

Loose Ends & Gathered Threads

Newsletter of the North Suburban NeedleArts Guild
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You will never win if you never begin. Helen Rowland

No more Babbling!

Social Media is on the rise. You are getting this newsletter courtesy of the World Wide Web. And its been so easy to communicate to our 150+ members at the stroke of a key.

I've learned over the years to take advantage of the internet. I have really taken advantage of social media to expand my knowledge of what is happening in the fiber world. There is Pinterest, You Tube, Ravelry, and Craftsy. Google helps, but how do you decide where to start? And Facebook has so many fiber sites to follow.

Over the years, I have followed quilt sites, bead sites, fiber sites and basic art sites that have given me inspiration and smiles, because some are so funky. They are all through Facebook. Many I have "unfollowed" because there was just too many posts, but there are some that I am so true to. Those I'll mark with an asterisk. At your leisure, check them out, enjoy and share.

My go to list:

Freeform Crochet World Group

Textile Art Collective*

Its a Wrap

Slow Cloth*

Art Quilts

Kumihimo "New Dimensions"*

Art People Gallery***

Art Teacher Life

Folt Bolt

Pieces:Celebrating Textiles

Buttons by McAnaraks

And this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Time to explore--But remember to pick up that needle!

Beth

CALENDAR

Tues. Oct. 4 and 11, 10:00 Service Projects at Jeanette Page's, see p. 6

Tues. Oct. 18 - 9:30 am Socializing, sign up for workshops. At Gloria Dei, Cherry and Pflingsten in Northbrook

9:30 am Lecture: Laurie Swim, The Joy of Quilting
After lunch: Mini workshop, Knitted ball by Meredith Montross, see p. 6

Afternoon: Begin Laurie Swim workshop, Exploring the Textural Landscape

Wed.-Thurs Oct. 19-20 continuation of Laurie Swim workshop at Gloria Dei

Tues. Oct. 25 10 am Board Meeting at Gloria Dei

Tues. Oct. 25, 10:00 Service Projects at Jeanette Page's, see p. 6

Thurs. Oct. 27 NOON Newsletter deadline

Fri-Sun, Nov 4-6 10 am-5 pm Fine Art of Fiber See p. 4 for setup dates, times and Opening Night.

Please note the late dates for both the October and November guild meetings!

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Remembering Gale

We lost a great friend this month.

Gale Wessel passed away peacefully after a diagnosis of cancer. Our hearts go out to her husband, Dan, and the many members of her family, and friends.

Gale represented North Suburban NeedleArts Guild on the Fine Art of Fiber committee. Her leadership, creativity, and kind demeanor was instrumental in the expansion and growth of the Fine Art of Fiber.

She was a board member of the NSNG. Her knowledge, experience, and logic helped our guild run smoothly, so that our programs and activities were first rate.

Gale was a wonderful quilter. Over the last few years, Gale expanded her disciplines to include bead embroidery, surface design and painting.

A special fund at the Chicago Botanic Garden, where FAOF is held, was set up in memory of Gale. The guild has made a \$100 donation in Gale's memory. If you would like to make a personal contribution to this fund you can log on to https://register.chicagobotanic.org/custom_tribute_list.asp. You can also call the Garden at 847-835-5440.

Gale was a special friend who shared her talents and expertise with anyone who asked. She will be missed.

Join Laurie Swim's "Textural Landscape" Class

Canadian Art Quilter, Laurie Swim, will help you explore techniques for achieving different effects for sewing creative yet realistic landscapes and figurative quilts. She develops individual elements of the quilt and then brings them together to complete the scene. Individual elements may involve applique, free motion embroidery, fiber painting, and several innovative methods. Her work is not based on a mosaic technique, but rather a careful analysis of the surfaces and structures included in the piece.

This is a rare opportunity to learn from one of Canada's best living artists. You will go home with a small landscape and samples of techniques you can use on future pieces. Contact Sylvia Dresser to secure your place in the class.

Laurie Swim October 18, 19, 20

Laurie Swim is an award-winning Canadian textile artist whose work expresses the beauty of the world around us, while also commenting on our society and culture. She crafts individual elements, assembles them, builds layers, and uses meticulous stitch work (machine or hand) to shade and punctuate each piece.

Lecture: The Joy of Quilting—A Retrospective

Laurie shares the story behind her work, including her community led memorial art quilts.

Workshop: Exploring the Textural Landscape,
2-1/2 days.

This workshop will include several innovative methods of applique and different effects for creating landscapes. You will develop samples for future reference and create a small landscape quilt.

Website: <http://www.laurieswim.com/>

John Mullarkey, November 15-17

John Mullarkey is a weaver, spinner, and fiber artist, passionate about tablet weaving and spreading its virtues and possibilities. His work has been displayed in museums and featured in international fashion shows.

Lecture: "What To Do With Bands: A Review of All the Great Uses for Bands." As a band weaver, he is often asked what he will do with all the bands he weaves. The lecture is his answer to that question.

Workshop: Basic Tablet Weaving to Double-Card Double-Turn Diagonals. During John's two and a half day workshop you will learn to read and design tablet weaving drafts, and then weave a friendship bracelet. As your skill and confidence grow, the workshop will focus on weaving diagonal patterns, using a circular warp setup. This workshop is for those interested in learning how to tablet weave. No previous tablet weaving experience is required.

Website: <http://malarkycrafts.com/>

Fine Art of Fiber

Write these dates down on your calendar...

Wednesday, Nov. 2 (11 AM-8 PM) Boutique setup

Thursday, Nov. 3 (8:30 AM on) more Boutique setup,

Thursday, Nov. 3 (9:00 – 10:00) Deliver exhibit entries

Thursday, Nov. 3 (9:00 on) Exhibit set up

Thursday, Nov. 3 (6:30-9 PM) Opening Night

Friday – Sunday, Nov. 4-6 (10-5) Show, Sales,

Lectures

And there's still time to add your creations to the Silent Auction. If you can bring your donations to the October NSNG meeting, you can drop them off at the Fine Art of Fiber volunteer table. If not, contact Gretchen Alexander at 847-998-6040.

Volunteering for the show...

We're still looking for volunteers for the show. And don't forget, if you volunteer, we have free parking passes to the Garden...a \$25 value. So come and sign up whether you have items in the show or not. We'll have sign-up sheets at the October meeting. If you have piece(s) in the Exhibit, you must work one shift, and if your piece(s) are for sale, you must work two shifts. If you have items in the Boutique, you must work two shifts. But you're welcome to work more if you just enjoy talking to the people who come to the show.

Handicap Parking...

If you are volunteering for the show and need handicap parking, please let Laine Cobb know by October 18 (the next NSNG meeting). We need your license plate number, the make/model of your car and your cell phone number.

Education...

Many thanks to all who have volunteered so far. We now have enough members signed up to demonstrate their skills at the Education table, and only have two slots to be filled for people who are willing to chat to visitors about how wonderful our Guild is! Please let Sue Babbs know if you can help on: Friday November 4th from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. or Sunday November 6th from 12:15 to 2:45 p.m.

Raffle...

Remember there is *no raffle* this year. Please donate your creations to the Silent Auction instead.

Fashion Show

There is still time to participate in the Fashion Show (see separate article)

Finally...

Come and enjoy the show. There's a lot more information in our Membership Directory and Handbook (the light blue directory) if you have questions. And check out the FAOF website (www.fineartofiber.org) for silent auction, boutique and fashion show as well as pictures from past shows. You can also send your friends and family the link for the Garden's web site (www.chicagobotanic.org/fiber). It has all the show times and special events.

NSNG's Annual Threaded Needle Project: Seen/scene through the eye of a lens/lense

It's time to let your imagination and creativity soar... but just in case you are in need of a little encouragement...perhaps these nouns and adjectives will jump start the flow of your artistic juices:

Scene (noun)- aspect, element to consider, angle, facet, direction, perspective, point of view, vision

Seen (adjective)-illustrated, pictoric, visual, observable, viewable, in view, ocular

Lens/lense (noun)- spectacles, monocle, glass, loupe, microscope, eyeglass, spy glass, telescope

Remember the reward that could be yours:

1st Place- \$100 gift certificate toward a 2017-2018 guild workshop

2nd Place-\$ 75 gift certificate toward a 2017-2018 guild workshop

3rd Place- \$50 gift certificate toward a 2017-2018 guild workshop

Judging by members will take place at the December Holiday Luncheon.

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Brother "Entrepreneur Pro" professional embroidery machine; 10 needle with custom fitted quality cabinet. Tons of hoops and accessories many still in original wrappings. \$7800

Linda Schoenmakers
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Fashion Show at FAOF

Dear FAOF Artists,

It is that time of year again to pull everything together for the Greatwear Fashion Show at Fine Art of Fiber. As you probably know, FAOF will be held at the Chicago Botanic Garden on November 3-6. The Greatwear Fashion Show will be on Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5 at 11:00am.

We are contacting all artists that have been in the 2014 and 2015 shows and inviting you to enter your beautiful garments in the 2016 show. This show has proven to not only be a lovely event but it also serves to introduce the public to individual artists and their one of a kind garments that are on sale at the FAOF Event, resulting in very good sales.

Below are the important dates for entry and delivery of your show garments. You can find the entry forms and information on the web site if you go to www.fineartoffiber.org. We hope that you will enter again this year and we will look forward to seeing your new creations.

Please contact us if you have questions about this year's show.

Carolyn Seng carolyna2s@gmail.com

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Kay Lange kayclange@aol.com

Show Dates: November 4 and November 5 at 11:00am.

Bios and descriptions must be sent to Kay Lange by October 1; (kayclange@aol.com) or 3 Abbey Springs Drive, Fontana, WI. 53125

Each piece or ensemble must have a separate form. (Please note that the more you write about your piece, technique and detail, the better. Write what you would like the audience to know.)

Drop off or delivery of show garments (with a copy of the form) must be at the home of Jeanette Page, 2339 Dehne, Northbrook, IL. 60062. 847-564-1057. pagejeanette@gmail.com

Thank you, and we hope to hear from you soon.
Kay, Carolyn and Virginia

Call for Silent Auction Donations!

Consider donating one or more of your creations to the Silent Auction at the Fine Art of Fiber. Proceeds from the Silent Auction underwrite our speakers and keeping of workshops fees very reasonable. This year the Silent Auction will be in a new location; and we hope our visitors will be more inclined to stop, look, and bid/buy as they finish seeing all the lovely pieces on exhibit.

Bring your Silent Auction contributions to the NSNG October meeting. Please complete a donation form for each item (to be found on-line on the Fine Art of Fiber website, <http://www.fineartoffiber.org/>). Scroll down to the bottom of the page. All items are appreciated.

Gretchen Alexander, NSNG Silent Auction Chair

Workshop Registrations

There are spaces remaining in several of our workshops for the 2016-2017 year—workshops which are full are in February (Beading) and May (Nantucket Baskets). All of the others have spaces left as of this newsletter. If you are at all interested in the Beading or Basket workshop, please let me know and I'll add your name to the waiting list, as there is always the possibility of a cancellation, and also of a second workshop with that same teacher, if the waiting list is long enough!

I will be taking registrations via regular mail, and also at our monthly meetings. If you want to register at the meeting, please be prepared to wait until I can check your registration and make sure there is still space in the class you are interested in.

If you would like to be added to a waiting list, you may notify me via email or at the meeting. If you are notifying me at the meeting, please fill out a registration form (on the registration table) and note which waiting list you would like your name added to.

If you are signed up for a workshop, you will hear from me via email (or regular mail if you requested that) a few weeks in advance of the workshop. If at any time you find your schedule has changed, and you need to cancel, please notify me via email or phone as soon as possible, as many of our workshops have waiting lists.

Our workshops are wonderful learning opportunities, and a great chance to get to know other guild members—hope you can join us at some point!

Sylvia Dresser, Workshop registrar

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Mini Workshops

Our first mini workshop will be making a knitted ball taught by Meredith Montrose. It will take place in October following a lunch break after the general meeting. Meredith has made up kits which include the yarn, stuffing and pattern. Participants should bring a size 5 or 6 knitting needle and a yarn needle, and have a knowledge of knitting, casting on and binding off. There is a fee of \$15 and the kit will be available for purchase if you are unable to stay for the class. Please keep in mind the regular October workshop runs 2 1/2 days. There is still time to sign up! Please email me at djpotter3@comcast.net or call at 847-550-9322 to reserve a spot.

Don't forget our member sale is in November this year. Hopefully our weather will be a little more cooperative. Due to the overwhelming interest in the sale in recent years, everyone will be given 1/2 of a long rectangular table. Contact me to reserve your spot today!

Donna Koranek

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Service Update

We are meeting at Jeanette Page's home at 2339 Dehne Rd in Northbrook every Tuesday (except guild meeting day) at 10:00 to work on our service projects. Right now, we are focusing on premie quilts and pillowcases for children. We can always use cotton, flannel, denim, fleece and batting.

Jeanette Page collects NEW greeting cards (of any persuasion) plus note cards, stationery, etc. to send to the women and men in the military. This is an ongoing effort, but she would like to get a batch in the mail in time for Christmas. So—if you have these things and want to participate, please bring them to the October meeting so she can send them on their way.

The freebie table will be open, and remember we are selling note cards designed by our members, 6 for \$12.00.

Contact Jeanette at pagequilter@gmail.com or Nancy at rjcnmc74@comcast.net if you plan to come on Tuesday.

Thanks so much!

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