

Guild Motto: Friendship is the Shining Path We Weave

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY, 2020

THURSDAY MEETINGS: Join us at the United Methodist Church in SLO; 1515 Fredericks St., in the Terrace Room on the second Thursday of the month, 9:45 - 12:30. Light refreshments are provided; bring something for "Show & Tell"; weaving/fiber related items for the raffle; and a few dollars to buy raffle tickets.

- Jan 9 THE STORY OF THE PENDLETON WOOLEN MILLS ~ Pendleton operates two textile mills in the Pacific Northwest; one in Pendleton, Oregon, and the other in Washougal, Washington. In August, Yvonne Smith visited the mill in Washougal, where the company weaves textiles for its clothing and does the finishing work on its famous woolen blankets. Yvonne will take us on a visual tour of the Washougal mill while she tells us about the company's history and evolution over the past 110 years.
- Feb 13 ANTARCTICA INSPIRED TARTAN! ~ Just over a year ago local weaver, Gael Mueller, visited Antarctica with a friend. Upon her return to the United States, Gael began a quest to design her own tartan inspired by the colors of Antarctica and her experiences on the icy continent. Gael will tell us all about her experience in researching, designing, and weaving a tartan and her success in registering her tartan with the Scottish Register of Tartans – see more at <https://www.tartanregister.gov.uk/tartanDetails?ref=12114>. Gael also will discuss how she managed to market her tartan to an Irish textile mill that will soon be producing a run of scarves based on her design. (This should inspire us to take the "Plaid Challenge" to create our own plaid design – see page 2.)

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

- Jan 25 ANNUAL ALL DRESSED UP LUNCHEON ~ This year's annual event will be held at the **River Grill at the Alisal**, at the Alisal River Golf Course, 150 Alisal Road in Solvang, <https://rivergrill.com>. Meet at the restaurant at 11:00, dressed up in something special, handwoven if you have it. Lunch entrees range from \$11 to \$14. Please contact Kathy Briles, (805-909-0914 or katbriles2@verizon.net) by January 21st to reserve your place. (Obviously, no potluck, but do bring something for Show & Tell!)
- Feb 29 KUMIHIMO BRAID ON THE MARUDAI ~ Learn to create flat and round braid using 8 weighted bobbins (tama) and a braiding stool (marudai). No worries if you don't have your own equipment; we will probably be able to borrow several Marudai and weighted film cans or medicine bottles can be used as tama – Jannie has lots of these to lend. You will need a small, draw-string bag with 8 oz. of weights; a few fishing weights work well for this. Yarn in a variety of colors will be supplied or you can bring your own. Meet at Jannie's house, 1061 Islay St., SLO.

SPINNING MEETINGS

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

STUDY GROUP

This group is open to new members from the January meeting through the March meeting every year. Meetings are held in member's homes from 10:00 – 12:30; usually, but not always on the third Thursday of the month.

January 16 Meet at Barb Schneiderhan's home, 9550 Los Palos Road, Atascadero. This is the meeting where we decide what we will study for the year. Come prepared to promote your choice of topic.

February 20 Topic, presenter and location to be decided at the January meeting.

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.: This group was formed in spring 2016. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm at the barn. The group weaves with many different types of smaller looms. Please contact Diane Reynolds for more information at dianeleigh@sbcglobal.net.

Garment Construction S.I.G.: If you are interested in improving your sewing skills and creating garments from your hand-woven 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 dates and locations.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RAILROAD COACH CURTAIN PROJECT ~ The SLO Railroad Museum is refurbishing a café-lounge car, re-named "La Cuesta". Built by the Pullman Company in 1926 for the Santa Fe Railroad as a diner/lounge observation car, it was donated to the museum in 2006.

In February, 2017, guild member and RR Museum docent, Norma Dengler, asked the Guild Board if we would be interested in helping with the refurbishment by weaving new curtains for the 10 large windows. The board voted to support the project and would look into assembling an ad hoc committee to coordinated the effort. Two years later, we are finally ready to roll – or weave as it were.

Several guild members signed up to help at the Holiday meeting, but we could use at least one more weaver; two more people to finish the woven cloth (wash and hem); and someone to document the process for possible publication. Contact Jannie Taylor, jannietaylor1@gmail.com or 805-543-7467, if you want to be part of this community outreach project.

NEW GUILD OFFICERS ~ In a few months we will begin taking nominations for guild officers for the next two-year term which starts next June. We accept nominations for any guild office, but we are especially looking to fill expected vacancies for First Vice-President, in charge of organizing the Thursday programs; and Second Vice-President, in charge of organizing the Saturday programs. Be thinking about assuming one of these important and rewarding Guild Board positions.

2019-20 PLAID CHALLENGE ~ The Challenge this year is to design a plaid and then weave a cotton kitchen towel in your plaid. If you don't have yours yet, contact Nancy Weber for a Challenge Envelope containing a collection of color cards for inspiration and a sheet showing some of the various classifications of plaid. Finished towels will be presented and admired at the June picnic.

LEARN TO WEAVE WEEKEND ~ January 18-19, 2020, 9am-4pm with intro and set-up Friday January 17 from 5-7pm. Take some time for yourself now that the holidays are over. This "four shaft weekend" will get you acquainted with a loom, how to prepare/dress a loom, understand terminology and weave a sample scarf on your own equipment. We will be working in Tencel™ and 2/2 Twill to create a beautiful scarf. Find out how much your loom really can do. This is also a great class if you would like to build a little confidence and ask questions after working on your loom a few times. There are a couple of looms available in the studio.

To Bring: 4-shaft loom, lease sticks, raddle if you have one, scissors, tape measure, some kind of carry container, lunch and water bottle.

Provided: Instructions, comprehensive notebook, warp yarn, water, tea and coffee.

Location: Whispering Vista Studios, 224 Squire Canyon Rd., San Luis Obispo (near Avila Beach); Patricia Martin, Instructor.

Sign up by contacting Patricia at Patwove@aol.com or 805-441-8257. The fee is \$200 for the weekend.

CNCH NEWS ~ The next CNCH conference, "Finding the Artist Within" will be held in San Francisco, on April 3-5, 2020, at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport Hotel. Even after registration being open for 2 months, many great workshops are still open. Everything you need to know, including complete descriptions of the workshops, is available on the CNCH website <http://www.cnch.org/conferences/cnch2019/> or get a conference booklet from Kay Thorne.

CENTRAL COAST WEAVERS CNCH GRANT ~ The guild will award grants of \$100 each 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.

NOTE: A member who has been awarded one of the CNCH Conference grants will not be eligible for the guild grant. BUT, you could apply for a \$100 stipend from our own "Teach-it-Forward" grant program. – see page 4.

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.

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, contact Jannie Taylor, jannietaylor1@gmail.com or 805-543-7467.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! Use this web address to find our page: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/CentralCoastWeavers>. Everyone who uses Facebook should add comments or upload photos of your weaving, looms, or any guild event.

CONSIDER SWITCHING! READ/PRINT YOUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE ~"The Draft" is always available on our web site in printer friendly, PDF format. Save your dues dollars to pay for programs and grants; send 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 ~ Only registered users can access the "members only" pages. Once you've registered and your guild membership status has been verified, you only need to LOG-IN using your email address and your self-selected password.

WEBSITE NEWS ~ Most Guild members now have full access to the website. If you are still having problems, instructions can be found at <http://centralcoastweavers.org/techno-help/>. Please contact our new web site coordinator, Karen McCleary, karenasca@att.net if you need help accessing the member pages.

GUILD BOARD MEETING ~ The board will meet in February, but details have not been finalized at this time. Board members will be notified via email once they are.

MARCH/APRIL DRAFT DEADLINE ~ Please submit your information by February 24, to Jannie Taylor, 1061 Islay St., SLO, 93401, or e-mail, jannietaylor1@gmail.com or phone 805-543-7467.

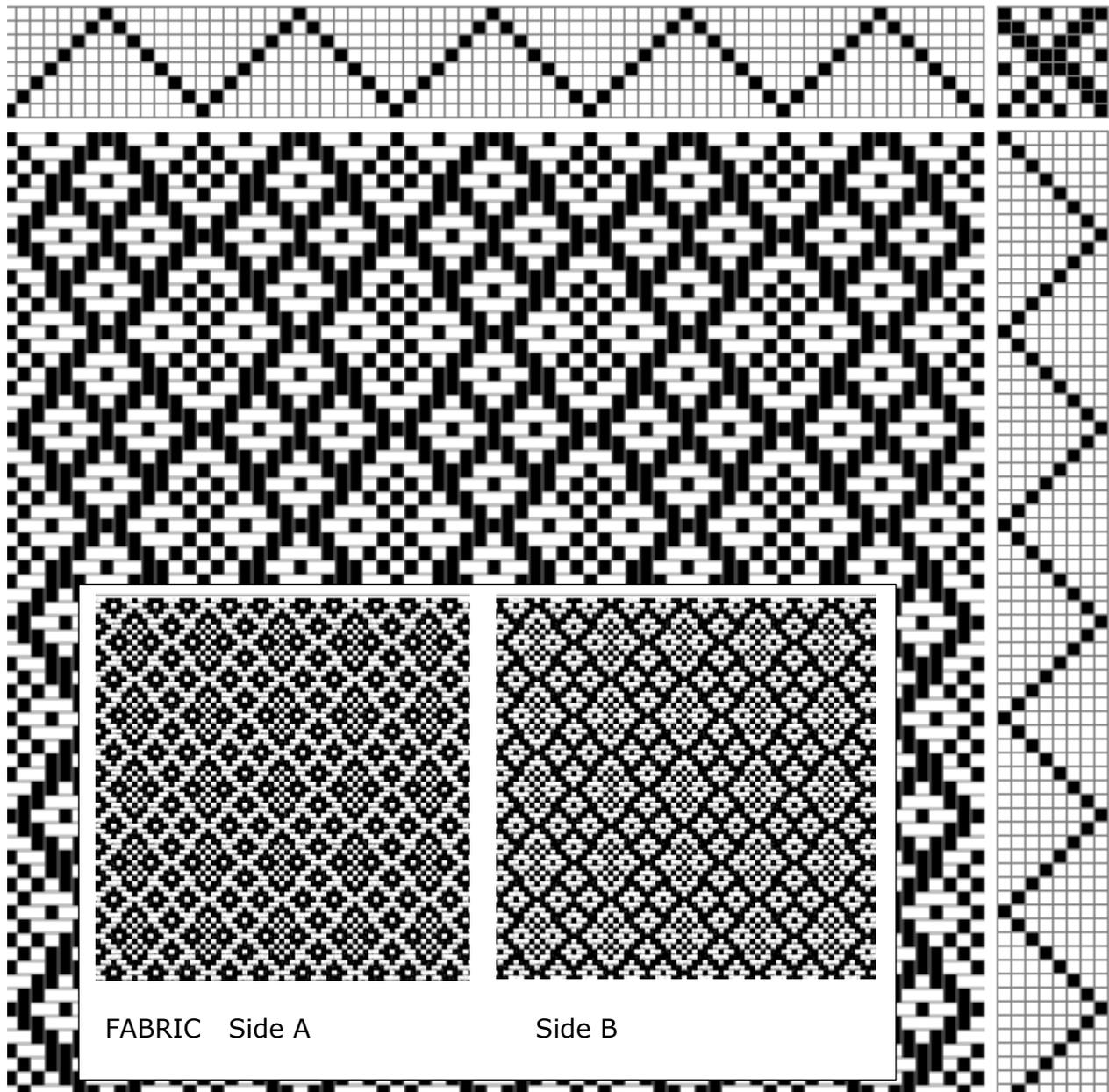
ADDITIONS TO THE ROSTER:

<u>New Member:</u> Melissa Enoch-Rex 2048 Green Brook Lane Paso Robles, CA 93446 609-933-3787 menochrex@yahoo.com	<u>Renewing Member:</u> Janine Rands 81 Encanto Lane San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 805-783-2083 (home) 805-704-0148 (cell) j9rands@gmail.com	Welcome & Welcome Back
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DRAFT OF THE MONTH – Jan/Feb 2020

Mille-fleur ~ Fancy Twill on 8-shafts

This “fancy”* twill creates the appearance of a field of tiny flowers. The longest float is only over or under three ends, making it suitable for any number of projects. Each side of the cloth is different, but both sides are attractive.



*A **Regular Twill** can be described by its ratio of lifted to resting shafts as in a 2/2 twill – two shafts up and 2 shafts down. A **Fancy Twill** cannot be described by a regular, repeating ratio of lifted to resting warp ends; a Fancy Twill tie-up has a varying number of lifted to resting shafts per treadle.

Designed & Submitted by Jannie Taylor