

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH & APRIL, 2019

THURSDAY MEETINGS: Second Thursday of the month, 9:45 - 12:30, at the United Methodist Church; 1515 Fredericks St., SLO, in the Terrace Room. Refreshments are provided; bring your latest "Show & Tell"; raffle items and a few dollars for raffle tickets.

MAR 14 THE PAGENTRY OF JAPANESE TEXTILES ~ John Marshall is an expert on Japanese textiles. John teaches techniques such as indigo dyeing, paste-resist dyeing, stenciling, shibori and direct hand painting on silk. In addition, John collects antique and modern Japanese kimono, obi and other textiles.

John will tell us about the types of weaves and surface designs produced in Japan since ancient times. His presentation will include a wide range of slide illustrations as well as actual samples of the fabrics and the tools used to produce them. In addition, you can bring any of your own Japanese textiles for John to examine and hopefully, provide information about its history and the techniques used.

SPECIAL TRUNK SHOW OF JAPANESE TEXTILES FROM 2-4 P.M.; MARCH 14 AT THE STRAWBALE BARN. Guild members and their guests are invited to this special show, where a wide range of textiles and garments will be offered at special prices. John will donate a portion of the proceeds from the sale to the guild – don't miss this special event!

APR 11 ACADIAN BROWN COTTON ~ Los Angeles filmmaker Sharon Donnan will preview and discuss her film "Coton Jaune – Acadian Brown Cotton: A Cajun Love Story". Sharon will explain how she first discovered the descendants of the original Acadian spinners and weavers, and what she learned in filming this documentary. The current Acadian weavers are now growing brown cotton once again and once again weaving blankets and other items from the cotton. They are now part of the Louisiana Fibershed program. Sharon will have examples of the Acadian blankets for all to see and feel!

SATURDAY MEETINGS: Usually the last Saturday of the month, 10-2, in member's homes; potluck lunch; bring something for "Show & Tell". An RSVP to Kathy Briles, katbriles2@verizon.net would be appreciated.

MAR 30 DONATION THERAPY ~ The CNCH 2019 Conference Team has asked for "finely crafted" donations to The Pat Funke Memorial Silent Auction, which funds CNCH scholarships. These items should be "green" or in step with the conference theme "Fiber Therapy". Are you up for the challenge? We will be working on 2 projects, a *Reflect and Renew Wall Hanging*, and a *Shopping Therapy Tote*. If you can make a tassel, you're all set. If you can't, you'll learn how.

Meet at the Strawbale Barn, 9156 Santa Margarita Rd, Atascadero. All materials will be provided. A donation of \$1 is requested to help defray the cost of firewood, utilities and hot drinks.

APRIL 27 GARMENT GOINGS-ON ~ We'll start with an extended Show & Tell: participants from the John Marshall workshop will share their plans and progress and have an opportunity to ask for feedback and support. Even if you weren't in the workshop, we want to inspire you to start your own project!

After lunch, there will be a demonstration of the Square Neck Vest, a simple Saori-inspired garment that is made with 4¼ yards of 8" wide fabric. This is a good entry-level garment-making project and also a great way to showcase hand-spun and other special fibers. You can easily make one on your own - if you can weave a scarf, you are 80% done! Meet at Nancy Weber's, 505 Bernardo Ave, Morro Bay.

SPINNING MEETING

The Tuesday Spinners meet every Tuesday morning from 9:30 - 12:30, at the Strawbale Barn Weaving Studio, Atascadero. Call Rosemary or Kay Thorne for directions, 438-5501. Anyone wishing to learn to spin may join the group for informal instruction.

NOTE: A \$1.00 per visit donation is requested to help defray the cost of firewood, utilities and hot drinks.

STUDY GROUP

This group reforms every January and will be open to new members through the March meeting. Meetings are held in member's homes from 10:00 - 12:00; usually on the third Thursday of the month. Topic this year is Understanding Profile Drafting.

March 21, Meet at Else Drengler's barn, 2631 Fowler Lane, Arroyo Grande.

April 18, Meet at Shirley Ritter's home, 6550 Avila Valley Dr. (off San Luis Bay Dr.)

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: These groups are for our members who are interested in more specialized topics and want to meet with other like-minded weavers to share their knowledge and experience. Meeting times and locations vary throughout the year.

The **Tapestry S.I.G.**: If you are doing tapestries or interested in this weaving style, please come and join us. Contact Cindy Gaulin, 805-459-9361 or cakgaulin@yahoo.com, for more information.

The **Rigid Heddle S.I.G.** meets the 2nd Tues of the month, 1-3pm at the Strawbale Barn. For more information about this group, contact Diane Reynolds dianeleigh@sbcglobal.net.

Garment Construction S.I.G. ~ If you are interested in improving your sewing skills and creating garments from your handwoven fabrics, this is the group for you. Contact Patricia Martin, Patwove@aol.com or 805-441-8257; or Nancy Weber, 805-747-4132 or jnweber@yahoo.com for information on meeting topics, dates and locations.

2018-19 GUILD CHALLENGE ~ This time the challenge is to create a shadow weave table runner. It must be at least 42" long; width, color, design and fiber are all "maker's choice". What is Shadow Weave? Shadow weave is part of the Color & Weave family. While the structure is basically plain weave, the designs created by alternating dark and light threads in warp and weft are anything but plain. There have been many articles published in the last few years on Shadow Weave to inspire you – our library is a great resource. Finished runners will be presented and admired at the June picnic. dates and locations.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORKSHOPS: John Marshall will be presenting a workshop on Clothing Design on March 15, 16 & 17, 2019. The workshop is currently full, but a notice will go out if there are any last-minute cancellations.

REGISTRATION FOR THE CNCH CONFERENCE, "FIBER THERAPY", IN SONOMA ~

Registration opened on January 15 and there are still some workshops with openings; all registration will be online. Register before March 16 for the discounted, Early-Bird rate. All the information you need to register can be found on the CNCH website <http://www.cnch.org/conferences/cnch2019/> .

CENTRAL COAST WEAVER CNCH GRANT ~ The guild will award \$100 grants to three lucky first time CNCH Conference attendees to help defray expenses. You must first register for the Conference (see above), and then apply to Karen Wiley in writing (email is okay) **before March 1, 2019**. Selection will be made by blind drawing from the eligible applicants. A member who has been awarded one of the CNCH Conference grants will not be eligible for the guild grant. BUT, you can apply for a \$100 stipend from our own "Teach-it-Forward" grant program in addition to this award – see below.

CENTRAL COAST WEAVER TEACH-IT-FORWARD GRANT PROGRAM ~ A number of grants of up to \$100 each are available to guild members to further the education and awareness of weaving and spinning at any skill level. They are available to guild members for their own advancement or for teaching children or adults. The criteria and application form are available on the guild web site, or by contacting Ruth Rusch at imawever@gmail.com or 805-239-8779.

HALCYON YARN GUILD REWARDS PROGRAM ~ We have been approved and are now a member of the program. When you order from their large selection of weaving, knitting, and spinning equipment, materials, and books, Central Coast Weavers gets an annual Reward of 5% of our total sales. All you have to do is click on Guild Rewards at the top of the page and click on Central Coast Weavers from the list of participating guilds. Check out the website <https://halcyonyarn.com/> and start your shopping list!

FALL RETREAT AT CAMP OCEAN PINES ~ If you like morning mists, watching the ocean while spinning, seeing marvelous sunsets through the trees and lots of laughter then you'll have a great time at our annual retreat. The weekend of Nov. 8-10 is only 8 months away but time really flies when you're having fun. Put this important date on your calendar.

MID-STATE FAIR ~ We don't have much information yet, but we do know the fair will be held from July 17 to July 28. Deadline for entering the competitions will most likely be sometime in early June – stay tuned for more information as we get it.

GUILD BOARD MEETING – The board will meet on April 16, 5:30, at Jannie Taylor's, 1061 Islay St, SLO. Bring something for a light potluck supper.

MAY/JUNE/SUMMER DRAFT DEADLINE ~ Please submit your information by April 20, to Jannie Taylor, 1061 Islay St., SLO, 93401, or e-mail, jannietaylor1@gmail.com or phone 805-543-7467.

CONSIDER SWITCHING! READ/PRINT YOUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE: "The Draft" is always available on our web site in printer friendly, PDF format. Become a member of the majority by sending an email to jannietaylor1@gmail.com saying you want to switch to getting your newsletter on the guild web site.

GUILD WEB SITE MEMBER PAGES: You must be a registered user to access the "members only" pages. Once you've REGISTERED and your guild membership status has been verified, just LOG-IN using your email address and your self-selected password.

<<<<<< --- **Pass It Forward** --->>>>>>

Got something you no longer want? **Pass It Forward** to someone who could use it. The terms are simply that if the new owner finds they no longer need the item, they promise to **Pass It Forward** for free. If you have something to pass forward, either bring it to a guild meeting or contact Jannie Taylor, 543-7467, so she can get the word out.

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS TO THE 2017-18 ROSTER:

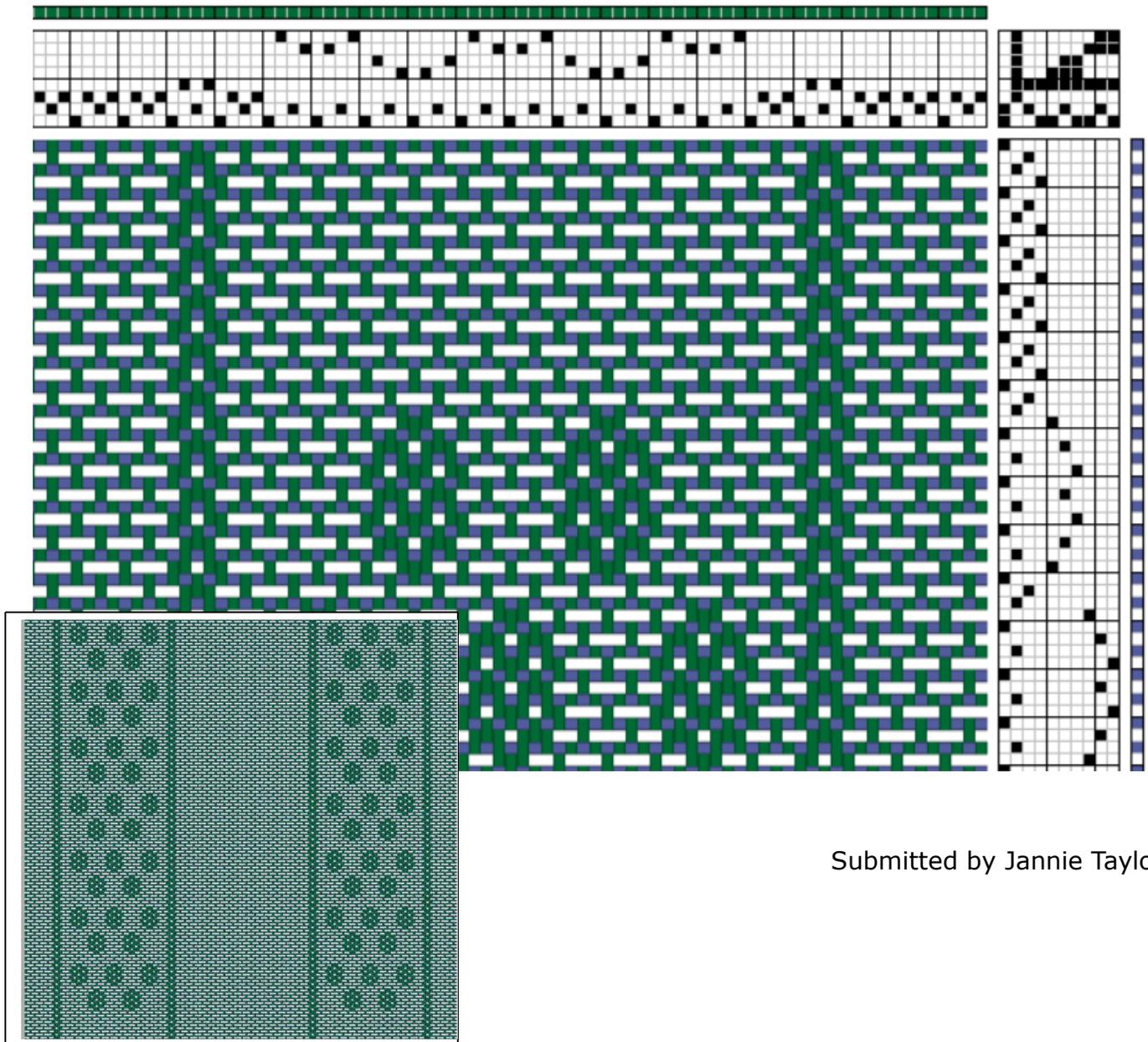
<p>New Member: Linda Gabrielson P. O. Box 1063 Los Alamos, CA 93440 802-279-9682 lrgabrielson@yahoo.com</p>	<p>New Email Address: Carolyn Schwarz carolyn_schwarz@comcast.net</p>	<p>New Member: Julie McKnight 9170 Mankins Court Atascadero 93422 julie301@gmail.com 805-468-4456</p>
<p>New Member: Eileen Ray 43 Shadow Mountain Drive Buellton, CA 93427 805-685-3336 eileenray43@gmail.com</p>	<p>New Member: Janet Swanson 633 Ramona Ave, Space 51 Los Osos, CA 93402 805-540-1911 jannyj@earthlink.net</p>	<p>New Member: Carol Georgi 243 Vista Del Mar Avenue Pismo Beach, CA 93449 805-458-5064 cdgeorgi@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Welcome to our new members!</p>		

Draft of the Month for March-April, 2019

Lots o'Dots Runner – Tied Weave on 8 shafts

This 8-shaft, block design uses a mixture of Summer & Winter and Double 2-Tie units to create the Dotty design. Warp is one solid color. Weft is on two shuttles; the tabby weft is the same or similar to the warp thread in size and color; pattern weft contrasts with the warp and may be a bit thicker.

Thread the design once or twice (you may want to add copies of Block A; 1,3,2,3 to make a wider center area). Weave the first 20 picks once or twice to get started, then repeat the next 32 picks as many times as needed; end with the same 20 picks (or more) you started with to balance the design.



Submitted by Jannie Taylor