



Duneland Weavers' Guild of Northwest Indiana

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2024-2025

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April 2025



Happy spring!

President's Letter

I have spent a lot of time at the loom this month. What do you listen to while you weave? I am all over the place. While winding a warp, and I can listen to a audiobook. If I am dressing the loom for plain weave, I can get away with continuing to listen to the auto book. Anything more complicated and I have to concentrate on what I'm doing so I switch to music. My Spotify playlist consists of The three C's., Christian, Country and Classical. However, I have recently added Jazz. And of course there is my favorite, the ancient drums and flutes. Music definitely sets the tone for my creativity.

Happy weaving and I hope to see everyone at April Guild meeting.

~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.

April Schedule:

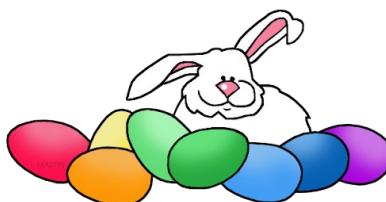
April 1, 2025: Peyton Pearson

April 8, 2025: Verónica A. Pérez

April 15, 2025: Lena Kolb

April 22, 2025: Jennifer Williams

April 29, 2025: Klaus Anselm



From the Hospitality Committee

We are going to Portofino's in La Porte for our May Luncheon. Same place as last year. Lunch price per person is \$20.

~ Rachel

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

Monthly Weaving Tip

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

Use a stick shuttle to hold down a treadle when three feet are needed.

New Study Group

I am very excited about all the interest in the Beginning Weaver Study Group!!! I would like to have the first meeting at my house at the end of May. (The exact date has not yet been determined.) The plan will be to weave a scarf the first meeting. I will have several looms warped and ready to go. This will give you an opportunity to get the basic techniques down. From there, we will work backwards: different techniques for warping a loom, how to read a draft and so on and so on. If this sounds something you would be interested in, please let me know. ~Lisa

Looms for Sale

Two looms are up for sale from guild member's estate (Marcia). One loom is a 4 harness Norwood and is approximately 27 inches wide. The asking price \$1,000.00. The second loom for sale is a 4 harness baby wolf with capability to add 4 more harnesses to make it an 8 harness loom and is approximately 30 inches wide. The asking price is \$1,500.00. Both looms are located in Valparaiso, Indiana and are in excellent condition. Please contact Peggy Reed if interested or you have additional questions.



**Yearly Membership Dues for the
2025-2026 are Due**

You can bring them to the meeting or send them to:

Sue Degnan

email info@dunelandweaversguild.org for an address to mail a check

The dues are \$25 for email newsletters and \$35 for snail mail.



March's Show and Tell



April Meeting Zoom Link

Duneland Weavers Guild is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join the April Zoom Meeting

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DWG April Guild Meeting Apr 12, 2025 10:00 AM Central Time



**March's
Program
40 Years
of Weaving
A
Retrospective
with
Margaret
Jones**



April 12th Program with Bonnie Zimmer- A Fiber Artist's Journey

Bonnie's presentation is entitled "Wonder Under My Feet" and will be an overview of her evolution as a fiber artist. Retired after teaching art at all levels for over 40 years, Zimmer is now a full time artist living near Rensselaer, IN. giving occasional guest artist presentations and workshops. Grounded by her BFA in textiles from Indiana University (1973), she uses fiber techniques and natural and found materials to create vessels, sculptures, and installations that explore our relationship with nature.

In addition, Zimmer enjoys creating nature inspired jewelry and eco-printed clothing she sells at regional art fairs including Interwoven Expressions, Chesterton Art Fair, Journeyman's Artisan Market, and more.

Statement: "Mining my rural surroundings for materials and inspiration, I juxtapose beloved items from nature with discarded, human-made objects that cross my path. I am especially drawn to rusty metal objects beginning to return to the earth. Working intuitively, my materials guide me in my process, techniques, and structures. I strive to arrive at a perfect, visual equilibrium of form while retaining the inherent spirit of each item."

Quote: Think of my work as a visual metaphor for humans and nature coexisting in a state of balance and reciprocity with each taking care of the other... <https://www.bonniezimmer.com>

Beaded Wrap Bracelet Workshop April 12th from 1-4 pm

Bonnie's workshop will guide participants in the basics of creating a "Beaded Wrap Bracelet" in which each participant will complete a beautiful single wrap bracelet (goes around the wrist once) but come away with a detailed handout of information and skills to create multi-wrap, complex bracelets on their own following. She will provide all materials including: a metal button for each participant, several color and size choices of round leather 1.5 to 2mm (warp/edging of bracelet), wide range of beads, special easy thread beading needle, Fireline, glue, binder clip and wooden jig holding an alligator clip to fit in a clip board (provided by most participants) to create a loom of sorts; instructions for creating your own custom beading "loom" that I use.

Participants are invited to bring the following, but optional since Bonnie will have everything except enough clip boards for all: small sharp scissors (She will have several to share)

clipboard if they have one (don't go buy one). Bonnie will have several to loan but not enough for a large group special button: I will provide a nice selection of buttons 1/2" to 1" wide, but if they have a shank button or unique 2-hole button with larger holes to accommodate 1.5 - 2mm leather, they would like to bring for their clasp, feel free.

Cost: \$15 at the time of the workshop

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>

Up Coming Events:

April 12 th - Bonnie Zimmer, A Fiber Artist's Journey at 10 a.m. CST at Three Moons Fiberworks. Beaded Wrap Bracelet workshop to follow meeting.

May 10th - May Luncheon held at Portifino's at 3233 North IN 39 in LaPorte at 11:30 CDST