



# Duneland Weavers' Guild of Northwest Indiana

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2024-2025



**October 2024**



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## President's Letter

We had a fabulous meeting with Hannah from the Chesterton Art Center. Part of the discussion included the vision Hannah sees for the center and how the Duneland Weavers Guild is going to help accomplish her vision. One of the main changes will be showcasing weaving/spinning/knitting as art. Although we will still be encouraged to put items in the exhibit that will be for sale, selling items will not be the main emphasis. The Guild members will be demonstrating weaving and hosting a "Sit In" night.

The theme for this year's exhibit will be "Weaving as a Community". As a guild, we have been involved in the community for more than 75 years. We will be showcasing our history through our scrapbook and a few other surprises.

Stay tuned for more information and if anyone would like to be part of planning the exhibit, please let me know. And did I mention there will be a place for your self-portrait scarf?

Lisa



## October 12th, 2024 DWG Meeting Presentation with Cory Alston

Corey Alston is a man who has been recognized by many for his tireless effort to keep his heritage alive for his generation. He has been featured on magazines, TV shows, and world-renowned museums. You can find in mostly keeping his artform alive by keeping the world informed on social media sites. Corey is a direct desendent of enslaved Africans and is proud to teach others about his heritage by doing public educational talks all over the country.

Corey is a fifth generation Sweetgrass Basket Weaver and currently runs the family business in the Charleston City Market. Sweetgrass Basket Weaving has been a major part of the Gullah Geechee Culture, dating back to days of Enslavement. This coastal art form has been recognized as South Carolina State Handcraft and has been known to be found to be kept alive the longest along Sweetgrass Basket Makers HWY of South Carolina. This skill is one of the rare arts of our country that is founded nowhere else in America. Gullah Sweetgrass Baskets are a national treasure. Corey Alston [corey.alston@comcast.net](mailto:corey.alston@comcast.net) <https://instagram.com/gullahexperiencebycoreyalston>

<https://thegullahculture.com/index.html> <https://www.facebook.com/sweetgrassbasket>

[https://www.instagram.com/corey\\_alston\\_sweetgrassbasket/?hl](https://www.instagram.com/corey_alston_sweetgrassbasket/?hl)



## November 9th, 2024 Meeting

Jennifer Gould, Fiber Artist and Art Doll Maker will be presenting the program titled "Self Portraits and How Important They Are" at 10 a.m. CST at Three Moons Fiberworks.

<https://www.jennifergoulddesigns.com/>

and

<https://artdollstextilesjennifergould.blogspot.com/>



## November 9th, 2024 Workshop

It is time to send in your monies for the November 9, 2024 Art Doll making workshop. There will be 9 of us attending so the cost of the workshop will be \$27.78 each person. Please make checks out to the workshop leader, Jennifer Gould and send them to me (Mary Warren) at 2601 Summit Ridge Dr. South Bend, IN 46628-3452 as soon as possible to hold your spot. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there! This should be a wonderful workshop! Don't forget your sewing machine and equipment for it as well as a variety of fabrics, preferably those created by you but can be an assortment of favorite fabrics.

We still have room in the workshop and it's not too late to join in the fun. To sign up, email Mary

Mary Warren Program Chair Duneland Weavers' Guild

## 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.



October Schedule:

**October 1, 2024:** Kristin Crane

**October 8, 2024:** Rhianne Griego

**October 15:** Vandana Jain

**October 22, 2024:** Suzie Liles

**October 29, 2024:** Michelle Yi Martin

### Monthly Weaving Tip

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

When showing a piece, a well-chosen title enhances its appeal.

### The Duneland Weaver's Guild 2024-2025 President's Challenge

This year's President's Challenge is to weave a self-portrait scarf. If that is too scary how about weaving a scarf for yourself. Use your favorite fiber, your favorite color and your favorite weaving structure. Maybe it's not woven at all, maybe it is knitted or crocheted. What brings you joy an expression of who you are now or maybe who you want to be in the future. Don't be afraid to dream.

Lisa

### 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 Mandy Benson at [speechless78@yahoo.com](mailto:speechless78@yahoo.com)

### Mark Your Calendars

The executive board approved to change the date of the April show at the Chesterton Art Center. The Fiber Arts Exhibit featuring the Duneland Weavers Guild will be on Saturday, April 5, 2025. The kickoff celebration and fashion show will start at 1:00.

### 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>



*Holiday shopping starts at this 39th annual showcase of 22 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 9, 2024**  
**9 am - 5 pm CST**  
**Sand Creek Country Club**

*Fast Checkouts! - Free Admission! - Free Parking!*  
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## October Meeting Zoom Link

Email info@dunelandweaversguild.org for Zoom link

Celebrate weaving and spinning week Oct 7-14th!

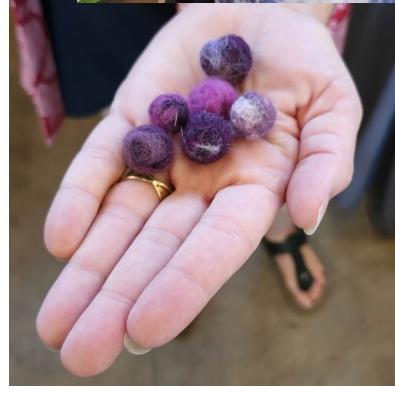
[https://weavespindye.org/  
spinning-and-weaving-week-  
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## Note from the President

Remember that I am bringing bribe treats for everyone who comes to Three Moons for the October meeting. If you are not able to make it in person, please log in and attend on Zoom. It is going to be a very interesting program about basket weaving using local materials. The baskets are truly a work of art.

Lisa

## September Show and Tell



## Up Coming Events:

October 12th - Corey Alston (via Zoom) "Guliah Basketry Presentation" at 10 a.m. CST at Three Moons Fiberworks.

November 9th - Jennifer Gould, Fiber Artist and Art Doll Maker : "Self Portraits and How Important They Are". at 10 a.m. CST at Three Moons Fiberworks.

Workshop following presentation from 1-5 p.m. CST Requires sewing a machine.