



Where the Weft Begins

The Heddle Herald

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President's Notes --

Margaret Arafat

"Hot fun in the summertime . . ." Not just lyrics from Sly and the Family Stone, it's how seven Guild members chose to spend June 12. We took a respite from work, housework, husbands, children, grandchildren and the other assorted non-fibre-related bits of our lives to brave the heat in our favorite Southlake garage for another addictive dye date with resident warp painting experts, Margaret Humphries and Lynn Smetko. It's too early to tell how successful our warps will be, but it was great fun getting together to swap stories, dye pots and words of encouragement. We even had time to discuss our CAC Show projects. How's yours coming along?

The CAC Show . . . don't forget the June 30th deadline to send a blurb about your show piece(s) to Lynn Smetko for the brochure. The blurb, NOT the piece. I have one piece ready to go, and the other is being warped. If all goes well, the second will resemble my description. If not? It won't be the first time I started with a plan that went awry. Remember the scarf that was neither twill nor undulating? It's still pretty. Anyway, Lynn needs this information if you want a

description about your piece published in the brochure. We want everyone to hang something in the Show so don't let uncertainty, lack of progress or inexperience hinder you. If you still have questions about what to hang in the Show, contact Show Chairpersons Nancy Berger and Allison Gray or me. You can also find the information in the FWWG's "Hanging Show Policy," located in the Yearbook and at <http://www.fortworthweaversguild.com>.

Please check the calendar for other Show deadlines and the dates for the summer meetings planned to keep those "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" from overwhelming your life. I hope you've signed up for them and that I'll see you soon. Weave on -- **Margaret**

Dues! Dues! Dues! . . . Yearly dues are due now. If you haven't already paid them (some have, some haven't), you may do so at one of two levels: \$20.00 to receive the Newsletter by email or \$27.00 for a mailed copy. Please note that dues for the mailed version have been raised as the result of increased cost of postage and printing supplies. We're sorry, but it was unavoidable. If you have the capability to get an email copy of the Newsletter, you might reconsider doing so.

Please make checks payable to "FWWG" and mail them to --

John Grundmann
6230 Silver Creek – Azle Road
Azle, Texas 76020

2007 Summer Schedule

Sunday, June 24

Michael Cook: *Tablet Weaving*
Jean Walbridge's home
3628 Hilltop Road, 76109
10:30 – 5:00

A full class of 15 weavers is registered for Michael Cook's workshop. If you are

not attending, you might want to check <http://www.wormspit.com> for silkworm and tablet weaving information. For those registered to attend, bring an inkle loom or two clamps and a board, lunch, and \$15.00 if you haven't paid.

Directions -- My house is near TCU. Come to the intersection of University Drive and Berry Street, turn west on Berry Street. Follow the road as it swings around the Greek dorms and intramural fields, but when you are across from the soccer field and driving west again, turn left (south) on Alton Road. Hilltop is the second east/west street. Turn right (west), and 3628 is in the middle of the block. See you soon!

Saturday, July 28

Flower Pounding

Dotty Thomas' home

122 Mill Creek Drive, 76010

9:00 a.m.

There may be an opening so call Dotty.

Saturday, August 25

"TNT" with MaGee Grundmann and

Sue Freeman

Nancy Berger's home

Show Booklet Information and Deadline – Lynn Smetko

June 30, 2007 is the deadline for submission of information about the item(s) that you are entering in our guild's fall show. The information will be used to create the booklet for our show. Your pieces DO NOT have to be woven or submitted on that date, but the information about them does. Please e-mail, mail or call me with the following details for each piece you will be entering:

- ♦ Weaver
- ♦ Title of piece
- ♦ Fiber
- ♦ Weave structure

- ♦ Other details you would like included about the piece
- ♦ Sale price or not for sale (NFS)

The other thing that I need from each person entering the show is a little biographical information about yourself. If you exhibited in the 2005 Guild Show and the information that was in the Show booklet is still accurate, I'll use that if you just let me know. If you want to change something, or if you were not in the brochure, please send me a paragraph about you-the-weaver. You might include:

- ♦ When you started weaving
- ♦ What you like to weave or weave with, or both
- ♦ Why you weave
- ♦ What inspires you
- ♦ Whatever else you think is pertinent

Feel free to e-mail or call if you have any questions.

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**Happy Birthday to You in June!**

*Katherine Novak (3), Margaret Arafat (4)  
 Jane Cashion (12), John Grundmann (20)*  
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Textiles, Textures and Treasures: FWWG Show 2007 – Nancy Berger

For this show to equal the success of 2005, we need the help of all Guild members! Here are the deadlines necessary to make the show happen.

Deadlines:

- ♦ June 30: Entry descriptions submitted to Lynn Smetko
- ♦ August 15: Entry pieces delivered to Cynthia Bohnenblust
- ♦ August 25: Sale items delivered to MaGee Grundmann
- ♦ September 1: Hang the show – Sally Middleton

Also, remember to prepare an "inspiration" page that contains fibre or a woven sample and, if possible, the inspiration (picture, magazine article, etc.) that caused the creative juices to flow resulting in your displayed item. The

pages will be compiled in a book for Gallery guests to touch and, hopefully, understand the art behind the weaving.

More information about the Show will be in the July Heddle Herald, including a format for the "inspiration" page, inventory sheets and sales tags.

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**Happy Birthday to You in July!**

*Ann Burton (7)  
 Avon Langston (10)*  
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Events Calendar

❖ **Textiles, Textures & Treasures: FWWG CAC Show 2007**

Date: September 2007

Additional Information TBA

❖ **Lace Weave Workshop:** Jette Vandermeiden

Date: October 6-8, 2007

Location: Burseson Electric Co-operative Building, Burseson

Information and/or Registration: Teresa Sanchez 817-602-5450

❖ **Linen Workshop:** Kati Reeder Meek

Date: February 2008

Additional Information TBA

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*If you know of an upcoming event, don't keep it to yourself, share the information so everyone can see what, where and when it is.*

**Intertwined: Contemporary Baskets from the Sara and David Lieberman Collection – Ann Schrader**

*June 29 through September 23, 2007*  
 Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts  
*Intertwined* will change perceptions about the art of contemporary basket-making. More than seventy works by regional, national and international artists show the breadth of the art form, with traditional and functional works exhibited along with mixed-media sculptures. The artists have manipulated a range of materials such as grasses, fish skins, porcupine quills, grocery bags, postcards and pistachio shells to create intriguing

objects that push the boundaries of basket-making. The exhibit is shown under the auspices of the Arizona State University Art Museum.

**... from the New Editor ...**

*Jean Walbridge*

The Heddle Herald is, for real, mine now, and I've spent most of the day trying to figure out PDF. Please be patient with me as I learn this technology stuff and try to remember 10<sup>th</sup> grade English grammar. Margaret Arafat left huge footsteps to follow.

The summer editions of the Heddle Herald will be short versions of our regular newsletter with the goal of keeping us all in touch and focused on weaving for *Textiles, Textures and Treasures*. Let me know if you have information to be included in the July publication. The deadline is July 9. I know that's early but I expect to include more information about the show, and I'll be at Ghost Ranch the next two weeks. There is electricity at Ghost Ranch, but precious little Internet connectivity. So, the Heddle Herald will be finished before Jim and I leave for New Mexico.

From time to time, send me notes on your travels during the summer and we'll share them in a September ". . . on the road again. . ." article.

If you haven't received a Heddle Herald for some time, I've added a few names from the "old" files. We'd love to have you back as a member, and if you've woven something in the past two years, we'd love to have it in the fall show.

In the meantime, I hope you are weaving for the show and for yourselves. Keep in touch.