



# Duneland Weavers' Guild of Northwest Indiana

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2023-2024

October 2023



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### Please Note

Change of Date- October's  
meeting is on the 7th

Change of Venue -October's  
meeting is at 3805 LaPorte Ave,  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

### President's Letter

Do you know how many parts there are to a loom? I didn't count them but there's a lot. I know this because I decided to take mine apart. How hard could it be? So, taking it apart is easy. Cleaning it, polishing the wood, lubricating the screws and putting it together is a lot harder than I ever imagined. What do you do when you have two extra pieces? I know they're important. I know where they're supposed to go. But somehow it's not lining up. Did I mention that this is the loom I'm going to use for the workshop in 2 weeks? Maybe we could have a future program on proper loom maintenance.

Speaking of the October workshop, 10 of us have signed up to learn about four shaft double weave. Natalie Drummond is leading the workshop and she is also our program for October. Natalie does some amazing work. She is very talented and you will want to come to the October meeting to see what she's been working on. Please note the change in date and venue for our October meeting. We will be meeting at the same church where we met last December for our silent auction and potluck lunch, Washington Evangelical Free Church, 3805 LaPorte avenue, Valparaiso, IN 46385 , on October 7th. You will also want to come to the meeting so you can hear about the this years president's challenge. See you soon!

Lisa



It is with great sadness that I must share with you that Kathy O'Neill passed away last week. Kathy had been a guild member for 50 years. She was an amazing fiber artist. Some of her passions included weaving, spinning and knitting. She loved to travel and was on every continent. Her family had multiple fiber pieces on display at her service. She was very talented and shared her wealth of knowledge with anyone who needed help. She even tried to teach me to spin. It was my honor and blessing to have known Kathy. She will be greatly missed. ~Lisa



Kathy was my go-to gal whenever I needed weaving advice. I was in awe of all the places she had traveled to pursue her interest in textiles. I will never forget her guild presentation on Japanese textiles when she fully wrapped Jacque Gaddy and I in two of her magnificent kimonos. ~Shelby

Kathy had a vast knowledge of weaving and was willing to share this to help new weavers like Steve and I figure things out. She also shared a love of cats and I think I actually have an email from her in which the word "meow" was involved lol. Life is very much like a weaving with people crossing others paths like weft. I'm glad we crossed paths and may you rest in peace. ~Mandy Benson

Kathy was a member of the guild when I joined over 40 years ago. She was a fantastic weaver and knitter and shared her knowledge of the fiber arts to all around her. I remember her spearheading the guild projects for the Midwest Weaving Conferences, especially the Chicago skyline we created and I believe we won a prize at the conference for it. I don't think I will ever forget the special guest we had for I believe her 50 th birthday party, and it took a while for her to talk to some of us again lol. She will be missed but never forgotten. She was an integral member of our guild. ~Peggy Reed

Kathleen "Kathy" Frances O'Neal, age 80, of Miller, passed away September 15, 2023. She was born March 27, 1943 in Gary, Indiana to Ervin and Dorothy O'Neal. The family lived in Miller, close to Lake Michigan, which gave Kathy a love for boating. She graduated from Wirt High School in Miller, earned an undergraduate degree from MacMurray College and earned a Master's degree from Indiana University. For many years, she taught history and English in the Lake Ridge School District, eventually working in administration until her retirement.

Kathy loved history and never stopped pursuing it, enrolling in many Great Courses online. It also led her to love traveling; to visit and explore the world. She achieved visiting all seven continents including Antarctica! Kathy loved the smaller cruise boats and owned a power boat herself which she was able to use on Lake Michigan. Her love of history also led her to explore archeology and anthropology and the many cultures which she visited.

Kathy was a member of the Miller Power Squadron. She was an avid weaver, owned several looms and exhibited her work. She was a long time member of the Weavers Guild in the area and also the Knitters Guild. Kathy loved to pursue more technical designs and challenged herself to intricate patterns and color schemes. Her family has been the grateful recipients of many of her creative and warm endeavors. She will be greatly missed.

Kathy is survived by her brother-William (Gail), niece-Caitlin, nephew- David; three great nieces; one great nephew.

The family will welcome friends and family on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, for a memorial visitation from 4:00 p.m., until the time of memorial service at 6:00 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart, IN 46342, Pastor John Starr officiating. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

## 2023-2024 DWG Program

- October 7th: Natalie Drummond -meeting on the first Saturday, October 7th and will be held at Washington Evangelical Free Church, 3805 LaPorte Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383
- November 11th: Gail Pilgrim presents "Throw in the Towel"
- December 9th: Annual silent auction and pot-luck luncheon held at Washington Evangelical Free Church, 3805 LaPorte Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383
- January 13th: Rebecca Riley-Vargas of Three Moons Fiberworks presenting an overview on Rigid Heddle Weaving
- February 10th: Weaver's Poker Presentation
- March 9th: Denise Kovnat presents Tactile Art: Collapse Fabrics from 4 to 32 Shafts
- April 13th: Annie MacHale presents on Inkle Band weaving
- May 11th: Annual luncheon (no presentation), location TBD

All Meetings are held at 10 a.m. CST on the Second Saturday of the month at Three Moons Fiberworks (Chesterton, IN) unless otherwise noted.



### Change to October Meeting Date

Please note that the October meeting will be on October 7th instead of the usual second Saturday. It will be held at

Washington Evangelical Free Church, 3805 LaPorte Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383

Check out our very own Melvenea Hodges' participation in the WEAVE Artist in Residence program at the link below:

<https://www.gistyarn.com/pages/weave-the-artist-in-residence-program>



*Holiday shopping starts at this 38th annual showcase of 24 leading Midwest fiber/textile artisans!*

*Exquisite creations from hands that weave, dye, knit, felt, quilt, stitch and design contemporary and traditional fashions, home decor, and holiday gifts. Enjoy meeting these incredibly talented artists.*

**Saturday, November 11, 2023  
9 am - 5 pm CST  
Sand Creek Country Club**

*Fast Checkouts! - Free Admission! - Free Parking!*

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### Acton Creative's October Weave Along is here!

If you are looking for a month-long (virtual) weaving adventure, you are invited to join the October Weave Along! In an Acton Creative Weave Along, there are simply 2 guidelines - we all start & finish a project in the month of October, and we all do the same pattern, which this time around is shadow weave! To find more information on this creative program, go to <http://www.actoncreative.net>.

Happy Weaving!





## DWG Members at the Fall Festival at



### Loom For Sale

Fireside Fiberarts

48" weaving width

10 shafts/12 treadles

4 stainless steel reeds

Commuter Bench with Backrest

Asking \$1,000

Other items for sale-

Harrisville 8 shaft, 10 treadle 22" weaving width \$300, Harrisville warping reel \$30

Le Clerc tension box \$50, Spool rack that can go with the tension box

Spinolution Bee Spinning Wheel \$50

Contact [info@dunelandweaversguild.org](mailto:info@dunelandweaversguild.org)



### October Program

The program for October will be presented by Natalie Drummond on Saturday, October 7th at Washington Evangelical Free Church, 3805 LaPorte Ave, Valparaiso, IN 46383.

She will also be hosting a workshop on deflected double weave on four shafts on October 5th & 6th at the Westchester Public Library-Hageman Branch, 100 Francis St., Porter, IN 46304. The workshop will start at 9 a.m. For further details or questions, contact Shelby Moravec at [info@dunelandweaversguild.org](mailto:info@dunelandweaversguild.org)



### The Duneland Weaver's Guild Websites

Check out our Duneland Weavers' Guild website for new content and photographs at:

<http://dunelandweaversguild.org>

Check out the guild's Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/dunelandweaversguildofnorthwestindiana>

The guild has a private Facebook group page for member posts found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2753907701519609>

### Textiles and Tea

Handweaver's Guild of America, Inc. presents Textiles and Tea online every Tuesday, 4-5p.m. EST. Go to <https://weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/> for more information and to register.

Octobber's Schedule:

October 3, 2023: Barbara J. Walker

October 10, 2023: Jane Milburn

October 17, 2023: Melissa Weaver Dunning

October 24, 2023: Louise Lemieux Bérubé

October 31, 2023: Felicia Lo



### Monthly Weaving Tip

From the book "Weaver's Wisdom: 250 Aids to Happier Endings"

A Small label on each harness noting the number of heddles saves much counting.



### Up Coming Events:

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November 11th- Gail Pilgrim presents "Throw in the Towel"

### Newsletter Submissions

Newsletter submissions are due the 25th of the month and will be printed in the following month's newsletter. Submissions can be emailed to [info@dunelandweaversguild.org](mailto:info@dunelandweaversguild.org)



## September Meeting

### Show and Tell

#### Pictures

