



## **GOLDEN GATE WEAVERS GUILD**

[www.goldengateweavers.org](http://www.goldengateweavers.org)

**MAY 2019**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Guild Members,

This newsletter is the hard work of Carol Reinhold, who has volunteered to take over the newsletter responsibilities for the Guild. I want to extend my appreciation and give a big “thank you” to Carol for her willingness to assume this role.

Carol's generosity has started me thinking about the office of President of Golden Gate Weavers Guild. Since last August, I have written the monthly newsletter, acted as Program Coordinator and wrangled many of the speakers, set the meeting agendas, chaired the meetings, convened an executive board meeting, worked with Sharon Lawless to secure a new meeting space, moved the library, and various other things like communicating with CNCH and sending out “blast emails” when someone wants to sell a loom or bring something to the attention of the Guild. And, our website, too.

In March, I advised the Guild I would be stepping down as President for health reasons. I didn't feel I could keep all the balls in the air and still take care of my health, particularly if I need surgery. The health reasons haven't gone away, and I am not sure yet how they will be resolved, but the newsletter coming off the President's plate has lightened the load. That leaves the Program duties.

If the Program responsibilities can be taken over by other members of the Guild, I would consider staying on as President, with the understanding that I need back up if I can't make a meeting or two due to my health. The newsletter would still be written, and the programs would still go on, and I wouldn't have to stress over those things.

The Program person(s) would not be responsible for securing the speakers. The Guild as a whole seems to be doing a good job of that. Two or more members can be responsible for the duties. Based on what I have been doing, the Program duties are:

- send an email confirmation to the speaker once a date has been arranged;
- get the speaker's bio and arrange for the Guild computer/projector to be at the meeting if the speaker needs it;
- ensure the speaker knows of the meeting time and location; and
- coordinate with the treasurer for speaker compensation

A member who has taken on a bit more responsibility this past year told me how gratifying it was to help the Guild. Something to think about.

May is the month for officer elections. The officers, according to the bylaws, are President, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Librarian, Historian, Membership, Program, and Liaison. The Guild elected a Secretary, and when the bylaws are amended, that office will be included, as will Webmaster. I believe everyone currently in those roles will continue, and I will provide a list with the agenda for the May meeting.

See you at the meeting, Karen

## **MAY 20 PROGRAM**

The May meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, 9:30 am, at Sports Basement, 2727 Milvia Street, Berkeley 94703. Carol Reinhold will present "Velvet Weaving from Oregon to Italy." Carol had the privilege of traveling a few years ago on a TSA (Textile Society of America)-sponsored velvet-weaving tour of Italy, led by Barbara Setsu Pickett, former head of the Fibers Department at the University of Oregon.

## **STUDY GROUP MEETS SATURDAY, MAY 11, 10 AM**

The Study Group will hold its last meeting before next September at Susie Hodges' house, \_\_\_\_\_. We will look at part of a DVD on "Deflected Double Weave" by Madelyn van der Hoogt. Bring your double weave projects for show and tell. We will discuss and decide on subjects for the Fall Study Group meetings. Some suggestions are to work on a project in kumihimo, card weaving or inkle band weaving. Or, we can begin study of another weave structure like Tied Weaves or Turned Taquete. If you will not be at this meeting and have an idea for a subject to study, pass it on to someone who plans to come. As usual, tea and a snack will be available.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Thanks to our website, we have a new member as of our April meeting. Welcome, Liz Keefe! Liz lives in Kensington. Her particulars can be found on the roster on the "Members" page of our website. By the way, the password for this section is \_\_\_\_\_.

## **AROUND THE GUILD: Of Looms and Warps and Schools and Things.**

On April 17, Val, Lynn, Sheila, Anne M., Sandy and Kate had a blast giving second graders at

the Cesar Chavez elementary school in Richmond a chance to weave. The kids really loved it, and several said they didn't want to stop, or they wished we would come back tomorrow. Their teachers were happy the kids now know that cotton does not come from sheep! Demos can be a wonderful experience for all.



For many years Golden Gate Weavers Guild did multiple demonstrations and provided hands-on weaving opportunities each year in parks and schools. Many Guild members have worked on Outreach and Val has been the primary contact for the schools. I took up that role from Val in September and at this point I'm willing to try one more year.

We need at least seven weavers interested in doing outreach in order to have a viable program. Some of you have given me your names and I will do another query when our year starts in September.

In the meantime, maybe the Members Only area of our new website would be away to organize the equipment owned by the guild. I can inventory how many looms (5 table+ 1 frame?), carders, bannars and other things we own so please tell me if you have guild equipment. Anyone wanting to borrow a loom for their own work or a demo could see what selection was available and contact the person who was using/storing it. When a loom is loaned out, the two parties involved should be clear about how long it will be used, how it will be returned, and how the warp will be replaced. A couple of you kindly volunteered at the meeting to help warp the Guild's little looms and that would be great for future demos. We could list volunteers for school programs and for re-warping looms in the Members Section.

We also need people with space to store looms. We have at least five or six now and my max is three (preferably only 2) in my tiny studio.

If you have thoughts about what we should do with our looms, please share them. If you haven't already told me that you want to be part of the school program next year, please email me at [kcolwell53@gmail.com](mailto:kcolwell53@gmail.com)

Thanks, Kate

## **EVENTS AROUND THE BAY**

### **Virginia Davis Exhibition**

Our talented member's work is currently being exhibited at the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI) in Berkeley. It will be there until June 28 and is open to the public 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. MSRI is at 17 Gauss Way in the hills above the UC campus. Gauss Way is the last turnoff before Grizzly Peak Blvd from Centennial Drive. For detailed directions. click on the link. <https://www.msri.org/web/msri/for-visitors/directions>

### **Richmond Art Center**

[www.richmondartcenter.org](http://www.richmondartcenter.org)

Here is the Sea; Faces Without Noses; 54th Annual WCCUSD Student Art Show; Richmond Creates: the 7th Annual Art in the Community Show  
All March 26 - May 17, 2019

### **De Young Museum**

[www.deyoung.famsf.org](http://www.deyoung.famsf.org)

Monet: the Late Years, February 16 - May, 27, 2019  
Gauguin: A Spiritual Journey closes June 23.

### **San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles**

[www.sjqUILTmuseum.org](http://www.sjqUILTmuseum.org)

The Marbaum Collection: Variations in Techniques  
H2Oh!  
Kristen Martincic: Swim Club  
All April 21 - July 14, 2019

Momentary & Timeless  
April 21 - June 2, 2019

Stone Portraits and Sacred Stonescapes: Denise LaBadie  
June 5 - July 14, 2019

Mayan Trajae: A Tradition in Transition  
July 21, 2019 – October 13, 2019

Borders  
July 31, 2019 – October 13, 2019

### **Classes at Windrush Farm**

[www.windrushfarm.wordpress.com](http://www.windrushfarm.wordpress.com)

Windrush Farm in Chileno Valley (Sonoma County) offers many spinning and natural dyeing classes.

### **Hello Stitch Studio**

[www.hellostitchstudio.com](http://www.hellostitchstudio.com)

Mariska Miller—Portrait Gallery

May 1-June 30

Artist Reception: May 17 from 6-8 pm

**Fibershed**, an agricultural co-op in northern California, has a great website with articles, programs, and events. Check it out at [www.fibershed.com](http://www.fibershed.com).

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** May 25 for June newsletter: [careinhold@mac.com](mailto:careinhold@mac.com). I am happy to send out occasional email blasts of information that doesn't fit the newsletter schedule in order to take some of the pressure off Karen.

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