



NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Our guild will sponsor two workshops by Kathrin Weber of Blazing Shuttles. Both workshops will take place at the MS Craft Center in May. *Focus on the Warp: Controlling Creative Chaos* takes place Thursday and Friday, May 5 and 6. The follow-up workshop *Not Your Grandma's Dye Pot* takes place Saturday, May 8. Registration for both workshops is now open.

In *Focus on the Warp* students learn non-traditional techniques that allow them to work with multiple warps and design at the loom. They will use instructor provided hand-painted warps in which the colors flow and change, creating designs in the woven fabric that appear complex in planning, but actually spring from making flexible and intuitive decisions as they work. **CONT'D ON PAGE 2**



DEAR FELLOW WEAVERS AND SPINNERS,

Please join us this Saturday, January 16 at the MS Craft Center to hear our own Kathy Perito speak about the wonderful work of the Handweavers Guild of America (HGA) and plans for the upcoming Convergence in Milwaukee. Kathy serves on the HGA Board of Directors. If you're not already a member of HGA, you should be! The mission of HGA is to "encourage excellence, inspire creativity, and preserve fiber traditions through education."

YOUR SECRETARY, RETH

Upcoming Programs

- January—HGA and Convergence 2016 (Kathy Perito)
- February—Planning & Evaluating Your Work (Marcy Petrini)
- March—Fiber art cuffs (Debbie Stringer)
- April—Sheep to shawl
- May—TBD

Students will work with multiple warp chains in a variety of ways. Kathrin brings handouts with detailed projects. Each student chooses one project for the workshop and takes home information for the others for later exploration. Students bring looms with dummy warps and weaving tools. Kathrin supplies hand-dyed cotton 4.5 yard warps in a wide variety of colorways, hues, tones, and handouts for future reference. Cost of this workshop is \$125 for guild members and \$145 for non-members. Materials fee is \$45. This workshop is limited to 12 participants.

The goal for dyeing workshop is to learn the basics of dyeing: dyeing safely, traditional as well as non-traditional application of dyes, and processes needed to set the dyes for color fastness. And, beyond that, to learn to dye with personal fearlessness and intention. Students will learn fundamentals for dye application to produce one of a kind, technically sound and color-fast hand-dyed cotton yarn and fabric. Using 7 hues of Fiber Reactive MX dyes, students will begin to develop insight into the essence of color that allows them to blend, shade and produce a full spectrum of color.

Students will learn techniques for space-dyeing skeins and warps, resist dyeing yarn and fabric, how to use dyes safely and how to set up a basic dye kitchen. This is an approachable dye class particularly good for people who want to dye as if they are painting – not as a chemist in a lab. Students bring: cotton yarn of their choice to dye. Cost of this workshop is \$45 for guild members and \$55 for non-members. Materials fee is \$25. This workshop is limited to 18 participants.

TREASURER'S REPORT

After taking in \$165 in dues and workshop fees, earning \$.04 in interest, and paying out \$849.06 for expenses, our balance is \$4,187.88

Our expenses this month included \$26.57 for our non-profit status, \$100 memorial for Sharon Wyatt, and \$722.39 for the recent workshop on spinning exotic fibers.

JOIN US!

The CWSG newsletter is published the first week of each month and is distributed by email to members and friends.

We meet the 3rd Saturday of the month, usually at the MS Craft Center (upstairs) at 950 Rice Road, Ridgeland, MS 39157

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