

Loose Ends & Gathered Threads

Newsletter of the North Suburban NeedleArts Guild
November 2018

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings. William Arthur Ward

The shadow on the day

As the air turns cool and colors turn, the urgency of enjoying the last days of summer fades and we retreat inside. Wildlife leave us for warmer climates and the smell of drying leaves and drifting smoke from a neighbor's fire make me want to sit by my own fire with fabric on my lap. Fall gives us permission to start burrowing, to get out fuzzy blankets and wool clothes, to stay home and sew. But let's face it, everything makes me want to sew!

Hope to see many of you on Wednesday, November 7th for our general meeting.
Penny

Please note that the meeting in November will be on November 7th, a Wednesday. The workshop will start that afternoon and continue into Thursday and Friday.

CALENDAR

Thurs, Nov. 1, 6:30 – 9 pm Fine Art of Fiber at Chicago Botanic Garden
Fri – Sun, Nov. 2-4 10am – 5pm Fine Art of Fiber at Chicago Botanic Garden
Wed. Nov. 7 (yes, Wednesday!) 9:00 am Members' Sale, socializing, sign up for workshops. At Gloria Dei, Cherry and Pflingsten in Northbrook
9:30 am Lecture Dawn Edwards Eco Printing, Releasing Nature's Secrets
After the meeting: continuation of Members Sale
Afternoon: Dawn Edwards workshop Eco printing on felted bags, purses
Thurs-Fri Nov. 8-9 continuation of Dawn Edwards workshop at Gloria Dei
Tues. Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 10:00 Service Projects at Jeanette Page's, see p. 5
Tues. Nov. 27 10:00 Board meeting at Gloria Dei

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Dawn Edwards, November 7-9

Please note this is Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
Dawn Edwards is a felt artist and tutor based in Plainwell, Michigan. She is the co-coordinator of the not-for-profit Felt United, with over 6,000 members around the world. Felt United is celebrated internationally and annually on the first Saturday of October, with the goal of connecting feltmakers around the globe. Dawn teaches extensively within the United States and internationally. Her felt art has appeared in numerous exhibitions and shows, as well as magazines and books, most recently the book *Worldwide Colors of Felt*. Dawn sells her work under the label "Felt So Right."

Lecture: Eco Printing, Releasing Nature's Secrets

Dawn will share with us how eco printing releases nature's secrets by using plant materials to leave extraordinary leaf prints on beautiful hand felted merino bags, purses and other felted items. She will take us on an eco printing journey where you will meet some of her friends from around the world, such as Australia, Ireland and the Netherlands. Without any jetlag you will embark on this amazing eco printing journey with Dawn and be inspired by these artists' work and her own work as well.

The 2 1/2 day workshop is Eco printing on felted bags, purses. Join Dawn as a participant in her workshop and you, too, will Feel So Right about felting and eco printing! You will begin by felting a lovely purse or bag using natural Merino wool. Then you will learn how to use leaves and plant matter that print while bundled and simmered for a period of time. It will be exciting to discover the lovely leaf prints on your own bag, especially if you used Eucalyptus leaves, which print in a bright beautiful color. While our bags simmer, you will also have the opportunity to experiment with eco printing on paper.

The workshop is appropriate for all levels. There is some standing involved and some physical exertion, although you may sit for some portions.

Website: http://feltsoright.com/Home_Page.htm

Lisa Flowers Ross, January 15-17

Lisa enjoys living in Boise, Idaho, where she teaches workshops, teaches in the Nia movement classes, practices yoga, hikes the foothills, Nordic skis and rides her bike. Lisa holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Studio Art and well as a degree in business. She is a juried artist member of the professional groups including Studio Art Quilt Associates, Northwest Designer Craftsmen and the Alexa Rose Foundation. Her artwork has been exhibited in solo, group and juried exhibitions nationally and are also included in public and private collections. Lisa dyes her own fabrics using only red, yellow and blue dyes to create her own palette of color. She then sews these pieces together with her home sewing machine, which is also used to draw her own hand maneuvered patterns to create distinctive textures. Nature and daily observation inspire her to create simple shapes with an emphasis on line, color and composition.

Lecture: Abstracting From Reality. Lisa will share how she creates contemporary, abstract artworks using fabrics that she hand dyes.

Workshop: Abstracting From Reality (Fabric Stitching) 2-1/2 days

In this workshop you will start with your own photos for inspiration and work through several exercises on paper that explore design elements such as line, shape repetition and value. Different ways to translate these elements into fiber will be discussed. Exploring different perspectives will lead to a discovery of a new way of seeing. The focus of this technique workshop is to learn different approaches to abstraction that can be used in designing future artworks. Participants will leave with a mostly completed project. Hand stitching will be done in class, but any machine stitching and finishing will be completed outside of class.

Website: <https://lisaflowersross.net/>

Fine Art of Fiber 2018

Boutique set-up: Wednesday, 10/31, 2:00 – 8pm
ONLY

Exhibit drop-off: Thursday, 11/1, 9 - 10 am – If you cannot get there by 10, please find someone to drop off your work for you.

Exhibit Set-up: Thursday, 11/1, 9:00am – finish

Exhibit and Sales: Thurs, 11/1, 6:30 – 9

Fri – Sun, 11/2 – 11/4, 10am – 5pm

Take-down Sun, 11/4, 5pm – finish

Pick-up purchased items Sun, 11/4, after 5:15 pm

Pick-up other exhibits Sun, 11/4, starts at 5:45

Check out the FAOF website (www.fineartofiber.org) for info on the exhibit, boutique, fashion show, silent auction and contact info if you have questions. FAOF and contact info is also available in your 2018-19 NSNG directory starting on page 10.

You can send your friends and family the links below and post on social media:

FAOF (fineartoffiber.org)

Chicago Botanic Garden (chicagobotanic.org/fiber).

Come and enjoy the show!

Hand Dyed Fabric

At the very productive and exciting Boro class our teacher brought in some samples of her hand dyed fabric. This prompted a discussion among the participants as to where we could purchase more if we weren't into doing it ourselves. It came to mind that some of our members do dye their own fabric and might want to sell some of it to those of us who don't. Soooo...if you do dye your own fabric and want to sell some (besides at the upcoming members sale and FAOF), send me your name, website store (if you have one), and email so I can list it on our website under Members' Websites and Blogs and Links (Fiber Related Links).

Joan Nasiatka, Webmaster

Holiday Potluck in December

Holiday Potluck, Annual Project, and Gift Exchange will be held on Tuesday, December 4, at Gloria Dei from 10:30 - 3:30. The schedule is:

10:30. Drop off Annual Project

11 - noon. Voting on projects

11 - 12:30. Lunch

12:30 - 1:00 Votes counted and awards announced
1:00 - 3:30 Gift exchange

The gift exchange will be a Yankee Swap. Gifts should be wrapped and fiber art related. Suggested value is \$15 - \$20. If you can use a gift bag, things move along a little faster.

Finish up those projects, go through your holiday recipes and come join the fun!

Jane Brown

Pat Kroth needs donations

Pat Kroth will be working on an installation at the Anderson Art Center in Kenosha.

She needs donations of:

1. Jeans- any size or condition—larger sizes preferred.
2. New packages of men's, women's or children's white cotton T-shirts; socks or underwear (any color).
3. Clean usable clothing of any size or color (no heavy jackets, coats or shoes, please).

You can drop off items with Pat at the Fine Art Of Fiber, mail them to her at 2755 Hula Drive, Verona, WI 53593, or email Pat for another arrangement. krothp@juno.com. After the exhibit closes, all clothing items will be donated to local needs network, which provides meals, clothing and support for families in transition. Donations needed by Dec 31, 2018. Thanks so much!

Service Update

We are busy sewing Christmas pillowcases for the YWCA in Evanston. These are being given to children living in safe houses. We are hoping to make their holidays a little bit brighter.

We have been preparing pillowcase kits to be sewn at home by you for WINGS, a shelter for battered women. These can be picked up at the Service table with complete instructions.

We were able to give Stroger Hospital 60 blankets for the little ones and another 70 were given to Rush Neonatal Unit and the clinics they serve.

We are looking for people to cut fabric for our Days For Girls project and also for the school bags we will make for next summer. You may have to press the fabric before cutting.

We continue to collect greeting cards and stationary for our veterans.

We won't have a freebie table in November or at the holiday party in December. Save your items for January! We are asking anyone who brings items to give away, to take the leftovers home with you after the meetings.

As always, you are invited to join us at Jeanette Page's home located at 2339 Dehne Rd in Northbrook for our Tuesday Service Days at 10. Jeanette provides lunch for us! Consider joining us. Dates in November: 6, 13, 20, 27 and December 11 and 18.

Nancy Calandra

Workshop Registration

Many have already enjoyed this year's workshops; there is still plenty of time to take one this year.

At the November meeting, I will be taking registrations. Please be patient and be prepared to wait in line so that I can look at the forms and make sure they are correct. I will take registrations before and after the meeting, but not during the meeting itself or Show and Tell. Registration is available by mail also. If you want to make sure there is space in the workshop you are interested in, please send me an email or call.

There is space in all of the workshops except November and April. I do maintain waiting lists for those workshops which are full, and often there are cancelations and people on the waiting list get in.

If you find you have to cancel, please contact me via email or phone. Our policy is that we turn to our waiting list first, which I maintain.

I hope you find at least one workshop that piques your interest, they are wonderful learning opportunities and of course great ways to meet other guild members.

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FAOF to get a new webmaster

Cindy Kuo is retiring from her position as FAOF Webmaster. She has been handling the website for many years and we thank her profusely for her contribution! Among other things, she has tirelessly photographed all of the exhibits and posted them on the site each year.

Frances Kruger Jackson has agreed to become the new webmaster. Thank you, Frances!

Members' Sale and mini workshops

Please let Susan Kenyon slkenyon@aol.com know if you would like to participate in any of these.

Members' Sale Wednesday November: 7

There are half tables available for the members' sale at our November meeting. Please note the date change. There is no charge for the space. Bring your needlework items to sell. This can include yarn and fabric including hand dyed, books, patterns, beads, and more. Have things priced and be sure to bring change for your customers. There is limited space so sign up as soon as possible.

January 15 - Sarah Ajlouni - Green: A History of a Color

A \$10 donation is suggested and will go to service.

Immediately after the meeting, and before the afternoon workshop, Sarah will give a lecture with a slide show tracing the history of the color green, its use, meaning, and significance.

February 5 - Cindy Heineman - Kumihimo - \$15

The fee includes the square disks.

March 5 - Jenny Ross - Creating Your Own Hand Embroidery Sampler - \$15

The fee includes all necessary materials

April 16 - Wendy Gray Raven - Mosaic Art-to-Wear - \$30

The fee includes everything necessary to make two pendants, a 2x1 inch rectangle and a 1-1/2 inch square, with chains.

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