

# It's that time again! ~Membership Renewal~

**Annual Guild Dues for 2019-20 are payable in May and June. Dues are \$30.**

Dues can be paid:

(a) *By mail*, with a check made payable to "**Central Coast Weavers**", using the form below. ("CCW" is no longer acceptable as payee on checks, must be spelled out.)

(b) *With cash or check* at the May or June Guild meeting.

(c) or *using PayPal or a Credit Card* on the website. Go to *centralcoastweavers.org*, click on "join us", click on "Pay Now" about halfway down the membership page. ▪ *If you joined the Guild after April 1, 2019, your membership will be effective through June 30, 2020.*

▪ *Members over the age of 80 are entitled to complimentary memberships. Please inform Camille if you qualify.*

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## CENTRAL COAST WEAVERS GUILD Membership 2019-20

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\_\_\_\_ I want to read and print the newsletter from the website – *preferred option*

\_\_\_\_ I want to receive the newsletter via U.S. mail.

Print and mail completed form, with check for **\$30** payable to "**Central Coast Weavers**", to Camille Nelson, 1695 Knoll Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. If questions, please contact Camille at [camillen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:camillen@sbcglobal.net)

# The Draft

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE  
CENTRAL COAST WEAVERS

**Guild Motto: Friendship is the Shining Path We Weave**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS for May, June & Summer, 2019

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

**MAY 9 Manos De Uruguay Yarn ~ Presented by Kris Gregson and Oz Barron, owners of Ball & Skein in Cambria ~** Manos de Uruguay is a non-profit women's cooperative that produces jobs and income for women in rural Uruguay. The women are organized in 12 different cooperatives in various small villages, where they dye a variety of wool and wool blend yarns. Although many yarn stores in the United States sell some varieties of Manos yarns, Ball and Skein in Cambria carries the complete selection – including merino wool, laceweight wools, chunky wools, and wool/silk blends. Each skein is hand-dyed, and each skein is identified by the name and village of the weaver, rather than a dye lot.

Kris and Oz will talk about their recent trip to Uruguay to meet the women of Manos. They will show photos of the dyeing process and will discuss the impact of the cooperative on the lives of women in rural Uruguay. And, yes, they just might have some beautiful yarn for sale!

**SATURDAY MEETINGS:** Usually the last Saturday of the month, 10:00-2:ish, usually in member's homes. Bring something for a potluck lunch and for "Show & Tell".

**MAY 25 The Fibers, the Fabrics and the Fashions of the 1930's ~** Guild member, Yvonne Smith, and her husband Vic have been "Living History" docents at Hearst Castle since 2008. As docents, the Smiths participate in the seasonal evening tours by dressing in vintage 1930s clothing and by pretending to be guests of William Randolph Hearst and his movie star girlfriend, Marion Davies. Over the past 11 years, the Smiths also have collected extensive vintage wardrobes and a selection of books about 1930s fashions. Yvonne's wardrobe includes frocks made of silk velvets, satins, and bias-cut rayon. The dresses are adorned with fur, studs, rhinestones, sequins, cording and seed beads.

Yvonne will discuss the fashions of the 1930s and will explain what features distinguish the 1930s from previous and subsequent decades. She will discuss the major influences on 1930s fashions as well as the primary fabrics used in 1930s fashions. In addition to showing photos of the fashions "in action" at Hearst Castle, Yvonne will provide an extensive display of a dozen of her favorite vintage frocks -- along with the furs, hats, gloves and vintage jewelry that she wears to accessorize them. This presentation promises to be the cat's meow!

Meet at the Strawbale Barn Weaving Studio, 9156 Santa Margarita Rd., Atascadero.

# 26th ANNUAL ALL-GUILD PICNIC & TAG SALE

June 8, 10:00 to 2:00 ~ at Betty Polansky's home, 836 Ballard Cyn Rd., Solvang.

It's the finale of the Guild Year; the annual June picnic and tag sale. Visit with friends, enjoy an outstanding potluck lunch, admire the work of your fellow Guild members, view the completed Challenge runners, and add to or reduce your collection of yarn and other treasures via the Tag Sale. There will be shopping, eating, visiting, showing and telling; another great Guild get together!

**REMEMBER TO BRING:** Your Weaver's Challenge runner; potluck picnic fare; items for the tag sale (clearly labeled with your name and price); your check book or ready cash for any irresistible bargains; and one or two things you've created this year for Show & Tell.

**MEMBERSHIP ~ This is a great time to pay your dues!**

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## SPINNING MEETINGS

The **Tuesday Spinners** meet every Tuesday morning, year-round, from 9:30 - 12:30, at the Strawbale Barn Weaving Studio, Atascadero. Call Rosemary or Kay Thorne for directions, 805-438-5501. Anyone wishing to learn to spin may join the group for informal instruction.

**\*\*\* A \$1.00 per visit donation is requested to help defray costs. \*\*\***

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**STUDY GROUP:** This group is now closed to new members until next January. The topic of study for this year is "Profile Drafting". Meetings are held in member's homes from 10:00 - 12:00; usually on the third Thursday of the month. Members are notified of meeting times and locations via email.

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**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.

**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.

**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.** ~ Summer Sew-in, Friday-Sunday, July 12-14th. Come with your handwoven fabric, patterns, muslin fabrics, sewing machine, and sewing stuff. Your enthusiasm, too. You will walk away with maybe a finished garment, and certainly some good ideas on what to do with your fabric. There are fittings, garment structure, pattern copying, and how-to's during this weekend. This is a non-structured time to focus on just sewing and all that entails. We have a little meeting at the beginning to get us focused, but then, it's wide open! It's a lot of fun.

If you are interested, please contact Nancy Weber, [jnweber@yahoo.com](mailto:jnweber@yahoo.com) to sign up for any one day, or all days. It is held at Nancy's house in Morro Bay. If too many want to come, there is a waiting list and you will be contacted.

**TWO UPCOMING WORKSHOPS - Sign up NOW!**



**Summer & Winter & More! ~ with Jannie Taylor  
August 10 & 11 at the Strawbale Barn Weaving Studio**

Learn all about the tied weave commonly known as "Summer & Winter" in this fun, Round-Robin workshop. Thread one loom and weave samples of a variety of Summer & Winter designs on 4, 6, 8 and more shafts. We'll talk about the influence of color, value and scale in these designs as well as using Summer & Winter for clothing, accessories and household textiles.

Students will each bring a loom, pre-threaded to a design provided by the instructor. Each workshop participant will leave the class with their own annotated Summer & Winter workbook and set of samples.

To sign-up, send your check for \$75 (payable to Central Coast Weavers) to Diane Ayers, 1678 Noyes Rd, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420. (This fee is non-refundable unless you can find a weaver to take your slot.) In addition, there is a \$35 materials fee for a comprehensive workbook; and an optional \$15 for a large collection of drafts on USB Flash Drive – you must have some type of weaving software to use these drafts.

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**Polychrome Crackle ~ with Susan Wilson  
September 27 - 29, 2019, at the Strawbale Barn Weaving Studio**

Crackle is a versatile weave structure that is ideal for color exploration. In this workshop you will sample a variety of polychrome treadlings on your own loom. Learn to design drafts, play with blocks, and manipulate colors for exciting results on just four shafts. Instruction in multi-shaft polychrome crackle is included on the third day. For weavers who have taken Susan's Classic Crackle & More workshop, this is an expansion on polychrome concepts from that class and beyond, focusing on independent design techniques and color experimentation.

To sign-up, send your check for \$160 (payable to Central Coast Weavers) to Diane Ayers, 1678 Noyes Rd, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420. (This fee is non-refundable unless you can find a weaver to take your slot.) When she gets your check, she will send you the pre-workshop instructions. Please contact Diane if you have further questions at: 805-235-1983.

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## NOTICES, UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**CNCH CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS** ~ 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" in color and/or concept to be in step with the theme "Fiber Therapy". Contact Kay Thorne (*not* Kathy Briles as initially announced) to arrange delivery; questions? Bill Jackson, [whjackson\\_52@hotmail.com](mailto:whjackson_52@hotmail.com)

PLUS, for those of you who are attending "Fiber Therapy" -- don't forget about the Tiny Purse Competition! Yet, another opportunity to challenge your creativity by making a container for your absolute necessities in and out the dining hall! Your container aka Tiny Purse must fit inside a 6" x 9" one-quart baggie and can have anything from a handle to a cross body strap. Everyone gets the opportunity to vote for their favorite. Prizes will be awarded during breakfast on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**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!

**THE MID-STATE FAIR ~ JULY 17 - 28, 2019 ~ "Let's Have S'more Fun!"**. The Fair is a great place to show your work and even win some prize money! You can enter up to 3 items in each of the weaving and spinning classes; there is a single \$5 entry fee for any number of entries. Go to <https://www.midstatefair.com/fair/exhibits-enter.php> to see the Competition Book and find the links to registration ~ **REGISTRATION IS ONLINE ONLY**. Deadline for **Home Arts** entries is June 11; delivery of items to the fair-grounds is on Friday, June 21, 2pm-6pm and Saturday, June 22, 9am-2pm. We are hoping to see lots of entries again this year. (Unfortunately, only SLO County residents can enter.)

We will be demonstrating weaving, spinning, felting, Kumihimo, etc., on Friday, July 19, noon to 8 pm and Saturday, July 27, noon to 8 pm. To sign up to demonstrate, call Rosemary Thorne; 805-438-5501. Participating is a lot of fun and also a great way to acquaint hundreds of people with weaving and spinning – come join the fun!

**WEAVING FOR BEGINNERS & BEYOND at WHISPERING VISTA STUDIO** ~ Contact Patricia for more information; [Patwove@aol.com](mailto:Patwove@aol.com) or 805-441-8257.

**13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SALE & GALLERY SHOW ~ Nov 1, 2, & 3, 2019** ~ Guild members may sell their own handcrafted items including: hand woven goods; items hand knit or crocheted from handspun yarn; baskets; felted items; handspun yarn, etc. Check the "Sale Rules" and "Minimum Prices" documents on the guild web site for more details.

Even if you don't want to sell your items this year, you can still participate in this all-guild event ~ contact Jannie Taylor, [jannietaylor1@gmail.com](mailto:jannietaylor1@gmail.com) or 805-543-7467 to join the fun.

**WEAVER'S RETREAT AT CAMP OCEAN PINES ~ NOVEMBER 8 - 10, 2019 ~** 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.

Bring your spinning, weaving, beading, knitting, camera, or books to just relax and let someone else do the cooking. You are encouraged to bring a guest, a new member of your guild, a family member or an old friend. Last year the weekend was absolutely gorgeous so of course we hope for the same this year

This year the cost for the weekend board and room is still \$195, Friday afternoon through Sunday breakfast. No refunds will be made after August 10, unless a replacement camper is found. Please reserve your spot now with a check payable to **Central Coast Weavers**; sent to Roberta Foster, 748 Meinecke, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405; or contact her at 805-549-9471 or [ted-foster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ted-foster@sbcglobal.net) – or you can give her a check at the June picnic.

A list of optional activities and what to bring will be sent out to all participants later in the summer. If you have an idea for a simple project or want to lead an activity please let Roberta know. For information about Camp Ocean Pines go to <http://campoceanpines.org/>

**WEAVER'S CHALLENGE:** Have you started your project yet? Just a friendly reminder that the June meeting is now only 6 weeks away! 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". Finished runners will be presented and admired at the picnic on June 8.

**WEBSITE RESOURCES ~** You probably know how to get your newsletter from the website, but are you aware of how much of that information is available 24/7, organized in an easier way than trying to remember the date of the newsletter where you might have read that article? Did you know you can find reimbursement forms, rules for the upcoming sale, info on teaching grants, library holdings, or wif files for the draft of the month? And these are a just a few examples of the resources and information available to you as a guild member.

**CONSIDER SWITCHING!  
READ/PRINT YOUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE**

Reduce your carbon footprint by sending an email to [jannietaylor1@gmail.com](mailto:jannietaylor1@gmail.com) saying you want save paper and postage by switching to getting your newsletter digitally as a PDF or simply reading it from the guild web site.

**GUILD WEB SITE MEMBER PAGES:** The "members" section of the web site has information intended only for guild members. You must register and create your own password before you can access the members pages. It may take a day or so for us to verify your membership status. After being approved, you will have full access to the web site.

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!** Everyone who uses Facebook regularly should add comments or upload photos of your weaving, looms, or other guild events to our page. Find our page at: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/CentralCoastWeavers>.

**FROM THE TREASURER:** Members who have bills outstanding should submit them to Karen Wiley for payment before she closes the books at the end of June.

**CENTRAL COAST WEAVER TEACH-IT-FORWARD GRANT PROGRAM** ~ Grants of up to \$100 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, at guild meetings or by contacting Ruth Rusch at [imawever@gmail.com](mailto:imawever@gmail.com) or 805-239-8779. Think about this if you're going to Convergence/CNCH and can share what you learn.

**GUILD BOARD MEETING** – The board will meet in August at Jannie Taylor's, 1061 Islay St, SLO – a notice will be sent to board members once we determine the date. Bring something for a light potluck supper.

**SEPT/OCT DRAFT DEADLINE** ~ Please submit your information before August 25, to Jannie Taylor, 1061 Islay St., SLO, 93401, or e-mail, [jannietaylor1@gmail.com](mailto:jannietaylor1@gmail.com) or phone 805-543-7467.

<<<<<< --- **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, asking the next person to do the same and so on. If you have something to pass forward, contact Jannie Taylor, 543-7467, to get it in the newsletter.

<b>Additions &amp; Corrections to the Guild Roster:</b>		
<u>Returning Member:</u> Wendy-Marie Teichert 307 Stillwell Drive Arroyo Grande, CA 93420 805-202-8167 916-216-0641 <a href="mailto:wmteichert@gmail.com">wmteichert@gmail.com</a>	<u>New Member:</u> Nancy Timmons 6995 Running Deer Road Paso Robles, CA 93446 714-785-4320 <a href="mailto:nanlovesart@gmail.com">nanlovesart@gmail.com</a>	<u>New Member:</u> Lois Summers 1325 NE Thompson Drive Bend, OR 97701 <a href="mailto:loisann@bendcable.com">loisann@bendcable.com</a>
<b>WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!</b>		

## DRAFT OF THE MONTH - May June Summer, 2019

Mitzi Mortimer shared a set of placemats in an interesting 2-block weave on 6 shafts. The draft for these came from "The Best of Handwoven - Yarn" series and was suggested for a baby blanket. Mitzi thought the weave would also work well as placemats – and it certainly did!



She wove her mats with several colors of 8/2 cotton in warp and weft. There are rather long floats, but the effect is rather like a big basket weave. The recommended sett is 24 epi balanced with 24 ppi.

The two blocks are 1-2-3-2-1-2-3 and 4-5-6-5-4-5-6; and must alternate to avoid even longer floats. Thread as many repeats of these two blocks as needed for your project. The treading is "Tromp as writ". The Tie-up is as shown below.

