



Duneland Weavers' Guild of Northwest Indiana

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September 2026



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President's Letter

It takes a village. I got to spend a few weeks this summer in Greece with my family. Our grandbabies are 2 and 4. Keeping them entertained at the house or the beach required a village. Everyone participated in their adventure. The four-year-old can spot beach glass a yard away and has a love of beach rocks. I am so proud of her!

The Duneland Weaver's Guild is your village. We are going to have an amazing year learning from and supporting each other. I am excited to share some of the things we have planned. We will start with "Show and Tell". I can hardly wait to see what everyone has been doing this summer. Suzy Vance is going to share her creative spirit with us. We are going to learn how to sew handwoven fabrics and will be able to practice with a workshop following the program. Rebecca Vargas is going to teach us everything rigid heddle. Weaver's poker is going to have an interesting spin this year. The Westside study group will be presenting their journey through weaving twill. Robyn Spady, author of Heddlecraft, will be here for the March program and workshop.

And this is just the beginning so stay tuned....

I am excited to see everyone in September 12th.

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.

September 1, 2026: Keila McCracken

September 8, 2026: Fannie Lee

September 15, 2026: Carol Eckert

September 22, 2026: Richard Vijgen

September 29, 2026: Allyce Wood

Monthly Weaving Tip

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

Heavy Yarns will look darker due to the shadows they cast.



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

From the Program Chair

Have you always wanted to weave fabric and turn it into a jacket but didn't know where to start? Have you become overwhelmed and just given up? This year, we are going to help each other through the process. I am working with a seamstress to develop a step by step plan to prep for the November workshop.

~Lisa



Educational Opportunity

We are reaching out to you as a member of the global weaving community about a valuable educational opportunity available to your members, students, and/or readers from Complex Weavers. Complex Weavers is an international weaving organization that formed almost 50 years ago to explore "more than plain" plain weave as a community. In September, CW's Weavers Handshake online, on-demand learning platform will launch the first five of the 25 presentations that were recorded during CW Seminars this past June. The subject matter offered by leading weaving instructors is wide ranging, allowing weavers to watch and rewatch amazing content shared in Denver. Please invite your communities of weavers to take advantage of up to 8 months of crazy weaving learning fun for less than \$20 per seminar for the all access pass. They also can pick and choose sessions of interest or purchase a 5-seminar bundle. Just share this link, and they can get full details. Weavers Handshake is available to anyone. CW membership is not required. Thank you for your help spreading the word. The Complex Weavers Online Offerings Team

[Learn more about Weavers Handshake](#)

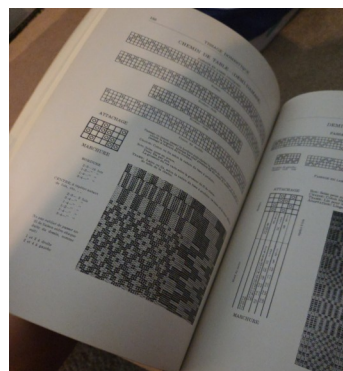
[Learn more about Complex Weavers](#)

For a limited time the All Access Pass - 25 Sessions will be available for \$50 off with the coupon code: bobbinsrround

Free to a Good Home

I inherited a box of weaving pattern books and I am looking to give them to someone interested. They were my great grandma's and are in French, but do include pictures and the pattern template (not sure the correct term). If you know anyone who would have interest, email info@dunelandweaversguild.org. I will include some pictures of the inside, but can provide more of it will help them find a new home. Thanks!

info@dunelandweaversguild.org



NEW BLOG POST NOW LIVE! WOVEN TAPESTRY: BEYOND CONVENTION

What happens when you stop controlling and start observing? That's the question Louise Martin is bringing to Los Angeles, California, this October—and it might change the way you think about the loom. The American Tapestry Alliance (ATA) is hosting Martin, a weaver from the Shetland Isles in the UK, for a three-day workshop at the LA Tactile Lab, this October 14 through 16. Martin's practice pushes materiality and structure into unexpected territory. Weaving with paper yarn, sisal, and other non-traditional materials, she creates work that is sometimes densely woven, sometimes translucent, always surprising. Her current work forms map-like structures that consider not just what is woven but what is left unwoven, stretched, pulled, or exposed. Head to the blog to read the full post, and discover how one weaver is going beyond traditional techniques.

[Click Here For Blog Post](#)

Educational Opportunity

MARCH 21–25, 2027 | YORK, PA Find Your Next Weaving Adventure at Weave Together 2027 What will you explore at Weave Together with Handwoven? From diving into a new technique to spending a few days immersed in a craft you already love, this year's class lineup offers plenty of opportunities to learn, experiment, and create. Join us March 21–25, 2027, at Heritage Hills Resort in York, PA, for three days of hands-on classes with some of your favorite instructors, including: Tom Knisely, Véronique Perrot, Angela K. Schneider, Sara C. Bixler, John Mullarkey, Angela Tong, and Joan Sheridan. Explore multi-shaft, rigid-heddle, tablet, inkle, pin-loom, and rug weaving, experiment with color and design, and discover new techniques alongside fellow weavers.

[Click Here for more information.](#)

2026-2027 DWG Program

-September 12, 2026 Members Welcome Back & Show & Tell
10 a.m. CST at Three Moons Fiberworks, 402 Broadway, Chesterton, IN 46304

-October 10, 2026 Suzy Vance Creating from the Heart: The Artistry of Living
10 a.m. CST at Three Moons Fiberworks, 402 Broadway, Chesterton, IN 46304

-November 14, 2026 Earnestine Carey Sewing your hand wovens Workshop following program
10 a.m. CST at Three Moons Fiberworks, 402 Broadway, Chesterton, IN 46304

-December 12, 2026 Silent Auction & Potluck lunch
11 a.m. CST at Washington Evangelical Free Church 3805 LaPorte Ave., Valpo, IN 46383

-January 9, 2027 Rebecca Riley-Vargas Rigid Heddle Loom
10 a.m. CST at Three Moons Fiberworks, 402 Broadway, Chesterton, IN 46304

-February 13, 2027 Weavers' & Spinners' Challenge
10 a.m. CST at Three Moons Fiberworks, 402 Broadway, Chesterton, IN 46304

-March 13, 2027 Robyn Spady
10 a.m. CST at Three Moons Fiberworks, 402 Broadway, Chesterton, IN 46304

-Robyn Spady Workshop March 12-13 Times/Location TBA

-April 10, 2027 Northside Study Group A Study in Twill
10 a.m. CST at Three Moons Fiberworks, 402 Broadway, Chesterton, IN 46304

-May 8, 2027 Annual Luncheon
11:00 am at Four Corners 294 E 600 N Valparaiso IN 46383



Reminder- Meetings are also available by Zoom.

Duneland Weavers Guild is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Duneland Weavers Guild's Zoom Meeting

Time: Sep 12, 2026 09:45 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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>

Wool and Fiber Festival

Wool and Fiber Festival in Bloomington, Indiana October 2 & 3, 2026 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. For more information including classes/workshops and vendors, etc., click below:

<https://woolandfiberfestival.org/>

From the Fashion Show Chair

Can't wait to see each of you at the September Meeting!
We need to work as a total guild this year by:

Prioritize- Make the monthly meeting the priority

Commit- To be on a committee to help the Guild, participate in workshops, style show, etc.

Grab a friend- our numbers are dwindling, bring a friend or two to a meeting, show them how to weave or direct them to Rebecca.

As of now, we have 6 months to create at least ONE outstanding item for the April Exhibit/Style Show. With 35 members, that would be a decent showing. 2 items would be even better.

ACTION PRECEEDS MOTIVATION!

~Sherron Pampalone



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