

WEAVERS WEST

GUILD NEWS

Sun City West, AZ

Summer in the Desert

Calendar Reminders:

Spinners Meet Every Tuesday
From 1-3:30
7/23-31 Studio Closed For
Cleaning

Summer Classes:

Classes from 1-3 unless noted
...6/26-Finishing Techniques
...7/14-Needle Felting
7/20-Paper Beads
8/3-Saori Style Weaving
8/17-Saori Style Weaving Follow
Up
8/23-Warp Manipulations
9/11-Woven Shibori
9/21-Koolaid Yarn Dying
9/28 Ice Cream Social & Show
And Tell

Did You Know?

Weaver's West has a Facebook
Page. Weaverswest-SCW. If
You're on Facebook, check it
Out!

Editor's Note: . It's summer here in the desert and the Weaver's West Studio continues to be busy with lots of weaving projects and spinning. This issue of the newsletter contains photos of so many beautiful items to inspire us. I didn't have a lot of content to include with the beautiful work, but have included a few things that may be of interest. Happy reading!

From the "Healthy Weaver's" article in the March/April issue of Handwoven: "Pay attention to what your body tells you, from "I'm thirsty" to "I need to put this down for a minute". Our bodies speak to us, and our brains translate the messages, but sometimes our will to do the work overrides the messages, and we press on despite discomfort. Remember the mantra, "*Weave a little, walk, away and live to weave another day*"." ... Read the full article in Handwoven

From Marcia Steil: This top is woven on my rigid heddle loom with mostly cotton and linen yarn and several unidentified yarns I bought at Weaver's West yarn sales. It is shown here as it was displayed at the del Sol Gallery (I can't take credit for the necklace!) where it sold the same day I took it to the Gallery. I have my fourth one on the loom now.



I just read my Indiana weaving guild newsletter and it referenced the Pikes Peak Weavers Guild site. They have a free download of an ebooklet "Sensational Towels, Napkins, and Placemats" contributed by their members. I'm sure some Weaver's West members will enjoy checking this out. ...Peggy Marshall . You can find the ebooklet by Googling Sensational Towels, Napkins, and Placemats.

Learning

Be In the Know – Wool & Silk Felting with Carol Byrne



Linda Bley modeling a felted piece

Carol also hosted an Ice Dying Class in her home:

Here's Carol modeling

Her ice dyed leggings



And below, Alie's Ice Dyed fabric which she made into a Jacket





Alie's Ice Dyed fiber woven into fabric and made into a Mobius!



YARN

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SUMMER CLASS



Stephanie learning how to use a small loom.



Mary Wilder Weaving I Instructor with her new students



Many members of Weavers West know Lise Lavigne, who moved to Portland Maine about a year ago. Here's what Lise had to say recently:

"The ladies at Weavers West are making gorgeous "stuff", but I can see I would need an eight harness loom to even think about some of these patterns. Yet, I don't get the encouragement that the group produces. Congratulations to all. Mary Wilder's project looks so delicate – what will the end product be? I got lazy around here. Not enough challenges. There's a prediction of bad weather here this week: it surely can't be as bad as some other states. At least I can stay in and not feel threatened. I'll plan on going to Quebec later this summer (planning on going to Leclerc/Brassard). I'm sure to spend money on Tencel!!"



As you can see on the left, Lise is still enjoying creating beautiful things.





Need to know how much yarn is left on your cone?

To figure out how much yarn you have left on a cone, use a regular kitchen scale set to grams to figure out your yardage. Weigh the cone of yarn and subtract the weight of the cone. Cones usually weigh around 10-35 grams. Then take the yardage per pound for the yarn in question (it's on my website under every yarn we sell) and multiply it by 2.2 which is the number of pounds in a kilo.

For example, 8/2 cotton has 3360 yards per pound so multiply 3360 by 2.2 to get 7392 yards per kilo. There are 1000 grams in a kilo, so divide 7392 by 1000 to get 7.39 yards per gram. So, if your kitchen scale weighs the yarn plus cone at 313 grams, subtract 12ish grams (or the weight of *your* cone – see photo below), which gives you 301 grams. Then multiply the weight of the cone in grams by the yards per gram: 301 gm x 7.39 yards per gram = 2224

yards of 8/2 cotton on your cone. See the Cone Family photos above.

Here is the math

- Yards of 8/2 cotton per pound: 3360 yards per pound
- Yards of 8/2 cotton per kilo: $3360 \times 2.2 = 7392$
- Yards of 8/2 cotton per gram: $7392 \text{ divided by } 1000 = 7.39 \text{ yards per gram}$
- Weight of cone plus yarn: 313 grams
- Weight of cone: 12 grams
- Weight of yarn on cone: $313 \text{ grams} - 12 \text{ grams} = 301 \text{ grams}$
- Therefore, the length of yarn on the cone: $301 \text{ grams} \times 7.39 \text{ yards per gram} = 2224 \text{ yards}$

This handy information was found by Dagmar Weissenborn on You Tube and is courtesy of Jane Stafford Textiles (janestaffordtextiles.com).



Dagmar also found this interesting idea to share on Facebook – an idea for replacing a heddle while weaving. You may have to enlarge it to see it on your computer or look for it on Facebook. Thanks, Dagmar!

- Sue Fitzsimons modeling her Saori style Vest. Reminder: There is a Saori Summer Program on August 3rd.



So Much More Going On In The Weaving Studio...



Dagmar's Rep Weave Placemats, finally ready to start weaving. Yay!!





Right: Diane Stern's Throw



Left: Jan Cobb's Triangle Loom shawl

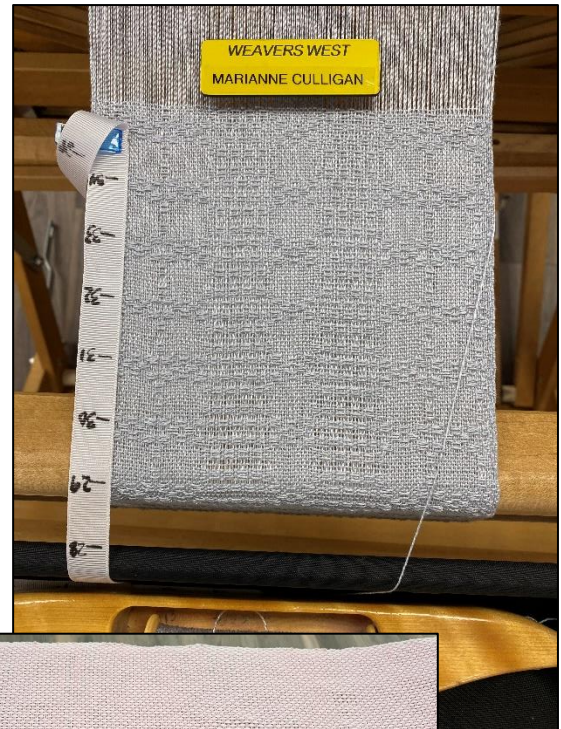
Right: Stephanie Schur's Southwest Weaving & her completed Rep Weave Placemats.





Left: Mary Jones' finished scarf

Right: Marianne Culligan's Paper Spot Scarf



Right: Cynthia

McDonagh's weaving. You may
Need to zoom in on this photo. The bottom
Shows her first weave on the table loom. The
Top piece shows how much her weaving
Improved. Congratulations, Cynthia!

