all started... I was in London and called Peter Collingwood to see if I could arrange a visit with him. He was not available during the time of my visit, so I asked him if he would consider coming to Missoula to lead a workshop on rug weaving...to my great surprise he said yes! The next summer Barry Huff and I organized a state-wide rug weaving workshop featuring Peter Collingwood. I don't know how many folks are still around to remember that workshop, but we had a great turnout, and a great time. In fact, it was so much fun getting to know so many folks from all over the State we decided we needed to do that again. We got a few people together and made plans for a State wide gathering at the U of M Ballroom. We invited people to bring their best weaving, and made a display, had a nice lunch, and I know we had a few speakers (can't remember who) and suggested that we think about having a statewide guild. We canvassed folks about a name, and after some discussion it was decided to call ourselves Montana Association of Weavers and Spinners or MAWS. It was a very grassroots beginning, I think Bozeman organized the first major conference to great success, and we were off and running. The rest is history so they say. I am very pleased that the organization has done so well, and I am glad I had a small part in getting it started.

I don't know how many people know how things got started, so, I thought it might be good to share my recollections since I am the oldest thing around!

Thanks for doing such a great job as Guild President,

Have a good holiday.

As ever. Barbara Hand



# Helena Weavers & Spinners Guild Happenings



## Greetings from Big Sky Country - The Helena Weavers and Spinners Guild has been very busy!

The guild hosted the Montana Fiber Traditions exhibit at the Holter Museum of Art in downtown Helena from October 4<sup>th</sup> - November 8<sup>th</sup>, which was a celebration of our weavers, spinners, knitters, felters, tatters, seamstresses, and quilters with thread and fiber. The area was gorgeous and the pieces that were chosen for the exhibitions were lovely completed by many talented artists. There was a finger-woven scarf done for Charlie Russell on loan from the Charlie Russell Museum in Great Falls, Montana. The guild had three looms at the museum which members were weaving on during the show. In addition, there were also demonstrations on spinning, knitting, quilting, and other fiber-related arts. Blankets woven on the looms were raffled off to the public.

The museum created a beautiful sequence for demonstrating how one would complete a "sheep to shawl" project, and the commercial area showcased just a few of our fiber businesses.

The guild wants to remind you to join them at the upcoming Visions in Fiber Conference in June and to visit their website for more information at: [www.helenaweaversandspinners.org](http://www.helenaweaversandspinners.org)

The guild has also been busy making plans for our vision of what they want to display and communicate to the fiber community.

As always, remember, if you are passing through "Big Sky Country," the gate is always open, the hearth is warm, and the fleeces are fine!

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Helena Weavers and Spinners Guild  
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# Prairie Handspinners Guild Happenings

## January Meeting & Workshop on Ice Dyeing with Danielle Loomer



## Guild Shave em to Save Em Presentation: Lincoln Longwool & Show & Tell



The Prairie Handspinners Guild meets the first Saturday of each month at the Yellow Art Museum in Billings, MT. For more information, please visit their Facebook Page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/154925231192973/>

## *Classifieds:*

Do you have a fiber-related item to sell? As a member of MAWS you are able to post your items for sale. (Non-members will be required to pay a fee of \$10 per classified ad along with one photo). Please send the information, along with any photos to Sharon Schroeder. Items will be posted for 60 days. Also, please let Sharon know if your items sell so we can keep the website and newsletter content page current. We appreciate your cooperation!

51" Louet Hollandia Counter March Loom: 8 Harness (4 harnesses are on the loom and the other four are still in the box); 8 dent reed; sectional beam kit with lots of spools and a spool rack; bench with a sliding drawer. Must take all. Price is \$2,650 firm. If interested, please contact Marge Ferrin by phone at 406-656-1744.

FOR SALE: Handcrafts Studio Loom \$1800 Located in Bonners Ferry, ID. 46" weaving width, 8 shafts, 14 treadles, sectional back beam, 8 and 12 dent reeds, texsolv heddles (still have the metal ones), adjustable bench with storage at each end, storage on top of castle, solid oak - excellent condition, footprint: 50" x 60". More photos available. Contact Angela at [redfalconranch@gmail.com](mailto:redfalconranch@gmail.com)

FOR SALE: LeClerc looms. The looms are in extremely good condition. There is the 4' Counter balance loom and a table top loom, additional items pictured. \$800.00, I work during the day and am unable to take phone calls, but will return your call if you would please leave a message. [redwoodfalls@gmail.com](mailto:redwoodfalls@gmail.com) 406 698-3837.

**Please note: Ads are free for members. Outside entities can place 1/4 page paid ads for \$15 per issue. Our newsletter reaches over 300 fiber artists. Contact Tammy Jordan: [goldieknotsmt@gmail.com](mailto:goldieknotsmt@gmail.com).**

## Upcoming Events

**Log Cabin Spin-In** Log Cabin Fever Spin-In 9am-5 March 14, 2020 Latah County Fairgrounds LATAH COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 1021 HAROLD ST MOSCOW, ID 83843-0000. Contact Shelly at the Yarn Underground: [shelley@yarnunderground.com](mailto:shelley@yarnunderground.com)

### **Crazy Mountain Fiber Festival**

May 9, 2020; Sweet Grass Fairgrounds. For more information, please visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/sweet-grass-county-fairgrounds/crazy-mountain-fiber-fest/388879408441880/>

### **Montana Association of Weavers & Spinners Visions in Color Conference**

June 25-30, 2020. To learn more about the conference, classes, and get more information, please visit the website at: <https://helenaweaversandspinners.org/>

### **Grazing Hills Fiber Festival**

July 11-12, 2020. Viola, ID. To learn more about the festival and to sign up for classes, please visit their Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ghfiberfest/> or their website at: <https://ghfiberfest.com/>. Note they are still looking for instructors and will receive instructor proposals until March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Copper K Fiber Festival**

July 18-19, 2020. Whitehall, MT. To learn more about the festival and to sign up for classes, please visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1405060639801056/> or their website at: <http://www.ranchingtraditionfiber.com/copper-k-fiber-fest>

### **Eureka Fiber Fest**

August 1-2, 2020. Eureka, MT. To learn more about the festival and to sign up for classes, please visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/fiberfesteureka/> or their website at: <http://www.eurekafiberfest.org/>

### **Prairie Handspinners Fiber Festival**

September 25-26, 2020. Billings, MT. To learn more about the festival and to sign up for classes, please visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/phsfiberfest/> or their website at: <http://prairiehandspinnersfiberfest.com/>

**Montana Association of Weavers & Spinners (MAWS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Membership runs from November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Annual dues are \$10 and include your newsletter subscription. To join MAWS, please send dues to: Linda Shelhamer, 446 Tabriz Drive, Billings, MT 59105. She can be reached at 406-259-9160 or by emailing [shara@bresnan.net](mailto:shara@bresnan.net).**

**Donations to help offset expenses are gladly accepted and can also be mailed to Linda.**

### **NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**March 30, 2019**

**Please send photos, news, and information to Tammy Jordan**

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