

# Weaver's West Online Report

(In Lieu of General Meeting)

February 5, 2021

Due to Covid-19, the Recreation Center Board has put a ban on large group indoor meetings, so we were unable to hold our February General Meeting. Instead, we wanted to send out this report to keep all members abreast of what is going on.

## Officer Reports

### **Co-Presidents:**

Karen Vincent and Mary Wilder reported:

Hello Fellow Weavers and Spinners. Welcome to 2021, hopefully it will be a much better year for all of us.

- The Guild has been open since early December 2020 and each day we have approximately a dozen members come in to see the new Studio and some to weave. Sue Fitzsimmons, Carol Byrne and Vickie Regnart were among the first weavers in the new Studio.
- If you wish to do so, you are welcome to come to the Studio and sign up for a loom. For those of you who would prefer to weave at home, we are making available a few table looms to rent for a month at a time. Please speak with Mary Wilder or Karen Vincent if you are interested.
- In conjunction with the Education Committee, a Weaving II class is being developed that will be primarily virtual but will also have a live instructor/mentor. Cynthia Geyer-Goering and Mary Wilder have been the beta students with Angela Buxton as our mentor. There is additional work that needs to be done but we hope to be able to finalize everything and be able to offer this class in the near future.
- Membership dues can still be mailed or dropped off at the Guild. If you prefer to mail in your dues, the form is on the website, [www.weavers.scwclubs.com](http://www.weavers.scwclubs.com) and the mailing address is: PO Box 5114, Sun City West, AZ 85375.
- The Board has spent some time editing and revising our Guild Operating Procedures to reflect the changes to our space. A copy of the Weavers West Guild Operating Procedures may be found on the website under Membership.
- Thank you to Barbara Schaffer who donated a large wooden Studio is Open sign to the Guild.

### **Vice President:**

Angela Buxton had no report.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Melanie Drake reported bank balances: Savings \$3357.00 Checking \$ 3360.00

## Committee Reports

### Education Committee:

Carol Byrne reported:

Pam Chumbley answered the question “How do you learn to weave on a rigid heddle loom in the time of COVID?” Weavers West education team has come up with a new plan to offer Weaving I with less contact and more social distancing.

- An introductory weaving workshop: The NEW Weaving I: Rigid Heddle Virtual learning. This workshop will get you started weaving on a rigid heddle loom in about 2 hours. We use a quick method to warp and will guide you through weaving a sampler that teaches a variety of weaves.
- In the first of two in-person sessions, you will learn to warp the loom and begin weaving. Online videos produced by one of our own members will lead you through the process of making a sampler that teaches you more techniques beyond basic plain weave. The class will give you access to unlimited virtual sessions that will direct you through all the steps to complete a sampler wall hanging including the finishing techniques.
- The class will also give you access to other instructors through Craftsy, if you want to experience other learning styles and more in depth instruction. In the second in-person session, you will have the opportunity to ask questions that may come up while you watch the videos and trouble shoot problems. (WIFI access required for virtual portion of the class)
- Skills Developed:
  - Loom terminology
  - Direct warping
  - Weaving terminology
  - Finishing techniques
- For more information, including costs and supplies needed, see the February newsletter: <https://weavers.scwclubs.com/files/2021/02/WW-Newsletter-Feb-2021.pdf>
- If you know someone who would like to begin learning how to weave have them contact Pam Chumbley or Kathleen Bloechl.

Plans are underway to make a similar offering for Weaving II.

### Web Committee:

Pam Chumbley Reported:

- In an effort to continue to teach Weaving I: Rigid Heddle during quarantine, member Pam Chumbley filmed and produced a YouTube channel. This channel was developed to lead new students through the weaving process, starting on the rigid heddle loom. It was a learning experience for Pam, who had never done anything like this before.

“It is amazing what you can do with a smart phone, a mike boom and a laptop.” Check out her channel!

- New Students learn by watching YOUTUBE videos. In an effort to keep our membership growing in December, 3 new weavers joined the guild after taking the Virtual Weaving I: Rigid Heddle series. Alienore Conrad, Martha Sargent and Sandy Basse were the first three students to use the YouTube videos teaching opportunity. The December classes started with two in-person sessions at the studio (with two teachers and two students), and an outdoor weaving session for one student. The class taught the basics of weaving and the making of a sampler. All three new weavers were excited to have something to learn and do during COVID.

### **Monitors:**

Barbara Smith reported:

- Monitor credits have been posted in the studio. Please check to be sure everything is correct. If not, contact Barbara Smith at [bjss50@hotmail.com](mailto:bjss50@hotmail.com). There are a lot of monitor opportunities in February so please sign up.

Submitted February 5, 2021

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