



The Weaver's Bag

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August Guild Meeting

What: Show and Tell (by All of Us) and Sharing of our Stashes!

When: August 13, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Everyone's Homes (Zoom Meeting)



This summer is different from any other, but it does mean that we have Guild meetings in July and August! Please join us this Thursday night, August 13, at 7:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform, hosted by Sonya Campana.

We will share what we have been working on, and we are going to share our stash stories and ideas about our stashes. Please send Mimi Rodes (mimirodes@comcast.net) pictures of your stash and individual items within your stash that are or note (please mail them by Wednesday, August 12). This meeting will help us learn how we can manage our own stashes better and also help us see inside the studios of our fellow weavers.

You can also send your show and tell pictures to Mimi if you want them to be part of the Powerpoint presentation.

Invitation to the August Zoom Meeting

Thursday, August 13, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Sonya Campana is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2999560221?pwd=MFFybmNVRzImeU5ORTRnbExJK1VuUT09>

Meeting ID: 299 956 0221

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President's Message

Greetings, Weavers!

I hope everyone is doing as well as they can be, and somehow finding joy this summer. I am so glad that I have weaving to turn to for purpose, creativity, and to feel productive!

Once again in this newsletter edition, we are posting pictures of member's projects to share with everyone. Thank you to those who are keeping the thought of weaving alive, at least in a newsletter.

On August 13 at 7:00 p.m., we will be meeting virtually on Zoom. Our topic of discussion will be on our stashes and will be led by Susan Hainsworth, who has recently organized her stash since being put on lockdown.

She will share her stash story, and everyone in the Guild is encouraged to participate in the discussion by taking some pictures of their stash and emailing them to Mimi so she can make a Powerpoint show. Be sure to email your pictures in to Mimi by Wednesday, August 12, so she can have time to get the slide show together!

If you are like me, your stash lives in more than just one place in your home. As a matter of fact, my whole house is a stash of one sort or another! My loom room has my book, equipment, knitting yarn, and weaving yarn stash. The spinning equipment/fiber stash lives in my bedroom. Meanwhile my dyeing stash lives in various tucked away places, patiently waiting for me to take them out and play.

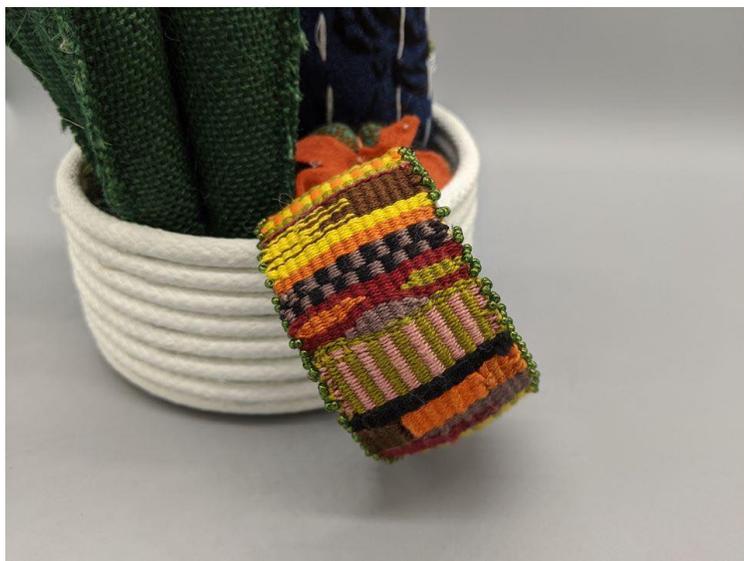
I began a stash for the reason of happiness. It made me so happy to come home with yarns or a new piece of equipment. Shoppers' high – much cheaper than a psychiatric analyst! (However, I may need to go see one because of the resulting shoppers guilt/regret!)

Right now I approach the topic of stash as a source of creative potential. Those knitting projects are giving way to what I can use in a tapestry or baby blanket. Fibers that I bought thinking I'd spin them have become something that is felted or dyed in a new way. My stash is a patient and welcoming friend. Someday it will be my funeral pyre to take with me in the afterlife!

Now you know my plans for my stash, I am looking forward to the Zoom meeting and hearing all about your story!

Take care, and happy making! Sonya

Show and Tell



Shahar Boyayan made the bracelet on the left with tapestry stitches. The beaded bracelet below was made on a Mirrix loom.





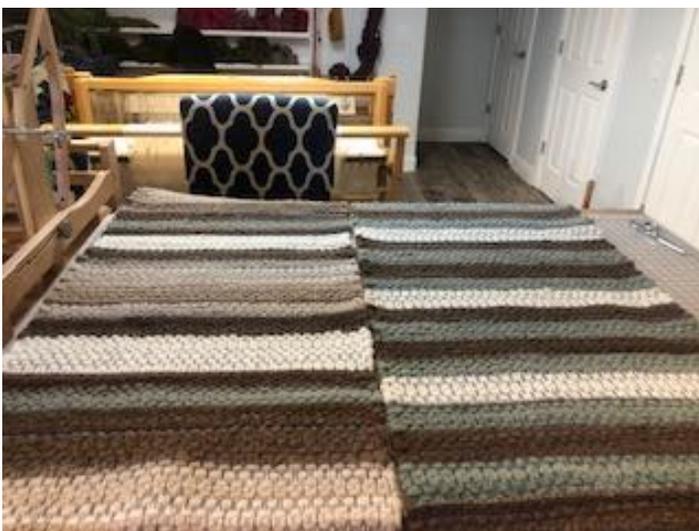
Sarah Marsden wove these towels from a Sarah Jackson kit. She enjoyed playing with the different color combinations.



Catherine Marchant wove these towels for the HGA Convergence towel exchange. They are woven on four harnesses in 16/2 cotton with 5/2 perle cotton stripes. Harnesses 1 and 2 are the plain weave, and harnesses 3 and 4 are for the colored stripes. In the wavy areas, one colored thread is up, the other down, for 2 shots. Then reverse.



Michele Smith: I just finished the Ms and Os baby blanket I had started the last meeting. The pic looks yellow but it's really 1/2 baby blue weft and a mix of periwinkle, green, and yellow in 8/2 unmercerized cotton with warp 5/2 pearl cream pearl cotton, and I put on a blue satin binding on it. That was my first so it was a bit challenging to get that binding on!



The rugs are corded alpaca in blues, browns and beiges made for the baby's room due in December. They can choose or take both! One is alpaca mixed with smaller wool yarn.



Michele Smith: This rug is one of several “oversized rug mugs” I’m working on with RH, using wool very tightly packed in – I think 50 picks per inch. I used a book by Liz Gibson.



Sonya Campana: This is #1 of 4 baby blankets I am making for grand nieces and nephews. I am going for adult lap blanket size since they grow so fast.



Juliette Lanvers: I have decided to weave a scarf for the Guild Challenge. After trying a few weft combinations, I decided to use a very fine strand of 50/50 cotton/linen for the tabby and two strands of a very soft flake cotton for the pattern thread. The scarf fabric is very soothing to weave and to look at and will fit the “pastel” card well.

Upcoming Meetings of the Guild's Southern Utah Branch

We are going to have Zoom meetings in the fall and a towel exchange, and we would love to have everyone join us. Here is the information:

Monday, 21 September 2020, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Ergonomics of Weaving and Spinning. Dona will be leading a presentation and discussion on how to enjoy weaving and spinning without aches and pains. We will watch several short videos showing the best positions for spinning, warping your loom, and weaving. Dona welcomes everyone to share their tips - favorite chair or bench, lighting, reaching tools for warping, etc.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84298129208?pwd=bGdZWjBpYU55MXdQalVwWXRNOERHZz09>

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Monday, 19 October 2020, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Turning a Draft into Cloth. Ivy will lead this discussion on how you take a draft you find online or are given another way and determine how to use the draft to create the cloth you want. Come prepared to share how you have done this and what the result was, or come prepared to ask questions. E-mail images to Nancy.

Monday, 16 November 2020, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

All about Blocks. Nancy will lead a discussion about how to design using blocks and then how to turn that design into a weave structure. Share block designs you have done or tried. Send pictures of weaving done using block structures such as summer and winter, rep weave and overshot.

Monday, 14 December 2020, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Towel Exchange. We are going to do the towel exchange but with a little different format. Everyone that participates will e-mail a picture of their towel to Nancy. You only need to weave one towel for the exchange. The name of everyone that participates in the exchange will go into a hat. Nancy will draw names and will tell each participant who they need to mail their towel to. During the meeting we will discuss each of our towels including the structure, weaving process and lessons learned.

Here are the towel requirements:

It needs to be suitable as a kitchen towel, and the materials must be cotton, linen, hemp or some mixture of these. Finished size should be:

- Width: between 14 and 20 inches
- Length: between 20 and 30 inches after hemming

Weave structure and color are the weaver's choice. The towels should be hemmed.

2020–2021 Guild Officers

We are all so grateful for the work of the Guild officers. Many, many thanks to those who served so well during the 2019–2020 year, including Jeanette Tregagle, Jo Stolhand, and Sara Lee Neill. We so much appreciate all the things you have done to benefit the Guild. And a big thank you to the members of the 2020–2021 Guild board:

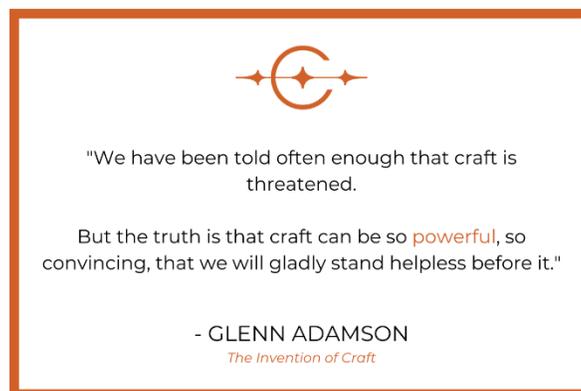
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Shuttle-Craft Bulletins: Weaving during Coronavirus

Since our March Guild meeting, the coronavirus has affected so many lives and livelihoods. It has been compared to a nationwide 9/11 or Pearl Harbor. In the January 1942 Shuttle-Craft Bulletin, shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and declarations of war, Mary Meigs Atwater wrote:

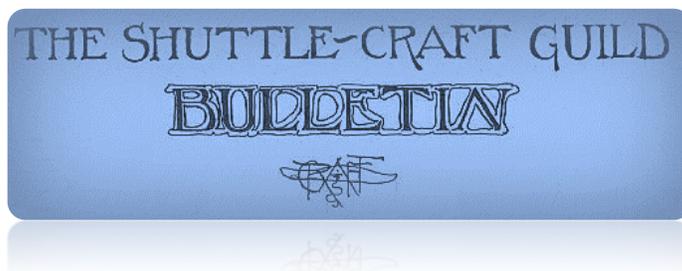
“I feel that weaving will prove a resource to us in these troubled times, and that now more than ever we should value and preserve what we have of beauty in our daily lives. Our great grandmothers plied their shuttles through the war of the Revolution and through the exceeding bitter days of our Civil War. We, I believe, have as much courage and good sense as they, and can do likewise.”

She wrote that she would keep the Bulletin going unless she could not get print paper and as long as weaving yarns could still be had. So, keep weaving, if you can. As the *Craftsmanship Quarterly Magazine* is currently exploring through a community survey, *Making Matters, More than Ever*.



Source: *Craftsman Quarterly Magazine*, <https://craftsmanship.net/>

The Shuttle-Craft Bulletin Study Group



The remainder of the 2019–2020 Guild year meeting schedule for the Shuttle–Craft Bulletin Study group is presented below. The next meeting will be announced. The topics of discussion will be bags from handwoven fabric and the Pine Bloom pattern, from the February 1927 and December 1928 issues. If you are interested in joining the discussion, let Maureen Wilson know (maureenmwilson@yahoo.com).

The Shuttle-Craft Bulletins study group meets to discuss Mary Atwater’s work from the Shuttle-Craft Bulletins. This is a very informal group –if you have not participated, try a meeting and see if you want to join. The meetings usually start with a reading from Mary Meigs Atwater’s biography.

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Bulletins</i>	<i>Meeting Date</i>
Bags and Pine bloom pattern	February 1927, December 1928	TBD
Neckties and scarves, Double bow knot and Double chariot wheel patterns	June 1927, November 1927	June 2020
Lace weaves, blanket and shawls	May 1927, February 1932	August 2020

Guild Calendar 2019–2020

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In-Person Meeting at Susan Hainsworth's
Family Park
Date to Be Announced