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Hello to all our PGHW members on a mid-winter day!

Just a couple weeks ago we were in the midst of a winter snow and hopefully you're all warm with some cocoa or tea and your current project. One thing about fiber artists is our shared ability to keep entertained in the worst weather!

Luckily we didn't need to cancel any events or meet-ups but if there's another snowstorm, please check with your SIGs to make sure they are meeting before heading to Manayunk.

As we look ahead to warmer weather in 2024 we are starting to think about the opportunities for more Outreach events. Since we are a 501 3c non-profit organization, Outreach is a crucial part of the Guild's activities.

Currently we are still looking for someone to take on the role of Outreach Leader. The role of the leader is to contact our past venues to schedule for this year as well as looking for new venues to showcase all of the many fiberarts we all love and do.

And of course, all members are invited to come demo at any of the events. You don't have to be an expert, just a lover of whatever fiber craft you love doing. Most of our outreach events are held in the Spring, Summer and Fall so keep your eyes open for newsletter announcements and come join the fun with fellow members!

In the meantime, snuggle up, enjoy the Gazette and have fun with whatever you're working on.

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Portable Fibers Live

Myra Wood, SIG Leader



Ellie busy mending away!



Iyana S. consults Myra W. about her gorgeous lace knitting while the emotional support chicken looks on.

New date for the Name Badge Playgroup- February 7, 3:00-5:00 pm.

Please join us and make yourself a name badge to wear at all SIGs and events using whatever technique you want; weaving, crochet, kumihimo, sewing, applique, with fabric, yarn, thread, or whatever! Just bring whatever you need for your craft and perhaps a little extra to share. Hope to see you there!

Exploring Floor and Table Looms Melissa Terrels, SIG Leader

Our group has been meeting a few months and in those months we have learned a new way to warp a loom.

During this process, we all learned tips, tricks and how to correct many mistakes that often occur while warping - no matter what method you use! It's been a learning experience we hope to continue. We are currently warped and have a few more mistakes to fix before we start weaving. Come learn how to correct mistakes on a loom!

Our next project we hope to continue to learn new ways to warp and we will be doing an experiment and study on different kinds of cotton we are familiar with.







Tapestry and Little Looms SIG

Lori Falbo and Carlyn Nelson, SIG Leaders

The Tapestry SIG is expanding to include all Little Looms! Come join us from 2-4pm every 1st Saturday of the month. Potholder looms, inkle looms, mini tapestry looms, spool knitters, Kumihimo disks, pin looms, circular and triangle looms, frame looms, card weaving and more! We'll be exploring lots of techniques together. Open to all members who own a small loom or want to know more about them.

Rigid Heddle SIG

Christine Wilkinson, SIG Leader

The rigid heddle SIG is an active group of weavers who have found the portable Rigid Heddle loom to be a flexible loom for experienced weavers looking for new ideas as well as a valuable introduction to the craft of weaving. We meet on the first Sunday of each month, from 10 am to noon, at the Guild house with a Zoom link for those who want to attend remotely. During our January meeting we brainstormed topics to look into during 2024, including Clasped Weft; open weaves such as Leno and Brooks Bouquet; 3-D weaves; how to fix mistakes on and off the loom; finishing techniques; and finding the right yarn for each project. All are welcome at our next meeting on February 4, 10-12 at the Guild. A Zoom link can be found in the SIG's description on the webpage.



Join the Emotional Support Chicken KAL!

Life is Hard! We all need a chicken to make it better!

All members are invited to join in this fun and informal knit-along brought to you by Portable Fibers Live. Pattern Support available on Wednesdays from 1-3

Purchase pattern here:

Irv.com/patterns/library

ravelry.com/patterns/library/ emotional-support-chicken

Kits available from Knitting Tree LA (search:chicken): https://theknittingtreela.com/collections/all



Book Arts SIG

Christine Wilkinson, SIG Leader

The Book Arts SIG has grown since its first meeting to include 19 members. Our SIG goal is to explore the wide range of techniques for creating handmade books — stitching, folding, cutting, gluing, decorating — using paper, fabrics, and recycled materials. At our January meeting, members shared rare handmade booksthey had collected as well as examples of their own original books at various stages. We also had a short tutorial on a basic stitched binding, called a pamphlet stitch. A diverse group of weavers, stitchers, printmakers, collagists, knitters, crocheters, and paper artists, we are united by our curiosity about book forms.

Please join us at our next meeting on February 11, at 12:30.



SIG members admire Faye S.'s fabric "pant's leg" book, as she explained how she will add more cloth pages to the book.



Christine W. shows an accordion fold book on the theme of Phases of the Moon.

Hand Stitching SIG

Sheryl Kessler, SIG Leader



Sheryl K's pieced and stitched fabric collages



Zoe R and Linda P share their blue work: Zoe's is cross stitch and Linda's is needlepoint.

Calling all hand stitchers and book artists:

Join the online 100-day stitch book challenge by Ann Wood started on January 19, but it goes on until April 27, so there's still time to catch up and participate. The idea is to commit to stitching for 15 minutes per day; in 5 days you will complete a page and at the end of the challenge you will be able to bind your cloth book.

More info: https://www.annwoodhandmade.com/stitch-book-100-day-project/

Knit and Crochet SIG

Joanne Zimmermany, SIG Leader

The January Knit/Crochet SIG was fun and busy as usual, with members knitting with handspun yarn, knitting socks, crocheting with thread, crocheting a blanket and much more.

Our next meeting is Feb. 18th. Please join us.















FIBERPALOOZA



Spring is coming and so is FIBERPALOOZA!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday April 28th** for the PGHW Spring FiberPalooza a.k.a. Philly's Finest Fiber Festival.

The event is held at the Guild from noon until 3pm (note new end time this year). Once again we will be selling discounted yarns, books, spinning fibers, tools and equipment, all proceeds benefitting PGHW. We will also have independent vendors outside selling fiber-related items.

Vendor spaces available for \$15. Everything else sold by PGHW at FiberPalooza is donated to the Guild. If you have anything fiber-related to donate for this event, please contact Judy Donovan at <u>Library@PGHW.org</u>. **Drop-off of donated items at the Guild will happen only during the week of April 21-27**.

Please don't leave items at the Guild house before this time unless you have made prior arrangements with the FiberPalooza Chair, Judy Donovan. The Guild house doesn't have the space to 'warehouse' donations for months prior to the event. An acknowledgement form for donations will be available for those donors who want them for tax purposes.



Come check out the new PGHW Member Gallery Wall at the Guild!

The newly painted gallery wall now allows the Guild to highlight the creative diversity of our membership on an ongoing basis. The exhibit will be a rotating display so each time you are at the Guild you may view new works.

All members, from experienced to novice, are encouraged to loan the Guild one or two pieces of your recent work to adorn the Member Gallery wall. Here's all you need to do: Log into the Member homepage of the website and click on the link to "Gallery Wall" on the left. Complete the Submission Form and someone from the Gallery committee will get in touch with you to arrange for a time to drop off your work. Work must be dropped off at the Guild House by the member at a prearranged time. If you need help with that, please contact the committee.

All work must be: created by a member; in a finished form; and prepared for hanging on the wall. We hope you'll be willing to share your work with the Guild for at least a month, perhaps longer. Remember, this will be an unjuried display that will rotate throughout the year, and all members are invited to participate.

Member Gallery Committee: Valerie Ciliberti, Christine Wilkinson, Myra Wood

February 10





Paper Weaving with Myra Wood

February 10 @ Noon to 3:00 pm

Join Myra for this special event and recycle your old catalogs into functional items and accessories. Learn how to create interlocking links to make strips that can be joined into a larger, paper-woven fabric.

This sustainable craft is open to all, members and non-members alike, and no experience is necessary.

All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring any catalogs you've collected and want to transform.

A \$10 fee will hold your spot if you are a member and \$25 if you are a non member. Everyone is welcome!

100% of the fees are a donation to PGHW.

More info and sign up here:

https://pghw.org/event/paper-weaving-at-the-guild/



February 11



OPEN HOUSE! Free Event - Learn to Spin in South Philly

February II, 2024 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

South Philly Yarn and Craft at 1625 S. 11th Street, B, Philadelphia, PA 19148 is hosting an open house featuring PGHW Spinners demonstrating spinning techniques including drop spindle, wheel and E-spinners.

Come check out what it's like to spin your own yarn and find which technique is best for you.

More info:

southphillyyarnandcraft.com/classesandworkshops

starting February 12



February 17



starting March 14



Learn to Weave on a 4 shaft loom – Winter, Evening class February 12, 2024 @ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Melissa Terrels will guide you as you create a weaving sampler of various weave structures from start to finish under her guidance as an experienced instructor on a 4 harness, 6 treadle floor loom. Beginners will make a sampler using cotton yarn belonging to the guild.

Class dates are weekly (3 weeks, 2 times/week): February 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 & 29 6:30 – 9:00 pm. The class is long enough that students who miss a session will have ample time to make any lessons up.

More info and sign up here:

<u>pghw.org/event/learn-to-weave-on-a-4-shaft-loom-2/2024-02-15/</u>

Weave a Wine Tote or Utensil Holder with Sara Robbins February 17, 2024 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Would you love to carry your favorite wine in your own handmade wine tote or give it as the perfect gift for a special friend? Then this class is for you! No experience is necessary. Students will learn to include a handle in the weave, square the bottom of the basket, twine, upstake, stop and start weaving while shaping the sides, and lashing on the rim. You can even add color to your basket if you choose. What is better than wine? Wine in a basket you made! This class is the perfect way to start, or continue, your weaving journey.

Sorry this class is full. If you would like to be on the waitlist contact <u>robbinssk@gmail.com</u>

Getting Comfortable with 8-shaft weaving, Huck Lace! Thursday evenings, March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18 @ 6-9pm

Nancy Shiffrin will guide you as you create a beautiful scarf or table runner in Huck Lace. Huck Lace is almost as easy to weave as plain weave, since the classic structure is all in the set up. This class is appropriate for any level of weaver who has taken at least one beginning weave class.

More info and sign up here: https://pghw.org/event/getting-com-fortable-with-8-shaft-weaving-huck-lace/2024-03-14/





PGHW Proposed Tapestry Class

May 9- May 12 @ 9:00am- 4:00 pm

PGHW is looking to host a workshop on how to create a Frida Hansen style open warp transparent tapestry. Before we commit to this expense, we would like to poll our membership to see if there is interest in this kind of workshop! The fee will not be more than \$400.00

To read about the proposed workshop, please click here: https://pghw.org/robbielafleur-2/

Proposed Schedule:

May 9, Thursday evening — I hour guild-wide lecture

May 10 Friday — workshop 9-4pm (1 hour off for lunch each day)

May 11, Saturday — workshop 9-4pm

May 12, Sunday (Mother's Day) — workshop 9-4pm

If this is something you would be interested in taking, please answer this VERY SHORT POLL: http://tinyurl.com/yejxh47y

Other Classes and Events

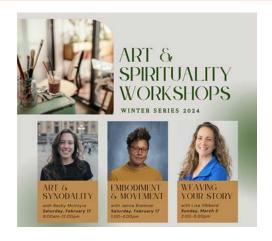


The Greater Philly Yarn Crawl is organized by the Local Yarn Shops in Greater Philadelphia! The 2024 Greater Philly Yarn Crawl is our first-ever Philadelphia yarn crawl and we are so very excited to welcome you to this fun four-day event taking place **March 14-17**, **2024** across 14 shops.

A yarn crawl is an organized event giving fiber craft enthusiasts the opportunity to visit the local yarn shops in the area. You can register for the crawl by pre-ordering a Passport (\$5) or Passport/Tote (\$20) that will be available for pick-up during the crawl at the first shop you plan to visit. We are so very excited to welcome our Greater Philadelphia yarn community to all of our shops!! By supporting the Greater Philadelphia Yarn Crawl you are supporting 15 small businesses! We appreciate this community and can't wait to see you on the crawl this year - THANK YOU!

More info here: https://www.phillyyarncrawl.com/

Other Classes and Events







Art & Spirituality Workshop: Weaving Your Story

On March 3rd, Lisa Hibbard will ground us in the spirituality of her own experience with weaving and guide us through the basics of creating with yarn on a loom. Participants will have two hours to weave and weather depending, will be invited to weave outside, incorporating found objects from nature into their design. We'll close with a group reflection.

More info and registration here:

straphaelacenter.org/event/art-spirit-workshop-weaving-stories/

St. Raphaela Center, 616 Coopertown Road, Haverford, PA 19041

Spring Classes Announced- Green Matters Natural Dye Co.

Check out all the new offerings for the spring! Green Matters Natural Dye Company's mission is to bring pollution-free color to the textile industry by using all-natural dye ingredients. We offer a wide range of workshops as well as open studio time in our facility outside of Lancaster. PA

For more info about workshops:

<u>www.greenmattersnaturaldyecompany.com/</u>

5541 Old Philadelphia Pike, Gap, PA 17527

New! Shed Talks from NJ Fibershed

Shed Talks is a series of free, virtual educational seminars and workshops on various topics ranging from acquiring, raising, and caring for fiber animals, crafting/foraging, and growing dye plants, and that's just some of the topics for this year.

This series will run once a month starting on January 28, 2024 through May 19, 2024.

More info here:

njfibershed.com/product/shed-talks-2024/



Textiles & Tea

As you may know, the Handweavers Guild of America (HGA) sponsors interviews on Textiles and Tea every Tuesday from 4-5 p.m. ET on Zoom. Registration is required.

For more information on each program, go to https://weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/



MAFA has added new classes since the last newsletter!

February 1 - 15: The World of Computer Weave Drafting with Liz Moncrief

February 10: Paint Two Beam One with Denise Kovnat

February 10: Intro to Bead Weaving with David Heustess

February 24 - March 9: Echo & Jin: Variations on a Theme with Denise Kovnat

February 24 - March 16: Sculptural Vessels with Right Angle Bead Weaving with David Heustess

More info and sign up here:

https://www.lessonface.com/mafa



Join Melissa Leapman and friends for a fun-filled knitting weekend in historic Philadelphia this Memorial Day Weekend at

Knitopia Philadelphia May 24-27, 2024

Romi Hill, Lisa K. Ross, and international sweater designer Sari Nordlund from Finland join Melissa to teach classes and design workshops.

More info and sign up here:

https://melissaleapman.com/knitopia-philadelphia



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January 12 - May 26, 2024 OPENING EVENT: February 2, 2024 | 5 - 9 PM at the THE DELAWARE CONTEMPORARY, 200 South Madison Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

More info here:

https://www.decontemporary.org/lush-morphology

Shuttle Service

January 12th – February 29th at the Arts League, 4226 Spruce St., Phila.



EMILY CARRIS-DUNCAN

OB WEINBERG

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More info here:

Rachel Snack, and Eugene Lew that spotlights and facilitates collective creation via weaving and sound/music-making by exploring common threads and encouraging the development of new connections between operators and visitors in these fields.

Shuttle Service is a community-based project led by Emily Carris-Duncan,

https://shuttleservice.space/shuttle-service-at-arts-league





Nora Gabor Eloise DeHaan Jason Hellmann Elizabeth Ewina Cynthia McMillan Jocelyn Sendecki Danielle Stark Sharon MacKenzie Chau Nguyet Fran Tanney Loretta Sauermelch Stephanie Sher Carole Weathers



Movie Night is back!

Philadelphia Movie Night - Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00pm

Movie Night Changes - We are combining our movie night with the MAFA Movie night. There is a new day and a new link. Movie night will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7pm. on Zoom at:

https://zoom.us/i/96800027165?pwd=dzhvQUhYZzN1q0ZhMEtNTU9PV2kxZz09





This month we are highlighting a very special fiber artist, Ethel Stein (1917-2018). She worked largely out of the artistic limelight at her home in Croton-on-Hudson, NY. Jack Lenore Larson commented, "Ethel Stein did not shun an audience; rather, she sidestepped the pervasive marketing focus of others.

Stein trained as a woodworker, painter and sculptor. She became interested in textiles in the 1970s. She began her investigation of the techniques of weaving by studying historic textiles in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Cooper Hewitt. She resurrected historical weaving techniques and merged them with 20th-century Bauhaus design sensibilities. Stein's great contribution to weaving was her unique combination of refined traditional weaving techniques, possible only on a drawloom and used by few contemporary weavers, with modernist sensibilities influenced by Josef Albers, who trained in the German Bauhaus with its emphasis on simplicity, order, functionality, and modesty.

Videos will be followed by a slide show and lively discussion.

This is the only video on file and was made in 2014 in honor of Stein's exhibition at The Art Institute of Chicago. This powerful and inspirational video is only 2 minutes and 33 seconds long.

Master Weaver, Ethel Stein 2:33- https://vimeo.com/97457445

Weaving Basics: Weaving on a Drawloom 4:49- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1p4dBQKpr Slides:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1dLkgzs0iLE-agDIWg6by-r4gCO6ptlLfuillOG5Rik8/edit?usp=sharing

SIGs - Special Interest Groups

Check the <u>online calendar</u> at pghw.org/events for changes and updates

Weekly Meetings

West Philly Portable Fibers Meet-up

Group Leader: Kate Dorsch

Every Monday @ 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm

This Portable Fibers Group will meet at the Free Library at 40th and Walnut every Monday, 5:30 to 7:30 pm, in their main meeting room.

Center City Portable Fibers Meet-up

Group Leader: Linsey Will

Every Tuesday @ 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm, Trinity Memorial Church, 2212 Spruce Street – no religious affiliation.

Portable Fibers Live at the Guild

Group Leader: Myra Wood

Come join the fun every Wednesday @ 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm at the Guild House. Bring whatever you're working on.

Evenings at the Guild

Group Leader: Lee Robinson

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm at the Guild House

Monthly Meetings

Tapestry & Little Looms!

Group Leaders: Lori Falbo and Carlyn Nelson

Saturday, February 3 @ 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm

Rigid Heddle Weaving

Group Leader: Christine Wilkinson

Sunday, February 4 @ 10:00 am- 12:00 pm

Spinning

Group Leader: Bridget Flynn

Sunday, February 4 @ 12:00 pm- 2:00 pm

Sewing

Group Leader: Mary Glenn

Sunday, February 4 @ 2:30 pm- 4:30 pm

Sustainability SIG

Group Leader: Ali Valin

Thursday, February 8 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89896636609

SIGs - Special Interest Groups

"We learn by doing and grow by sharing"

Multi-shaft Weaving

Leader: Charlene Marietti

Sunday, January 11 from 12:30 pm- 2:30 pm via Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85488602869

Surface Design

Group Leaders: Valerie Clark Bolton and Lian Sawires

Sunday, February II @ 10:00 am- 12:00 pm

Book Arts SIG

Group Leader: Christine Wilkinson

Sunday, February II @ 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Hand Stitchers

Group Leader: Sheryl Kessler

Sunday, February 18 @ 10:00 am- 12:00 pm

Knitting, Crochet, & Finger Weaving

Group Leader: Joanne Zimmerman

Sunday, February 18 @ 12:00 pm- 2:00 pm

Felting

Group Leader: Marcie Ziskind

Thursday, February 22, 9:30 am-11:30 am

Exploring Floor & Table Loom Weaving

Group Leader: Melissa Terrels

Saturday, February 24 @ 11:00 am- 1:00 pm

Natural & Synthetic Dyeing

Group Leaders: Dottie Yacek-Matuis and Charlotte Chatfield

Saturday, January 13 @ noon - 2:00 pm, Synthetic dyes 2:00 pm- 5:00 pm

Outreach

Group Leader: Sara Robbins

Check the Calendar to see upcoming events or email: outreach@pghw.org to volunteer

Dye Garden

Group Leaders: Beth Uzwiak and Veronica Hanssens

We'll be back in the Spring and we're still looking for new leaders.

Media to West Chester and Beyond!

Group Leader: Myra Reichel



Statement of Activities (Income Statement)

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Foundation Grants	13,970	9,589	10,089	6,000
Individual Contributions	928	400	437	500
Total Contributed	14,898	9,989	10,526	6,500
EARNED REVENUE				
Membership Fees	8,261	10,500	12,555	8,200
Celebration of Fibers Fees	-	800	50	1,050
Other Earned	1,866	3,360	4,625	750
Earned Sales Revenue NET of expenses, in	structors, & me	ember payou	ts	
Classes & Workshops (NET)	4,322	9,500	8,897	1,500
Fiberpalooza (NET)	3,583	6,100	3,678	5,900
Holiday Sales & Fees (NET)	**************************************	2,400	1,611	950
Craft Shows (NET)	<u> </u>	350	234	(535)
Total Earned	18,032	33,010	31,600	17,815
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Education: Classes & Workshops (see NET				
Programs / Membership	185	1,300	1,110	2,600
Events / Exhibits	9 4 9	850		700
Library (Books, Subscriptions, Equipment)		5,450	6,536	1,275
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TOTAL EXPENSE	10,214	31,700	31,259	22,525

Fiber Art Warms the Heart

Mix it up with knitted gloves, a crocheted hat and woven scarf. Embellish something old to create something new and exciting with a few colorful stitches. Make a few alterations that turn that garb into shapely fashion. With botanicals and a few other Surface Design techniques, what was drab now pops.

Out with the old in with the You. Share your adventure with others through a beautifully made keepsake book. Add something you have done to the Guild's gallery wall to share your joy and inspire. Maybe you have a new way tof doing something that others would love to learn.

The creative energy within warms the heart when it is shared with others, for it is a spirit that resonates. It is a never-ending flow that nurtures and refreshes. Sometimes this flow hits a boulder, but seeing what others are doing gives insight into the way around it, and everyone is ignited by feeling your energy again.

Make those you love feel their worth by embracing them wherever they are with something that touches their heart with the hands that made it.

Guild on my Valentines! Guild on! *Margie Gale*

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)

	First Quarter		
	FY24		
	ACTUAL	FY22-23	FY21-22
	as of	Year End	Year End
	9/30/23	6/30/23	6/30/22
Current Assets			
Cash	49,031	41,970	38,198
CDs	93,467	93,428	93,326
Stripe	2,344	2,578	-
Accounts Receivable	301	1,300	
Fixed Assets (Guild House, Equipment)	144,414	136,816	133,256
Total Assets	289,557	276,091	264,780
Liabilities (Accounts Payable)	2,064	2,388	-
Net Assets			
Net Assets without Restrictions	259,777	257,836	259,780
Building Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000
Current Period Surplus (Loss)	22,716	10,867	-
Total Net Assets & Liabilities	289,557	276,091	264,780





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