

# PONDEROSA, SPINNERS, WEAVERS & FIBRE ARTISTS NEWSLETTER, Feb 2014

Website <http://ponderosaguild.org>

## President's Message:

Greetings all. As winter seems to want to go on for ever, logic would dictate that we are getting loads of things done on our looms, wheels and other fibre devises.

Well January I spun over 2000 yards of fiber. February I might have spun 1000 yards. I think I have successfully spun all my Suri Alpaca, started my BFL fleece from three years ago, and finished my Jacob from 5 years ago. I might want to really check the dates on the other fleeces to see if I should spin or toss the older stuff. Also do something with the dog on my loom. If I actually concentrated, fixing the loom would only take an hour at the most. BUT I love to procrastinate. Oh look other fibre must play.

Right, this is Sunday I have till Friday to do something constructive other than kill time. Reward: Fibres West one day road trip to go shopping. March 21st. Hope the highways are still open.

See everyone Friday and I might have tea towels. Sorry I will have tea towels...I will have tea towels... I will have tea towels...

Chris

## Meeting information:

1. Friday Feb28 - 10am – guest speakers- baby wearers will talk about “wearing” babies in handwoven carriers. Expect their little ones too.
2. Tuesday Mar 25 -7pm – speakers – Relentless knitters
3. Friday April 25- 10 am - Susan Lopateki, fibre artist and daughter of one of our founders Mary, will speak to us.

## News

- **Guild dues-** receipts are available in the guild room. If you have not yet paid please remember to bring your payment to the meeting or guild room when you are there. Or mail to #204 - 421 Cawston Avenue, Kelowna, BC, Canada V1Y 6Z1
- **Website news-** See our new easy address at the top of the page.
- **Fibre Fun afternoon:** Next one **March 8**, 1 – 4pm Bring your favourite fibre activity and enjoy time together in the studio. Everyone is welcome.
- **Soup & Bun night – 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 let Sandy know in advance if you have a question. Please note the change of date to **March 6** and **April 3** for the next two

soup and bun nights – we will be working on dryer balls for the sale.

- **Guild challenge:** How is your guild challenge of stash busting coming? Stash is defined as any fibre art raw material, partially completed project, or idea. We will share our creations and stories at the summer wind up.
- **Library** – we now have a subscription to the magazine *Ply* which should be here shortly. The library will be inventoried and

reorganised in mid-March so please return any books that you might have.



### Thank you:

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for a guild executive or appointed position. Our guild is successful due to your efforts.

And thank you to everyone who has volunteered for the school program in February.

### Volunteer corner:

**School program volunteers-** We need volunteers for the following dates, April 2, April 15, May 6, & May 21. Please let Susan know if you can help as a spinner, weaver, or helper. No experience is needed to be a helper. We will teach you on the spot. (9:30-11:30)

### Workshops & guild projects:

1. **Introduction to needle felting-** March 15 1-4pm. Cost\$30. Register through the RCA. [www.rotarycentreforthearts.com](http://www.rotarycentreforthearts.com) Feb 27 workshop is full.
2. **Fabric collage** -We are gauging interest in a workshop offered by Rosalie in fabric collage. If you are interested, please contact Kirsti. There will be more details at the meeting.
3. **Filet scarf-** Alice will be giving another workshop on her filet scarves as seen in last month's show and tell and at the sale. Sat. May 3 cost \$80. Maximum 4 or 5 participants. Contact Kirsti or Chris.
4. **40th Anniversary Blanket-** is being threaded onto the big loom.

### Rug Hooking Circle

Most of the group have started new projects, some their first large rug. Plenty of support is given in the studio by the others in the group as well as by Angela and Denise.



### Member fibre events

If you are a member and have any events such as art shows, please let me know and they can go in this space.

### Show & Tell:

No photos from show and tell in January. A few more photos from the sale have been included here.



### Out of town or non-guild events of interest:

- **Harmonious Ewe Fleece and Fiber Festival** - Sat. 15 March, 2014 10am -3pm Mt Ida Hall, 5421 70<sup>th</sup> St. Salmon Arm, BC [www.harmonioushomestead.ca](http://www.harmonioushomestead.ca) bring your fibre project. Fleeces will be for sale.
- **Vernon spin in** -April 5 10am -4pm at Faith Baptist Church 3908 - 27th Street, Vernon. Jody is collecting names of guild members wishing to attend and will forward to Kalamalka. Or contact 250-545-7819 or e-mail at [kentrix@junction.net](mailto:kentrix@junction.net). Cost \$15 for the day including food.
- **Felted vessel workshop**-Judith Mueller June 7& 8 Lakeview Heights Community Hall 10:00-4:30. Cost \$195 plus supplies see posters in the studio. Contact Judith at 250 864 2205 or email [jamonfm@shaw.ca](mailto:jamonfm@shaw.ca) website [www.judithmueller.weebly.com](http://www.judithmueller.weebly.com)



**Websites and Blogs etc:**

In honour of the Olympics try this website about Russian textiles

[http://tmora.org/online\\_exhibits/exhibits/show/textiles](http://tmora.org/online_exhibits/exhibits/show/textiles)

The knot Library for various ways to wear a scarf.

<http://www.scarves.net/how-to-tie-a-scarf/?mid=358507&rid=16006190> and for men this video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWgMDhZwOuk&mid=358507&rid=16006190>

And how about these modern uses and production of woven and braided fibres in industry.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j19na8LMBnE&mid=363412&rid=16006190>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeST0vfDuhw>

From the Yarn Harlot- some children's books about knitting- Yetsa's Sweater, Woolbur, Knitting Nell, Extra Yarn, Amos's Sweater, Shall I Knit You a Hat: A Christmas Yarn.

**Upcoming Dates to Mark in Your Calendar:**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>Feb 23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Learn to Spin 9-11 Drop in 11-2 <b>Soup and Bun 5:30 ish start-Fixing Weaving Mistakes</b>	<b>26</b> Rug Hookers 12:30-3:30	<b>27</b> spinning 12-3	<b>28</b> <b>Meeting @ 10am</b> Baby wearers	<b>Mar 1<sub>R</sub></b>
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<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Drop in 11-2	<b>19</b> Rug Hookers 12:30-3:30 Exec meeting @ 630	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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**Your 2013 executive and appointed positions are:**

Past President	Kirsti Jarrett
President	Chris MacKenzie
Vice-President/workshops	
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	
Newsletter	Val Ward
Rug hooking circle	Angela Possak



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