



# Duneland Weavers' Guild of Northwest Indiana

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**2024-2025**



**December 2024**



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## **President's Letter**

It's hard to believe the holidays are already upon us. I made a banana spice cake and instead of the traditional spices from the 40's, I tried Five Spice Powder by Frontier CO-OP. The five spices as listed on the back of the bottle are Cinnamon, Fennel, Cloves, Star Anis and White Pepper. I added extra cinnamon. Wow! George, my husband, even liked it. I guess I know what I am making for the December meeting.

The December meeting will be at **Washington Evangelical Free Church at 3805 Laporte Ave B, Valparaiso, IN 46383**. The church allows us to meet in the gym and use their tables for the silent auction and potluck luncheon. The auction is the guild's only fundraiser so bring good stuff and cash or a check. This is a good opportunity for new (and seasoned) fiber artists to add to their stash or pick up needed equipment. It is a potluck so bring your favorite dish to share. Friends and family are welcome too! The meeting will start at 10:00. Come earlier if you have a car full of items to donate. We will be having "Show and Share" so bring your dolls and other projects you have finished or have questions on.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on 14<sup>th</sup>!

Lisa



Merry  
Christmas



## **December Meeting Program**

Our December program is our annual silent auction and member potluck. Bring your stash you know you will never get to use and share it with the rest of the guild! Bring your yarn, weaving, dyeing and spinning equipment! You know the ones! They have been collecting dust and cobwebs! Dust them off and bring them in to sell for the benefit of the guild. Bring in those yarns that you have finished a project with and find other yarn here to start a new project! And don't forget to bring cash or check to pay for your wonderful finds! This is always a fun guild meeting! We get to shop and eat wonderful creations from each other's kitchens! Come and bring your stash busters and find more deals! We can share at the meal all our potential buys! If you have never been to a silent auction before, there will be items laid out on tables with initial prices listed. If you find something you like, place your bid and name on the list. It will change over the time period, so keep an eye on those bids and you can put your name and amount for a higher bid too. Come one, come all! We will enjoy our treasures sold and bought and get to share a meal together! All proceeds will go to the guild.

~Mary Warren Program Chair (Bid sheet included at the end of the newsletter)

## **Submission from Patty Steinhauser**

I just happened on to it, recognized the name, and thought if people haven't heard about it, it might be nice to share. Podcast episode with Melvenea Hodges.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-long-thread-podcast/id1508572777?i=1000675424633>

## **The Best Dish Towels**

I came across an article in Cook's Illustrated titled "The Best Dish Towels" in the September & October 2024 addition. It is a good article but they didn't test any handwoven towels.

It is their opinion, that the best dish towel is 26.25" x 19" (after washing). The towel is made from cotton and woven in a basket and plain weave pattern. The PDF of the article is attached.

Lisa

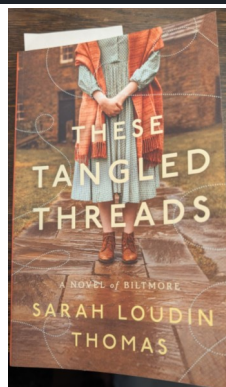
## **President's Challenge Food For Thought**

It is perfectly acceptable to have more than one scarf for the president's challenge. I have some alpaca fiber that is gorgeous! It's like butter. It brings me joy. And then there is a beautiful Mosaic pattern I want to try. So I asked myself why not make both? Something to think about.

Lisa



## **A Good Read Submission from Sherron Pampalone**



SET IN THE SHADOW OF BILTMORE ESTATE,  
A POIGNANT TALE OF FRIENDSHIP,  
RESTORATION, AND SECOND CHANCES

Seven years ago, a hidden betrayal scattered three young friends living in the shadow of the great Vanderbilt mansion. Now, when Biltmore Industries master weaver Lorna Blankenship is commissioned to create an original design for Cornelia Vanderbilt's 1924 wedding, she panics knowing she doesn't have the creativity needed. But there's an elusive artisan in the Blue Ridge Mountains who could save her—if only she knew where to begin.

To track down the mysterious weaver, Lorna sees no other way than to seek out the relationships she abandoned in shame. As she pulls at each tangled thread from her past, Lorna is forced to confront the wounds and regrets of life long ago. She'll have to risk the job that shapes her identity, as well as the hope of friendship—and love—restored.

## **Guild Development Retreat**

HGA's Guild Development Retreat is a one-day virtual learning experience to educate, motivate, and inspire fiber art guilds. Through panels and discussions, we hope to strengthen guild leadership, unite organizations, and provide a platform for the sharing of ideas. We want participants to end the day feeling motivated in their effort to build and grow their guilds so that all guilds can thrive.

If you would like to take part in the retreat, let me know. The guild will cover the cost regardless if you want to participate in the Static Planning Committee or not. Just let me know.

Lisa

## 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.



### December Schedule:

December 3, 2024: Tracy Kaestner

December 10, 2024: Ann Morton

December 17, 2024: Jeanne Sisson

December 24, 2024: Merry Christmas - No Textiles & Tea

December 31, 2024: Happy New Year - No Textiles & Tea



### Workshop Show and Tell



### 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



### Monthly Weaving Tip

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

Your looms and weaving equipment are valuable. Have them insured.

### 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.

### Planning Committee

The Duneland Weaver's Guild recently celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I would like to see the guild be around for their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. One way to make that happen is to plan. I would like to invite interested members to join a Static Planning Committee. This committee will be creating a plan for the future and setting goals for accomplishing the plan.

To help start the discussion, I invite everyone to participate in the Guild Development Retreat hosted by HGA on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### 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>



## November Show and Tell



### Up Coming Events:

December 14th - Silent Auction and Potluck Lunch at 10 a.m. CST held at **Washington Evangelical Free Church,**  
**3805 LaPorte Avenue, Valparaiso, IN 46383.**

January 11th - Ann Kollberg (via Zoom) The Hartford Weaving Center, About Us, at 10 a.m. CST at

Three Moons Fiberworks.



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