

THRUMS

Newsletter of the Syracuse Weavers Guild

President's Message

Looking back through our Thrums from 2020 provided a perspective on the year we have been through. In the first two issues of the year we were looking forward to our "Slice of the Color Wheel" challenge and May luncheon. I recall standing in the parking lot after our challenge share in March; people kept backing away from one another as we talked and the questions and uncertainty about what lay ahead hung in the air around us.

We have lived through that year with its uncertainties, challenges, griefs and disappointments. Zoom began to appear in articles and became part of the lingo as we met remotely to talk and learn about weaving. On the first Saturday of June we will gather once again in person. How good it will be to see one another, to sit together, to celebrate the opportunity to again occupy the same space. Our sett will be closer than the miles that Zoom has allowed.

At the luncheon we will kick off the new membership year. Plans for our 2021-2022 program year will begin to be made later in June. "Time is marching on, And time is still marching on."* I look forward to marching into the next program year with you, whether via Zoom or in person.

Be well, and happy weaving,

Cynthia

p.s. Remember your towel on June 5!

* They Might be Giants, *Older*

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Mission

The mission of the Syracuse Weavers Guild is to stimulate an interest in the art and craft of weaving, achieve a high standard of excellence and help encourage all persons interested in weaving.

Back cover: Rachel Abbott

Rigid heddle weaving, 3/2 cotton warp at 12 epi, 5/2 cotton tabby weft, sock wool pattern weft. Patterns by Lisa Raynor.

New Member | Lori Lybrook

Hi! I'm Lori and I've been addicted to weaving for almost 3 years. It started slow with a 24" Ashford Rigid Heddle Loom after seeing what someone else could make on a RHL at the Golden Fleece Spinners' Society Fiber Fest a few years back. I slowly learned the language of weaving while I learned about tension on a RHL. My excitement grew when I finally managed to keep a decent opening in the down shed on the darn thing for more than 6" into a project. After that I was captivated by weave structure and color play. Now? I have recently been blessed to have purchased a beautiful almost 70 year old Macomber floor loom with a 40" weaving width. 10 harnesses, 12 treadles and I'm playing with 4 shafts to start (and likely a bit in over my head) and loving every minute of it. I can see myself with projects warped onto both looms. Other than weaving, I'm also a quilter and in the warm weather, a gardener.



Luncheon | Cynthia Pendergrast

Our annual end-of-year luncheon and towel exchange is scheduled for the first Saturday of June! We will gather at the small pavilion at Clark Reservation State Park (about 10 minutes from our regular meeting place) at noon on June 5. Instead of pot-luck, members are asked to bring their lunch, table service and beverage and, if they are able, a lawn chair. Dessert will be provided. In addition to lunch, conversation and our meeting, we will have a white elephant table set up. Bring show and tell items, your weaving challenge piece(s), and your towels for our towel exchange. There will be no clowns or magicians, simply the magic of being together again. It has been a long time.

Directions from I-81: Take exit 2. Turn south (left from I-81 south; right from I-81 north) onto Jamesville Road, which will turn into North Street. Turn right onto NY-173 W / East Seneca Turnpike. Turn right onto Clark Reservation State Park Drive. Follow signage to the small pavilion.

Membership Form | Donna Movsoich

It's time to renew to continue your SWG membership. Thank you!

Dues are for one year. (May-May)

Regular dues: \$30

Senior (over 62) dues: \$25

Checks are payable to SWG

Mail check with name, email, USPS address, and phone number to:

Donna Movsoich

2527 W. Seneca Turnpike

Marcellus, NY 13108

SWG Website Update | Joyce Lock

Since the company that has hosted our website since 2006 (!) is going out of business, it was necessary to recreate the website with a different company. You'll find it at the same syracuseweaversguild.org web address with the same information, just with a new look.

2020-2021 Challenge | Rachel Abbott

At April's guild meeting, we viewed the many beautiful pieces woven for the 2020-2021 Guild Challenge:

"Weave a Structure that is New to You". Structures ranged from two-shaft weaves to inkle loom techniques to multi-shaft loom patterns and included clasped weft, beiderwand, crepe weave, waffle weave, diversified plain weave, lace weaves, overshot, taqueté, rep weave, summer and winter, Krokbragd, Theo Moorman, and pebble weave. Participants wove multiple samples to explore different possibilities in their chosen structure, as well as functional household textiles and art pieces. It was an inspiring display of stunning and creative pieces. Shown here are just a few of the beautiful photos included in the [presentation](#). And please bring your pieces to the picnic in June so we can admire them in person!



Sue Szczotka - Rep Weave



Joyce Lock - Beiderwand

Programs | Nancy Gaus

It's time to plan our programs for the 2021-2022 season. The planning meeting will take place on **Wednesday evening, June 16th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom**. We will not only be setting up the slate of programs to be presented at our monthly meetings, but we will also discuss ideas for our guild challenge for next year.

The planning meeting is most effective when we hear from lots of members with a wide variety of experience and ideas. Do not think that you need to have something completely thought out or that you need to teach anything. Think about things that you have been wanting to learn about, or teachers who you have met that would be fun to invite. If you have a special weaving-related skill, we would love to hear about that, too. Beginning weavers have as much to contribute as experienced weavers. All are welcome!

I would especially like to urge our newest members to attend since we want to be able to meet your needs and interests. We encourage everyone to come with ideas, but it is by no means required. Come for the fellowship, come for the conversation, come for the fun!

Details about joining the meeting will be sent out a week beforehand.

Textiles and Tea, a weekly weaving treat from HGA | Donna Connery

From podcasts to Zoom, weavers have created many new ways to stay connected, keep learning, and just enjoy weaving-related topics together. So far, my favorite is to link in to join Kathi Grupp from *Shuttle, Spindle, Dyepot*, as she interviews weaving related guests on each episode of Textiles and Tea. These shows are sponsored by weaving businesses and guilds which make them free to viewers both in real time on Tuesdays or as archived videos you can access at any time. Using a Zoom format, Kathi interviews well-known weavers, dyers, spinners, instructors, and textile artists about their lives, interests, and specialties. Some recent guests have included Tien Chiu (colorist), Denise Kovnat (Rochester based complex weaver), Rebecca Mezoff (tapestry), and Nathalie Miebach (scientific data as pattern), just to name a few. So if you are looking for a lively alternative to audio books and podcasts, grab a cup of your favorite tea and check out HGA's Textiles and Tea <https://weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/>

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June 2021 - Weave to Win! | Donna Connery

Yardage Deadline extended to
May 31

Did you find yourself weaving at warp speed this year? Then see if you can claim the 2021 championship title by sending Donna (dsconnery@gmail.com) the dimensions (LxW) for each of your projects woven from January 1 - May 31, 2021. Based on most total yardage, our very own WonderWeaver will be announced at the June picnic at Clarke Reservation. Winner does not need to be present to earn their choice of a well deserved weaving book. And, pictures for Thrums would be a delightful way to share your accomplishments with the rest of the guild!



Elaine DuBois



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Eileen Kloss

Syracuse Weavers Guild Looms For Rent | Joyce Lock

Rental fee is \$2 per week. If interested in borrowing one of these looms and it is available, please contact the person listed in the table.

Description	Current Use	Contact	Notes
Kyra 22" 4S table loom	Available	Joyce Lock	
Kyra 22" 4S table loom	Travelling Loom	Sue Szczotka	4 Shaft Huck Lace
Peacock 12" 2S loom #1	Available	Nancy Smothergill	http://possumjimandelizabeth.com/adjusted_images/loom_table_plaid.jpg
Peacock 12" 2S loom #2	Available	Nancy Smothergill	http://possumjimandelizabeth.com/adjusted_images/loom_table_plaid.jpg
Peacock 12" 2S loom #3	Available	Nancy Smothergill	http://possumjimandelizabeth.com/adjusted_images/loom_table_plaid.jpg
Inkle loom	Available	Joyce Lock	
Harrisville 22" 4S floor loom	Available	Joyce Lock	https://harrisville.com/products/22-floor-loom-4-harness-6-treadle Picture shows 6 treadles, this one has 4 direct tie treadles. Not easily transported
Nilus LeClerc 12" 8S table loom	Available	Joyce Lock	Looks like Structo
Purrington Norris 12S table loom	Traveling Loom	Sue Szczotka	8 Shaft Huck Lace
LeClerc Dorothy 15" 8S table loom	Available	Joyce Lock	http://www.camillavalleyfarm.com/pics/leclerc/ldor007.jpg Picture shows levers all on right hand side of loom. This loom has second set of shafts (5-8) located on left hand side.



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