

# Fairbanks Weavers & Spinners Guild

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## GUILD MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

**APRIL 6 Wed. 5:30pm ANNUAL MEETING with**  
Location: Senior Center, 1424 Moore Street  
PROGRAM: ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
Come early & preview of some of our new DVD's

**MAY 4 Wed. 5:30pm PORTABLE PROJECTS**  
Location: Weaving Studio Rm. 219, 516 2nd Ave.  
Phone: 452-7737

**JUNE 1 or 4 DYE GARDEN PLANTING**  
Location: Georgeson Botanical Gardens, Dye Garden

**JULY ? SUMMER PICNIC**  
Location: TBA

**AUGUST 3 Wed. 3pm DIVISION 10 BOOTH**

## BOARD MEETINGS

**April 18 Mon. 5:30pm Jodi Gouwens**  
Location: 3796 Swenson Avenue.

## SPINNING BEE'S

**APRIL 1 Fri. 5 to 8pm. First Friday at Annex**  
All spinners and textile artists are welcome.

**APRIL 9 Sat. 2pm - 6pm Alice Stickney**  
All spinners are welcome, Directions call Alice 479-3425

**APRIL 6 Wed. 5:30pm ANNUAL MEETING**  
**POTLUCK with WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE**

**ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTON OF OFFICERS will**  
be held at the 5:30pm, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> at the  
**SENIOR CENTER, 1424 Moore Street**

Bring a dish to share, a show and tell or project you are working on & a WHITE ELEPHANT for exchange. Voting will take place on the nominations and bylaw revisions. Please review the new By-laws that the board has worked hard to revised. Thanks to Terry Roberts for her help in bringing the by-laws up to date.

### Senior Center 1424 Moore Street Directions:

Take Airport Way. Turn south on Wilbur, turn right on McCullum (only street on the right) Turn Left on Moore and right into the Senior Center. Parking in back Enter the back door. Come at 5 & preview our new DVD's Potluck at 6:00pm. followed with election of officers and White elephant exchange It's lots of fun. Great opportunity for new members and friends to meet the old members of the guild.

**MAY 4 WED. 5:30pm PORTABLE PROJECTS**

Share your ideas on portable projects that you take with you as you travel this summer to the lake, the park, fishing, ball games etc. Bring your portable project and show and tell of past projects made on the move. Demo's on how to set up box loom, cards and pocket loom and bead loom. Come early and make a portable warp or enjoy soup/bread at 5:30pm. Program at 7pm.

## JUNE DYE GARDEN UPDATE

### Help needed for plant care

The dye garden seeds are being planted and watered as you read. If anyone has greenhouse space for them as they outgrown my shelves please speak up to coddle and harden for planting (free advice provided) a tray or two for the month of May, before we plant.

As for Dye Garden bed prep and planting...Since we can not predict the weather please give your email address to Gail Mayo [mayogail@gmail.com](mailto:mayogail@gmail.com) and she will create a dye garden list that will be used to keep you aware of the dates for garden work sessions. If you love the idea of growing your own dye stuffs "right here in the frigid north" or experimenting with growing new dyes please plan to help out at the dye garden this summer.

**WEED AND THE GARDEN WILL GROW**  
**DYE WORKSHOP IN LATE AUGUST**



**PORTABLE PROJECT** – Small rug hooking tools to use up small scraps of yarn for coasters etc.

## Presidents Letter

Isn't it wonderful how the return of the sun to our lives in Fairbanks brings renewed energy as we look forward to spring and summer projects. It's time to get out your bright colored fibers for spring and summer projects.

As some folks dream of healthy gardens that will start in a few months, we can use this as an inspiration in our weaving, spinning, knitting and other fiber adventures. Maybe you can plan a few projects to enter in the Fair this summer.

Please take time to attend the annual meeting on Wednesday evening, April 6, at the Senior Center. We will be voting on the election of officers and a revision of our Bylaws to help bring them up-to-date. Of course, all that great food that everyone brings makes this evening a delicious treat.

Jodi Gouwens, President

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We want to Thank Terry Roberts and Becky Hammond for serving on the Guild board over the last couple of years. and we welcome Chris Pelzer and Moxie Pender as nominations for the forthcoming election of officers at the annual meeting.

# THANK YOU'S

To all Guild members who shared their spinning tales, samples and garments of their time invested yarn. A portable spindle and fiber provides hours of enjoyment and beautiful products.

Special Thanks to JANE GREGORY for booth sitting at ART EXPO and to NANCY SLAYTON for demonstrating spinning. Our hand cut cards were sold.

DICURTI, JODI GOUWENS, HELEN HOWARD & PENNY WAKEFIELD who supported ART EXPO by showing their artwork.



## YOUTH SUMMER FIBERARTS PROGRAM

We celebrate 20 years of providing a YOUTH PROGRAM that is involved in the ARTS. The summer program has provided for 20 years of Weaving Studio rent. It is hard to believe that it has been that long. Over 5000 youth have participated in our program. This year's program will be on the website around April 15<sup>th</sup>. Help is usually needed to make warps, put on looms and thread especially for the weaving classes. Call 452-7737 and volunteer. Refresh your warping skills by helping out. Thanks so much. Our building did not sell so it looks like we will be there another year.

### WARPING BY YOURSELF INSTRUCTIONS

See the website for 'WARPING A to Z' in color.  
[www.fairbanksweavers.org](http://www.fairbanksweavers.org)

# THE ART SCENE

FAIRBANKS ARTS ASSOCIATION  
BEAR GALLERY Exhibits

April 1 – 30 Interior Artisans XXVI  
[www.fairbanksarts.org](http://www.fairbanksarts.org)

## ANNEX FIRST FRIDAY APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>, 5pm to 8pm

We've love to have anyone who's interested come to the First Friday on April 1st from 5-8pm at the Annex with your spinning wheel, drop spindle, loom, knitting, crocheting, etc in tow to do some demonstrating. It will be really informal -- there will be some hay bales, chairs, etc. Should be fun! We are also working on organizing the April 16th Fiber Arts day at the Annex -- if you are interested in getting involved with the hands-on teaching of fiber arts -- please let me know!

Susan Willsrud, Calypso Farm Director  
Calypso Farm and Ecology Center  
PO Box 106 Ester, AK 99725

## Northern Alaska Environmental Center and The Fairbanks North Star Borough Library are presenting

### NORTHERN VOICES LECTURE SERIES 2011

The first lecture will be by our Guild member HELEN GRIFFITHS HOWARD on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm at the Noel Wien Public Library. It is Free and Open to the Public

**MARCH 31 7pm Helen Griffiths Howard**  
*Program: Oomingmak: The Development of an Eskimo Qiviut Knitting Industry*

**APRIL 14 7pm Kathy Turco**  
*Spirit of the Arctic DVD: Natural Sounds, Images, Voices and Music*

**MAY 12 7pm Yolanda Fejes**  
*Film on Claire Fejes: An Alaskan Artist, The Source of Life*

Our company has a comprehensive stock of 100% Irish linen and linen/cotton 2 ply yarn mixes. They are all on cones weighing approximately 1kg each. There are various counts and colours with both slub and level yarns available.

We have yarns suitable for weaving, machine knitting and embroidery - all are of top quality.

### NEXT NEWSLETTER: End of APRIL 2011

Any news or items for newsletter  
Send to [info@fairbanksweavers.org](mailto:info@fairbanksweavers.org)

WORKSHOPS, DEMO'S, YOU MIGHT WANT TO  
DO - PLEASE EMAIL INFO FOR THE NEWSLETTER

# WORKSHOP & ACTIVITY UPDATE

April 1      5 – 8pm    First Friday at Annex  
 April 9      2 – 6pm    Spinning Bee  
 April 10     2pm       RUG BRAIDING DEMO  
 April 16     ??         TEXTILE FIBERARTS DAY  
 April 17     1 – 4pm    EASTER EGG PYANSKY

## APRIL 10 Sun. 2PM      Rug braiding Demo

**Cynthia Dorman** will make a short presentation on how to braid rugs from wool fabric. She will cover the equipment & materials used and the cost in making large or small area rugs, chair pads or small trivets for plants. Demonstration will be at her home on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. For directions to her home off of Farmers Loop, please call 457-4428 Lessons can be arranged.

### BASKET WORKSHOPS BY JODI

Jodi is planning some spring basket workshops in April but the dates are not set so contact her by phone regarding your interest. Jodi: 474-9144

## APRIL 17 Sun 1 to 4pm      ‘Pyansky’ Eggs

Start preparing your eggs for decorating by blowing the contents now. All materials will be provided, just come and play as you learn the technique for wax application and dyeing. Start collecting your designs

<http://www.learnpyansky.com/designs.html>

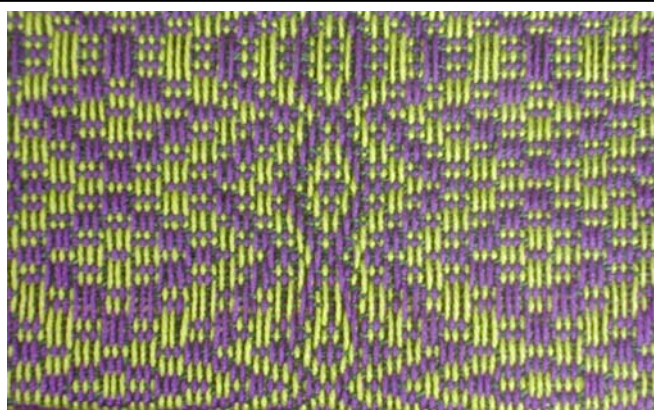
INSTRUCTOR: Penny Wakefield  
 LOCATION: RM 219, WEAVING STUDIO, 516 2nd Ave.  
 HOURS: 1 to 4pm  
 FREE

### NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

For sale (or preferably in exchange for a small amount of spun yarn):

Eight pounds of Alaskan dog hair courtesy of Annie, Molly, Saffron, Cessna, Grumbacher and probably some earlier dogs.  
 Call Bruth George at 488-6982

21" Beka rigid heddle  
 4 1/2' warping board & wooden swift  
 Tracy Duffield, 374-0271



**SHADOW WEAVE** – Sarah's Final project - Fabric for a shoulder bag. Straight and Advancing twill treadling woven on Opposites. Original threading draft, dark/light partners on Even shafts and Odd shafts. Example: Block A 1(D) 3(L); Block B: 2 (D) 4 (L) etc.

## IN OUR EMAIL BOX

GTM Sales Limited  
[www.gtmsales.co.uk](http://www.gtmsales.co.uk)

This yarn can be sold either as single or multiple cones according to your personal requirements - no minimum order required. Please do not hesitate to contact our company if you or any of your members would like more information regarding this yarn.



Best Regards, Sandra EMAIL: [info@gtmsales.co.uk](mailto:info@gtmsales.co.uk)

**Victory Ranch PO Box 680 Mora, NM 87732 | Phone: (575) 387-2254 | Fax: (575) 387-9005**

<http://www.victoryranch.com/>

\*We are excited to introduce MISTI'S awesome NEW yarn collection: Misti Alpaca Best of Nature\* Some of the most exciting features of Misti's Best of Nature Chunky Alpaca collection are:

- All dyes are extracted from vegetable & natural sources
- Mordants used are also from natural sources and/or used in the lowest concentration possible well in accordance with International Organic standards
- The 100% Baby Alpaca yarn is the most organically produced natural fiber in the world
- All colors developed have passed color lightness tests conducted by independent testing companies
- The yarns are also hand painted in our partner dye studio, giving them the unique hand paint appearance.

## DUES ARE DUE

but only for some of the members. We THANK everyone who paid dues for several years and made donations as well. It helped the guild out financially this last year.

A "DUES OWE" List will be available at the annual meeting otherwise you will receive a notice by email that your dues are due. Forms will be available.

### Looms for Sale

36" Harrisville Model T 4 Shaft floor  
 Warping board, 2 shuttles, 2 reeds, spool winder & 14 spools & other weaving accessories  
 Kanza Keill, 457-2423  
 \$950

4 shaft Table loom with stand  
 Some Books, shuttles, warping board  
 \$400 Call the Studio

Rigid Heddle Loom On a Stand  
 20" wide, 10 epi Brand New \$400  
 Call the Studio, 452-7737

36" LeClere 4 shaft Loom  
 Bench, warping board,  
 bobbins, reeds  
 \$1200

907-345-0828 [nancyp@AK.net](mailto:nancyp@AK.net)

4 Shaft Table Loom  
 With shuttles, bobbins & reeds  
 \$450

Vicki Robbe, 457-6007