

# Loose Ends & Gathered Threads

Newsletter of the North Suburban NeedleArts Guild  
November 2016

*Autumn wins you best by this, its mute  
Appeal to sympathy for its decay.  
Robert Browning*

## No more babbling!

As you read this article, we should be well into the most beautiful Fiber Show—the Fine Art of Fiber in a most beautiful environment, the Chicago Botanic Garden.

I get chills when I look at our members' creations.

I am proud of the diversity and the willingness of our members who share their talents.

I am thrilled as our volunteers have stepped up to climb ladders, use staple guns and tie fishline to set up this phenomenal display of surface designs, bead-work, books, felt work, knitting, garments and quilts—any and everything that uses fiber and/or a needle and thread.

I am thankful for Laine Cobb, Valerie Koppenhaver, and Val Rodelli for representing NSNG on the FAOF committee. They have met all year with the Garden, IQI and North Shore Weavers Guild, and Women's Journey in Fiber to make this show, our show, wonderful.

I know there are other NSNG members who serve on the FAOF committee and please forgive me if I forget someone. Sandra Geis serves as the treasurer, Pat Rued directs and assists the vendors in the boutique, and Cindy Kuo does the data entry for the boutique as well as being the show's photographer.

FAOF is wonderful as we are able to display our art. And double wonderful as we are able to expose our art to the community.

As you can see, it "takes a village" to create this event.

And I thank you all for your participation.

Beth

## CALENDAR

**Tues. Nov. 1 & Nov. 8, 10:00 Service Projects at Jeanette Page's**, see p. 4

**Fri-Sun, Nov 4-6 10 am-5 pm Fine Art of Fiber** See p. 3 for setup dates, times and Opening Night.

**Tues. Nov. 15 - 9:30 am** Socializing, sign up for workshops. At Gloria Dei, Cherry and Pfingsten in Northbrook

**9:30 am Lecture: John Mullarkey**, What to do with bands

**Before & after the meeting: Members' sale**

**Afternoon: Begin John Mullarkey workshop**, Basic Tablet Weaving

**Wed.-Thurs Nov. 16-17** continuation of John Mullarkey workshop at Gloria Dei

**Tues. Nov. 22 10 am Board Meeting** at Gloria Dei

**Tues. Nov. 22, 10:00 Service Projects at Jeanette Page's**, see p. 4

**Tues. Dec. 6, Holiday Party** at Gloria Dei, see p. 4

**Thurs. Dec. 15 NOON** Deadline for January newsletter

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## 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/>

## Mary Ray, January 3-5

Mary Ray, Crafts.com teacher, adjunct instructor at Appalachian State University, and contributing editor at *Threads Magazine* will present a trunk show featuring a selection of garments and accessories that inspire and teach about fabric, design embellishment, and technique. Mary will show her award-winning pieces while relating stories of her creative life and travels along the way.

2-1/2 day Workshop starting Tuesday - A Creative Approach to Garment-Making

In the two and one half day workshop, you will make a jacket adapted to your personal style and body type, brush up on tried and true sewing techniques while finding ways to break the rules as well, make simple fitting adjustments, add distinctive details, and finish your jacket beautifully inside and out.

Website: [www.maryraydesigns.com](http://www.maryraydesigns.com)

## Mini Workshops-Members' Sale

Many thanks to Meredith Montrose for teaching our knitted ball workshop. I've finished mine and plan to pass it on to my twin nieces; I may have to make a second.

In November we will be holding our members' sale. No fees are charged and all proceeds go to the sellers. This has proven to be a very popular event and participants are limited to half of a rectangular table. You are able to set up as early as 8:00 but sign up is required so that we are sure to have enough tables. Please contact me at [djpotter3@comcast.net](mailto:djpotter3@comcast.net) or 847-550-9322 if you have an interest in participating. Finished goods and supplies are welcome. The sale will take place in the room across the hall from our main meeting room. You can shop before the meeting and for a short time after the meeting.

Keep an eye on your newsletter for more mini workshops starting in January.

Donna Koranek

## Fine Art of Fiber

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

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Thursday, Nov. 3 (6:30-9 PM) Opening Night  
Friday – Sunday, Nov. 4-6 (10-5) Show, Sales, Lectures

Come and enjoy the show. There's a lot more information in our Membership Directory and Handbook (the red book) if you have questions. And check out the Fine Art of Fiber web site ([www.fineartoffiber.org](http://www.fineartoffiber.org)) for silent auction, boutique and fashion show forms 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](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/fiber)) . It has all the show times and special events.

## Holiday Pot Luck Party and Annual Project

### Tuesday, December 6th

Don't miss our annual Holiday Party and Annual Project, Tuesday, December 6th at Gloria Dei, from 10:30am - 3:00pm. Bring your favorite dish to share. The guild will provide coffee, tea and soft drinks.

10:30 Drop off your annual project for display

11-noon Voting for the Annual Project

11-12:30 Lunch

12-12:30 Votes counted and winners announced

12:30-3 Grab bag exchange

After lunch is the always entertaining grab bag.

The gift exchange will be conducted through a Yankee Swap. Please wrap in gift bags or boxes for faster opening. (\$15-\$20 approximate value)—hopefully needlework related, sometimes only vaguely. The gift exchange is optional!

This is a great occasion to mingle with fellow guild members and vote for your favorite Annual Project. Come meet new members and hang out with old friends all while enjoying wonderful food and guaranteed laughs. Please join us in celebrating the holiday season.

## Show and Tell

I'd like to encourage class participants to bring your workshop creations to the guild meeting—**finished or not!** Your friends and guild would love to see the process and if possible finished or half finished results. It's part of the learning process. Pieces will be displayed together on one table for viewing.

Beth Polonsky

## Just a reminder—

NSNG is pleased to call Gloria Dei Church home for our meetings and workshops. It's really important to treat Gloria Dei as if it were our own home. We had an incident in October where paper towels were disposed of in the handicapped toilet—two days in a row. It was an extra job for the custodian and I'm happy to say hiring a plumber was not necessary. Gloria Dei is the perfect place for us to meet, we don't want to jeopardize this relationship.

## Service

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful donations of flannel, fleece and cotton last month. We will be able to utilize all the material to make quilts and pillowcases for those in need. All 25 baby quilts were taken home to be tied and we are grateful for your help. Please bring them to our November meeting.

We will meet at Jeanette's home on all Tuesdays except for Guild meeting days. Contact Jeanette at [pagequilter@gmail.com](mailto:pagequilter@gmail.com). We will have an email sign-up sheet at the Service table if you wish to be reminded about Service Days, as well as a sign-up for lunch after guild meetings.

The Freebie table will **not** be available in November due to the Members' Sale. Save your goodies for December.

Nancy Calandra and Jan Kent

### For Sale:

**Dazor Circline Magnifying Lamp, floor model with wheeled stand. Lightly used, in very good condition. \$495 new, asking \$100. Jane Brown 224-234-2773**

## Workshop Registrations

There are spaces remaining in all of our workshops for the 2016-2017 year—the Beading workshop in February and the Nantucket Baskets workshop in May have been so popular that we have scheduled second sessions of both of those! If you are on the waiting list, you should have heard from me already. Details are still being firmed up, you will receive more information from me as we know exactly what the additional dates are and so on.

Please remember that our workshops are also open to non-members, if you know people who might be interested. There is a small additional fee for non-members.

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.

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  
847-945-6095 or sylviadresser@gmail.com

## Huge Studio Sale (Gale Wessel)

**Friday, Dec. 2, 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Dec. 3, 10:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Some items include a longarm sewing machine—Nolting 17", 10 foot bed

Fabric, fabric, fabric.....cotton, silks, surface designed, felt, wool, etc.

Notions of all kinds.....rotary boards, scissors, threads, rulers, needles

Possibly a couple of sewing machines.

Batting, stabilizers etc.

Big Board ironing board

Many other items too numerous to mention.

Come and see for yourself.

Location:

3700 Melody St.

Mundelein, IL. 60060

## Remembering Gale

The NSNG board voted last month to remember Gale Wessel with a donation to the Chicago Botanic Garden. We received the following note from Dan:

To NSNG

Thank you for the kind contribution to the Botanic Garden. Thank you all for your friendship with Gale. She joined NSNG when she retired, and loved every minute of it.

Thank you for caring,  
Dan Wessel

## Annual Project

We hope you are planning an entry for this year's annual project: Seen/scene through the eye of a lens/lense. There is just over a month to get it finished.

All projects will be displayed at the December 6th holiday luncheon meeting where members will be able to vote for their favorite.

Don't forget the valuable rewards that await the winning entries:

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

### **Studio Sale-Barbara Schneider**

Wednesday, 11-16, 1- 6 pm

Saturday, 11-19, 9-4 pm

Asian textiles and objects (lots)

Barbara Schneider artwork (lots)

Fabric (lots and lots)

Sewing and surface design supplies

Specialty papers

Many other items

Location:

Studio 205 H at the Starline Building

400 Front St. Harvard, IL

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