

PONDEROSA, SPINNERS, WEAVERS & FIBRE ARTISTS NEWSLETTER, January 2014

Website <http://ponderosaguild.weebly.com>

President's Message:

Well it is a grey dull day as I sit here and wonder what to write. 2014 has started and I wonder where 2013 went. What did I do in the past year that stands out and more importantly what goals do I have for this coming year.

I did think about a New Year Resolution, but heck those things only last a few weeks. The challenge I am offering myself is a need to get through my stash. We are putting out a stash bust challenge for the summer meeting. So I need to figure out what to do with the bins of fleece and fiber that I have and come up with a project for June's meeting. I have one or two in mind but they depend on how the spinning works out. I will keep you posted over the coming months.

I hope you have made plans for the projects you want to get done before the summer weather calls us outside. I have actually successfully spun up all the Suri Alpaca I currently own (I hope). Now I am focusing on my second small bin of the winter season. The days are slowly getting longer and the holidays are behind us. Time to focus attention on what we want to do, not what we need to do.

See everyone at the upcoming meeting, and remember the meetings are for you, so any Ideas or suggestions are always welcomed.

Chris

Meeting information:

1. Tuesday Jan 24 2014 7pm- Annual general meeting and stash swap. Bring your un-needed stash to swap. If you have no stash, don't worry there are people willing to share theirs with no swap!
2. Friday Feb 25 2014 10am- guest speakers – baby wearers group.



News

- ****Guild membership fees are now due**** Cost is \$55 for full membership which allows you to put items in the sale and to vote. For an associate membership cost is \$40. Mailing address is #204 - 421 Cawston Avenue, Kelowna, BC, Canada V1Y 6Z1 if you cannot make it to the studio to renew.
- **Updated website** Karla has updated our website and put it on a different server. The new address is – <http://ponderosaguild.weebly.com>
- **Fibre Fun afternoon:** on the second Saturday each month from 1pm – 4pm, bring your favourite fibre activity and enjoy time together in the studio. Everyone is welcome.

Next one is **Feb 8** Fibre afternoons will continue through to spring – March 8, and April 12.

- **Soup & Bun night** – Tuesday Feb 25 Sandy will talk about repairing weaving errors – bring your “oh no” projects and your questions and learn how to salvage these dreaded problems. Please contact Sandy ahead of time to let her know your questions so she can be prepared.
- **Guild challenge:** Put your creative juices to work for a guild challenge of a stash busting project. We will share them at the summer wind up. Stash is defined as any fibre art raw material, partially completed project, or idea.

Thank you:

Thank you to Lisa for hosting the December Pot luck.

Volunteer corner:

- **School program volunteers-** we will once again be offering our school program to 7 lucky grade 3 classes from Feb – May. We need volunteers to make this work. Come and enjoy the fun of introducing grade 3 children to fibres, weaving and spinning. No experience is needed. Dates – Feb 4&19, Mar 4, April 2&15 May 6 &21. Please contact Susan or Chris if you can help.
- **Workshop coordinator** needed. Please volunteer for this position to coordinate workshops. This position has been separated from the Vice President's position. Please contact Chris or Kirsti for details.

Workshops & guild projects:

1. **Beginner weaving** –January 25 & Feb 1 from 9am-3:30pm. Cost \$120 everything included. Register through the RCA. www.rotarycentreforthearts.com
2. **Beginner spinning** – a daytime class Feb 11,18,25and Mar4 9-11am Cost \$75 (include use of apining wheel) Register through the RCA www.rotarycentreforthearts.com
3. **Introduction to needle felting-** Sat. Feb 22 or March 15 1-4pm. Cost\$30. Register through the RCA. www.rotarycentreforthearts.com
4. **40th Anniversary Blanket-** is underway. We hope to be done before our 41st anniversary.



Show & Tell:

This month I'm including a few shots from the sale. There will be a gallery on the new website where more will be posted.



Member fibre events

If you are a member and have an event you are hosting, or participating in we can include it here. Please contact Val.



Library report:

There are 2 new books and a new DVD in the library. Double Weave by Jennifer Moore, The Weavers' Pattern Directory by Anne Dixon, and the DVD – Inkle Weaving A-Z the basics and beyond From Interweave Press



Websites and Blogs etc:

A couple of quotes from Gossamer Webs the history and techniques of Orenburg lace Shawls by Galina Khmeleva

“New comes from old. Family to family, mother to daughter, grandmother to granddaughter. This is where the best traditions come from. This is tradition. If you can do something well, you have to help someone else do it”
Attributed to Anna Fiodorovna Blinova

“Gossamers make all women beautiful. But the beauty is most dear to the shawl knitting Russian woman who gives it the warmth of her hands and the generosity of her soul. That is why these light patterns, like a winter’s morning breath, bring happiness.” Rosa Sakhabovna Gumerova

Tracy Satin, spoke to the guild about her work with Westbank First Nation. Current location of “the

repository” which includes a nice basket collection is 211-3011 Louie Dr. Westbank. 250-768-7738
<http://www.wfn.ca/siya/language.htm>

Hand woven technology – check out this story that shows that hand work has a place in our modern society. <http://gizmodo.com/this-high-tech-surgical-implant-is-hand-woven-on-a-wood-1493162087>

Wool Whisperers- a program from Newfoundland about knitting and knitters.
<http://www.cbc.ca/player/Shows/ID/2341908593/>
(thanks to Victoria guild newsletter for this story)



**Upcoming Dates to Mark in Your Calendar:
Jan Feb Mar**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Jan 26	27	28 AGM + Stash swap 7 pm	29 Learn to Spin Rug Hookers 1230- 330	30 Spinning 12-3	31	Feb 1 Learn to Weave
2	3	4 School program 9- 11	5 Learn to Spin Rug Hookers 1230-330	6	7	8 Fiber Fun Day 1-3
9	10	11 Learn to Spin 9-11 Drop in 11- 2	12_R Rug Hookers 1230-330	13 Spinning 12-3	14	15
16	17	18 Learn to Spin 9-11 Drop in 11- 2	19 exec meeting @630 School program 9-11 Rug Hookers 1230-330	20	21_R	22_R Needle Felting class 1-4pm
23	24	25 Learn to Spin 9-11 Drop in 11-2 Soup and Bun Fixing Weaving Mistakes	26_R Rug Hookers 1230-330	27 Spinning 12-3	28 <u>Meeting</u> <u>@10</u> Baby wearers	March 1
2	3	4 Learn to Spin 9- 11 School program 9- 11:30	5 Rug Hookers 1230-330	6	7	8 Fibre Fun Day 1-4

Your 2013 executive and appointed positions are:

Past President	Kirsti Jarrett
President	Chris MacKenzie
Vice-President	
Workshop coordinator	
Secretary	Susan Garvie
Treasurer	Judith Glibbery
Membership	Deb McConkey
Library	Emily Wakeling
Spinning	Jody Atkinson
Publicity	Karla Lockwood
Equipment	Sandy Fearon
ANWG	Kirsti Jarrett
Hostess	
School Program	Susan Garvie
Newsletter	Val Ward
Meeting Programs	
Rug hooking circle	Angela Possak



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