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President's Message

Hello again, Pacific Northwest weavers and spinners. We've had a shuffle of positions on the current ANWG board to accommodate Deborah Staehle's need to step out of the Presidency for a period of time. So we will have an election this June 12 at the **Annual Membership Meeting** via Zoom Conferencing. We hope you or someone from your guild will be able to attend. Dawn Ahlert is moving into the Presidency, with Deborah stepping back to 1st VP, and we will also be electing a new Treasurer, Angelique Penaflor from the Seattle Guild. More information on all these items is below in the newsletter.

The board is also very pleased to announce another round of challenge grants for guilds to use between January, 2022 and June, 2023. We have saved the administrative expenses of two in-person AMMs during the pandemic, so wanted to return a portion of those funds to the member guilds in the form of five \$600 grants. The application form and details are on the website; please find a link in the following article.

We hope your guild is continuing to meet via Zoom or social distanced gatherings. We're all looking forward to being able to come together sometime this year for monthly meetings, workshops, and other fiber events/shows. If this year has taught us anything,

it's that our passion for fiber arts can carry us through the worst of times and provide solace and quality creative time to lessen the stress of the outside world. We appreciate your continued support of ANWG and hope your guild will apply for one of the grants offered this year.

Linda Gettmann
Acting President

ANWG News

ANWG Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, June 12, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM

via Zoom Conferencing

We would like to invite all ANWG reps or another member of your guild to join us via Zoom for the Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, June 12. If you or another member of your guild is not able to attend, a member from another guild can attend and vote for you with a pre-submitted proxy. Those forms are available on the website:

<https://northwestweavers.org/about/anwg-meetings/> and need to be sent to Secretary Melanie Smith secretary@northwestweavers.org by May 22, 2021.

Show and Share is a popular part of these meetings, so please send a photo and description of one item per guild to be included in the PowerPoint Show and Share Dawn and Rebecca are coordinating for this meeting. The information and submission form is on the website <https://northwestweavers.org/about/anwg-meetings/>. Email the photo and completed form to Dawn at 1VP@northwestweavers.org by May 22, 2021.

We have a lot of news and updates to bring you at this event, so we hope to see many of you there. Come and join us via Zoom for the 2021 AMM. The zoom meeting link will be sent out a few days before the Saturday meeting.

Questions? Please email president@northwestweavers.org

Slate of Officers to be voted on June 12, 2021:

- President: Dawn Ahlert, **Helena Weavers & Spinners Guild**
- 1st Vice President: Deborah Staehle, **Arachne Weavers Guild**
- Treasurer: Angelique Penaflo, **Seattle Weavers Guild**

ANWG Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, June 12, 2021 10:00 AM Pacific ~ Via Zoom Conferencing

Agenda

Welcome and call meeting to order ~ 10:00 AM - Acting President, Linda Gettmann

Introduction of board members, nominees

Submit written questions from guilds to the board via the Chat feature on Zoom

Determination of a quorum; formal adoption of agenda - Melanie Smith

Treasurer's report - Wanda Johanson

Committee Reports:

Membership - Liz Moncrief

Communications - Sylvia Emard

Education - Rebecca Winter, New 2022-23 grants available

Webmaster - Isabelle Fusey

New Business:

Election of Officers: President, 1st VP, Treasurer via Poll feature on Zoom

Answer any written questions to the board

2022 MAWS Conference Report - Annette Cade

2023 Conference Report, Fiber Connections - Sue Walsh

New President remarks - Dawn Ahlert

Next AMM will be held in June, 2022

Show and Share – PowerPoint Presentation; including the ANWG Historical Weaving Study Group 2021 woven items from Russ Groff drafts.

ANWG Board Votes to Fund Five Guild Challenge Grants For 2022-2023

We are excited to announce that the ANWG Board has voted to offer additional guild challenge grants for use over the next two years before the postponed 2023 ANWG Conference in Oregon. We will be able to offer five US \$600 grants to those guilds with a current membership. We hope many member guilds will apply for a grant. The website <https://northwestweavers.org> always has the most current information on what's going on in ANWG.

The application and information for your guild to apply is located on the ANWG website: [2022-2023 Creative Challenge Grants - ANWG \(northwestweavers.org\)](#)

The deadline to apply is November 1, 2021, with winners announced in the January, 2022 ANWG newsletter and on the website. Grants are available to any guild or study group within a guild that is a member in good standing with ANWG (current in their dues).

For those guilds who have never applied for a grant, we hope you will plan an event/workshop/or community activity and apply for funding. This is a wonderful way to be able to offer a high level educational opportunity to your members and/or the community at a reasonable cost. The challenge grant committee is anxious to read your proposals. Please forward them with the completed budget as a word.doc to 2VP@northwestweavers.org

GOAL: To promote weaving and all related fiber arts
and to preserve all the traditions of these arts

FUNDS AVAILABLE

To accomplish this goal, ANWG will award grants for activities such as lectures, seminars, workshops, research projects, retreats, etc. Up to five US \$600 grants will be awarded for use between January 2022 and June 2023. These grants are made possible because two Annual Membership Meetings were held electronically during the time of the pandemic saving the administrative expenses that would have been incurred.

2023 ANWG Conference **Noh Coat Challenge Update**

You are invited to make a **Noh Coat** for the 2023 ANWG conference and join us in a spectacular expression of handwoven cloth. This is not a juried exhibit.

The Noh Coat challenge is based on the work of American fashion designer Bonnie Cashin. The challenge is to make the coat according to the pattern in Threads Magazine (Oct/Nov 1990, No. 31). Cashin created many variations of what began as a basic kimono shape. The version we are making is simple and does not require great sewing skills. This pattern is perfect for showing off handwoven cloth.

There are only two rules:

- 1) Be true to the design. You can shorten the coat, you can line it, and we welcome all forms of embellishment.
- 2) No commercial fabric on the outside.

Since the Noh Coat Challenge was announced, we have been inspired and excited by the response. We have received requests from all over the ANWG region and well beyond. This challenge is one that really brings us all together. The postponement of the ANWG conference gives us more time to make a really great Noh Coat. Having said that, some of us are done!





Study of Historical Weaving

Please spread the word to your Guild Members. There is an historical weaving study group available through ANWG. Find further information in the January ANWG Newsletter at this [Link](#). We look forward to hearing from you and your members.

Rebecca Winter
Education Chair

ANWG Website Update

Year after year, ANWG helps find new homes for close to 300 weaving and spinning items through the **Classifieds** section of the website (<https://northwestweavers.org/classifieds/>). ANWG is extending a warm welcome to **Judi McCubbins**, a member of the **Salem** guild, who has taken over the coordination of the Classifieds. You can reach her at classifieds@northwestweavers.org.

We are still looking for a new **Webmaster**. Responsibilities include posting content, responding to inquiries submitted via the website's contact forms, and ensuring the website's infrastructure is up to date. You can email webmaster@northwestweavers.org for more information.

News From Member Guilds

Central Oregon Spinners & Weavers Guild

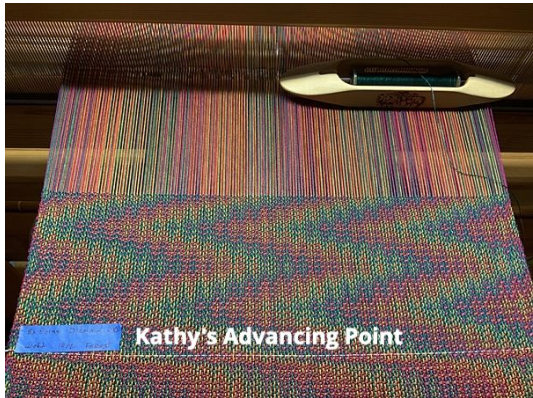
Parallel Universe Weaving Workshop

with Linda Hartshorn, March, 2021

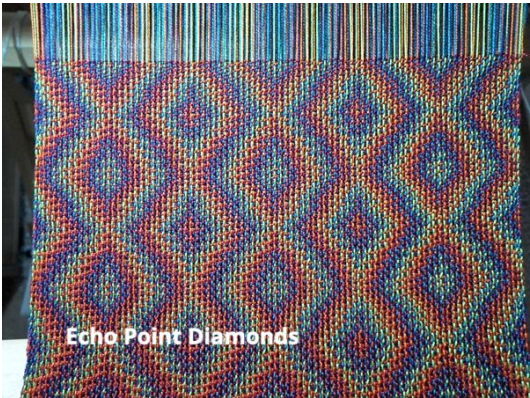
Our guild has just completed the **Parallel Universe** workshop with Linda Hartshorn via Zoom. We had 26 participants from our guild as well as other weavers in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. One of the advantages of a Zoom event is more people can participate from outside the area. We all learned how to wind a 4-color warp and actually thread it and sley it at 40 epi onto the loom in color order, without a mess—first hurdle cleared! Then the fun began with sampling many different weft colors, treadling patterns, and seeing what others were weaving on their chosen threading. We had 3 to pick from, so a good variety of patterns emerged. Linda Hartshorn set up a groups.io site for us to all communicate with each other easily and post photos of our samples in progress. Many wished they had put on a longer warp! Lots of inspiration from Linda's lectures and seeing her examples of echo, jin (formerly known as turned taquete), and network drafted twills.



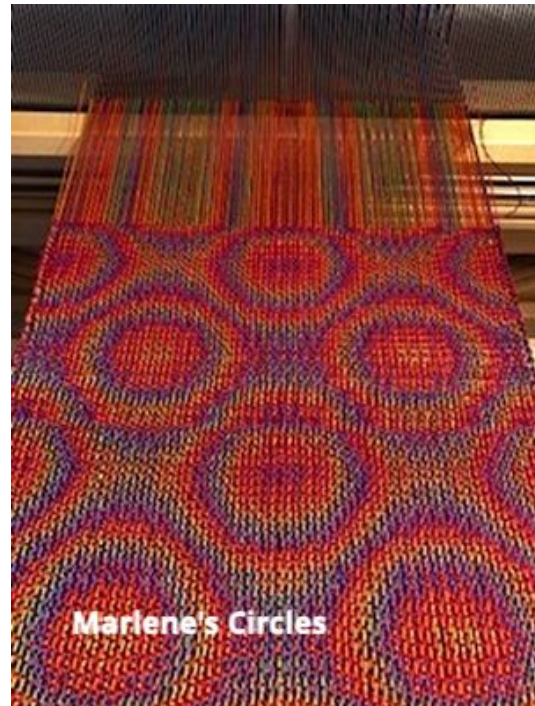
Janet's scarf



Kathy's Advancing Point



Echo Point Diamonds



Ponderosa Fibre Guild Kelowna, BC

2020 is behind us with all of its stresses and challenges and the hopeful horizons of 2021 are within our reach. During our year of isolation we have had the time to rediscover and nourish our creative lives and to appreciate one another. Not meeting in person has pushed us to explore other ways of sharing which everyone is keen on continuing in the future. There is an excitement in the air and our guild is experiencing a sense of rejuvenation. Membership is growing, workshops are being planned, a new website is in the works, and our Facebook and Instagram presence is improving.

The studio space is witnessing its own renewal. Housekeeping efforts include the updating of inventory in the library and the equipment for rent. We now have a beautiful display case outside of the studio in the Rotary Centre for the Arts where we are located.

Our monthly Zoom meetings are well attended where we continue to collaborate and share. Two members are presenting a series of talks on sustainability called 'Sustainable Fibre: It's in Our Hands'.



Victoria Handweavers' and Spinners' Guild Virtual Sheep To Shawl competition

You are invited to compete in Victoria Handweavers' and Spinners' Guild's Virtual Sheep To Shawl competition. Rules, costs, and entry forms are published at <https://vhwsg.ca/activities/virtual-sheep-to-shawl/>. Fleece will be provided with your entry fee (shipping extra*). Since we will not be together for the Virtual event, a visual record of your team work as well as your shawl will be judged. A maximum of ten teams will be allowed into the competition.

*Someone will be travelling from Victoria to Courtenay in mid May after the shearing and can drop off a fleece to teams on the way if you register your team before she travels.
Brenda Nicolson

A Message from Your Complex Weavers Representative

Past President of Complex Weavers and the Association of Northwest Weaving Guilds Ladella Williams would like to share info with you. If you would like to join [Complex Weavers](#) or would like more information please send an email to LadellawilliamsCZZ@gmail.com or text her at 503-729-1704.

Save the dates July 10-13, 2022 for the [Complex Weavers seminars](#) in Knoxville, TN. We hope you will join us there!

Fiber Events

Due to the COVID-19 situation, event scheduling is fluid. Please check the links to be certain the event is still being held.

Adult Education Weaving Classes

April, 2021

Bozeman, MT

Adult Education Weaving Classes are about to begin in Bozeman – Elizabeth Tritthart will be teaching, offering three courses for the Spring Semester.

Let's get Started Weaving – for the newest of beginners.

Getting Warped – Learn how to use a vertical warping mill and warp a table loom from front to back. Includes learning how to use a warping calculator.

Historic Horizontal Stripes – How did early weavers use stripes and bands in creating fashion?

All workshops are 4 hours in length, all looms and materials are provided as part of the course fee. All participants will have instruction guides and woven samples to take.

Workshops will be held in the month of April in the Willson building on Main street. Click [here](#) to register online.

Check out Elizabeth's [website](#) for additional learning opportunities.

Elizabeth Tritthart

Historic Weaving

406-640-1651

eliz@historicweaving.com

Red Alder Fiber Arts Retreat

February 16-20, 2022

Tacoma, Washington

redalderfiberarts.com

Handweavers Guild of America - Convergence 2022

July 15-21, 2022

Knoxville, TN

Convergence® is heading to the Smoky Mountains for 2022!

[Convergence](#)



ANWG Newsletter Deadlines and Formats

The deadline for news articles for the ANWG newsletter "Northwest News" is the 10th of the month of issuance: January, April, July, and October. Articles may be sent at any time to newsletter@northwestweavers.org.

Newsy, short articles with photos about guild happenings are of greatest interest. All photos sent may be used in the ANWG newsletter "Northwest News" and/or on the ANWG website. Before sending photos obtain permission of those people pictured to have their photo in the ANWG newsletter and/or website. If you have any questions, contact Sylvia Emard, Communications Chair and Newsletter Editor, at newsletter@northwestweavers.org.

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Canada

Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, Yukon

USA

Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming

Membership open to all fiber arts guilds, affiliate individuals and fiber-related

ANWG BOARD MEMBERS

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1vp@northwestweavers.org

Vice President Nominee:
Deborah Staehle

Secretary: Melanie Smith

associations.

secretary@northwestweavers.org

CONFERENCES

2023 -- Location: TBD. Sponsor: Weaving Guilds of Oregon

2025 -- Washington Conference planning is underway

2027 -- Location: Billings, MT. Sponsor: Montana Association of Weavers and Spinners

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Angelique Penaflor

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