



*Where the Weft Begins*

# The Heddle Herald

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**President:** Margaret Humphries  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Programs:** Ann Schrader  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Publicity:** ~~OPEN~~  
**Treasurer:** Barb Nelson  
**Secretary:** MaGee Grundmann

## President's Notes --

*Margaret Humphries*

I am still buoyed by our January Meeting, and it is already time to prepare for February. I have been doing a good bit of weaving, but I haven't put the Shaker towels on the loom yet – the warp hangs by the loom as a reminder "I'm next," but two other warps have cut in front. I'm afraid that the linen is not being very assertive. Sometimes when I weave with a new fibre (linen this time), it can be a little intimidating, but working with linen is the main reason I signed up for this Shaker Towel Study Group and I'm glad for the pressure of a deadline looming. I'll let you know how this goes. Keep your fibre crossed for me.

I received good feedback on the new meeting format, so I will stay with program first, meeting second. The food was fabulous and Ann Schrader is doing a great job with the programs. Don't forget to give your ideas for next year's programs to her, even though she's doing very well without our input. Thank you, Lorelei Caracausa, for the Yearbook. If there are any changes to be made, send those to Lorelei. Teresa Sanchez has arranged a replacement workshop for next October with Jette Vandermeiden. Complete information will be available at the February meeting. Katie Reeder Meek is on for February 2008 and we're looking at Linda Lugenbill for early fall 2008 with her antler baskets. She has sent us pictures and they are only fabulous.

We welcomed four new members in January. They are Martha Zinn, Sandra Gonzales, Jane Cashion and Sue Jolly. Gypsy Perry has arranged a small Get Acquainted Coffee at my house on the 21<sup>st</sup> for our new members and their mentors. Thank you, Gypsy, for doing a great job as Membership Chair.

Eighteen people signed the list saying they are planning to attend CHT in Houston in April. Wow! If you need any help with anything concerning CHT, let me know. We have permission to put a flyer in everyone's welcome bag announcing our September show, *Textiles, Textures, and Treasures*, and to sell raffle tickets for the cotton shawl woven by Lynn Smetko. Everyone will want to win that, I know.

On February 10 and 11, we partnered with Dallas and Denton Guilds to show weaving and spinning to ETADallas, a sewing and fibre arts conference held at SMU. Jean Walbridge and I took a loom and other materials and manned the booth with the help of Cynthia

Bohnenblust, Leslie Shimomura and Dallas guild members. We had a bunch of interest shown and hopefully found a new member or two. Jean and I took our lunch break at the Meadows Museum to see the Balenciaga Exhibit – boy, does my closet look different from that!

I hope you are weaving, learning new things, and working on your goals. Read *Heart of the Matter* for important information we won't really cover at meeting unless there are questions.

Happy Threads to you. ~ *Margaret*

**Treasurer's Report: February 2007**  
*Barb Nelson*

**Previous balance in January 2007:**  
 \$6,120.08

**Total expenditures since last Report:**  
 \$847.03

**Total deposits since last Report:**  
 \$336.00

**Present balance as of February 2007:**  
 \$5,609.05.

**Meeting Minutes: January 27, 2007**  
*MaGee Grundmann*

President Margaret Humphries called the meeting to order. Four new members attended: Martha Zinn, Sandra Gonzales, Jane Cashion and Sue Jolly.

Ann Schrader introduced the program "Wearable Art" presented by fibre artist Lu Peters. Lu has an incredible knowledge base and shared many techniques used in turning hand woven fabrics into beautiful garments that are truly works of art.

**Secretary - MaGee Grundmann**

The October Meeting Minutes approved.

**Treasurer - Barb Nelson**

Barb reported the current balance of \$6,120.08 as published in this edition of the Heddle Herald.

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**CAC Show - Nancy Berger & Allison Gray**

A meeting was held prior to this meeting. Committee chairs refined responsibilities and the time line for the Show. The raffle item will be displayed and raffle tickets sold at CHT if the CHT Board allows.

**CHT report - Margaret Arafat**

The Conference is April 27 -29. Contact Margaret about membership information. Donations for door prizes are being sought. Rebecca Shanks discussed the new format of the CHT Board.

**Community Service - Leslie Shimomura/Margaret Humphries**

Margaret Humphries and Jean Walbridge volunteered to work Saturday in the children's area at ETADallas, and Margaret Arafat and Gypsy Perry volunteered for Sunday.

**CHT Samples - Lorelei Caracausa**

Samples are finished and FABULOUS!

**Historian - Ellen Smith**

The theme for the Guild's CHT display will have an historical perspective. "Take a Chance on Me", a cotton shawl donated by Lynn Smetko, will be raffled at CHT.

**Hospitality / Sunshine - Jean Walbridge**

Thank you to Ann Schrader, Ellen Smith, Nancy Berger and Gypsy Perry for refreshments.

**Librarian - Sue Freeman**

For the new members, Sue explained the resources available in the Guild Library and how the Library functions. She brought three books as examples.

**Newsletter - Margaret Arafat**

Deadline for next issue is February 14. She reminded members of the income opportunity from vendor advertisements.

**Programs - Ann Schrader**

Ann reported that Michael Cook would present the February 26 program called "Tablet Weaving" about card woven ribbons.

**Workshops - Teresa Sanchez**

Joanne Tallarovic has canceled her October workshop but will reschedule a future date.

Teresa presented members with other workshop options. It was agreed to contact Jette Vandermeiden to be the October replacement. Linda Lugenbill

has also sent a proposal for another basketry workshop for 2008.

**Web site - Nancy Berger**

Committee members are Sherri Coffey, Nancy Berger, and Lynn Smetko. The web site is up and running.

**Yearbook - Lorelei Caracausa**

New yearbooks were handed out. Please contact her if you will be at the Feb. meeting and would like to receive your book.

**Vision - Sherri Coffey and Pat Souder**

A "Where is our future? What will our Guild be?" membership survey is under development.

The Meeting was adjourned.

**The Heart of the Matter**

**Officers and Committee Chairs:** The Slate of Officers for the next two years will be presented. We also need a few new committee chairs: Workshop Chair Assistant (to assist Teresa Sanchez for the next year then take over the chairman position), Hospitality/ Sunshine (a two-year commitment), and Community Service (volunteers). If you are interested in stepping into one of these positions, be ready to volunteer at meeting or let me know privately.

**CHT:** The deadline for submitting your handwoven items for judging is March 5. I would love for us to be well represented in the show. It is also an opportunity to receive valuable written feedback from the judge. Those planning to attend CHT are: Margaret Arafat, Marie Baker, Cynthia Bohnenblust, Lorelei Caracausa, Jane Cashion, Sherri Coffey, MaGee Grundmann, Margaret Humphries, Avon Langston, Barb Nelson, Teresa Sanchez, Ann Schrader, Rebecca Shanks, Lynn Smetko, Betty Smith (probably), Ellen Smith, Helen Smith, Dotty Thomas, Jean Walbridge. Let me know if I need to add you to the list. We're going to have FUN. Save my cell number into your cell phones so we can make contact: 817.988.8359 (Margaret Humphries)

**Programs: Ann Schrader**

**Tablet Weaving: Michael Cook . . .** Michael Cook is coming back with more silk. This time you'll see it used with tablet weaving as only Michael does it. He'll talk a little about history and quite a lot about theory and design, and will

show some examples of his work. He'll discuss graph paper for brocade and double-face designs, and will tell us about how he goes about drawing out a design. If you've never seen Michael's work, you are in for a special treat. It must be seen to be believed. If you have seen it, it's always worth another look.

**2007 Programs Schedule**

**February 26, 2007**

Michael Cook: *Tablet Weaving*  
Ridglea Presbyterian Church

**March 24, 2007**

Lynne Lovett: *Weaving for Garments*  
Fort Worth CAC

**April 2007 ~ No Meeting ~ CHT**

**May 19, 2007**

*Spring Luncheon & Guild Challenge*  
Ridglea Presbyterian Church

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**Happy Birthday to You in February!**  
*Sandra Gonzales (4), Sarah Cohen (5),  
Dee Dee Bryne (10), BJ Conrad (14),  
Margaret Humphries (18), Sue Jolly (22)*  
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**January Raffle. . . .** We made \$46 on the raffle of cones of fibre donated by Nancy Berger and Teresa Sanchez. What a great way to share your stash. BJ Conrad has donated a handwoven basket for our February raffle. Thank you, BJ.

The brown bag sale netted \$169.74. Thanks to Nancy Berger for thinking of such a cool, fun way to find monies to donate to the 2007 Show. We've profited greatly from the generous donations of Guild members so that our show will be a success.

**Directions to Ridglea Presbyterian Church (RPC)**

Ridglea Presbyterian Church is located at 6201 Camp Bowie Boulevard in Fort Worth at the southwest corner of Camp Bowie and Westridge Avenue, and can be reached by going west on I-30, taking the Camp Bowie exit, traveling west on Camp Bowie and turning left at Westridge Avenue (at the stop light).

An alternative path would be to exit I-30 (from east or west) at Ridglea Avenue/Ridgmar Blvd (Exit 8B). Turn south on Ridglea Avenue and travel to Camp Bowie. Turn east on Camp Bowie

to the stoplight at Westridge Avenue. Then follow the directions to parking.

Please park in the lot south of the Church (across Sunset Drive) and enter the building through the glass loggia doors on the Sunset Drive. Someone will be stationed there so even if you arrive late, you'll have a way to enter the building. The doors facing Camp Bowie door will be locked.

There will be signs directing you to the meeting location. If you have any questions, please call Jean Walbridge.

### **Hospitality/Sunshine:**

*Jean Walbridge*

Hostesses for the February Meeting are Sue Freeman, Katie Gosko and Dorothy Schearer.

### **Workshops – Teresa Sanchez**

Information will be available at the February Meeting.

### **Yearbooks: Lorelei Caracausa**

Contact Lorelei if you have not received your current yearbook.

### **Membership: Gypsy Perry**

Please welcome New Members --

Jane Cashion  
Sandra Gonzalez  
Sue Jolly  
Martha Zinn

### **Shaker Towel Study Group: Sue Freeman**

There will be a short meeting at 10:00a immediately prior to the Guild Meeting. If you have any questions about the samples or how to format the written discussion that goes with them, please be sure to ask now because the samples are due at the March Meeting.

### **Book Review: Marie Baker**

*The Structure of Weaving*, Ann Sutton, Photography by David Cripps, Lark Books, 1982.

Have you been shopping, seen a beautifully woven fabric on a ready-made piece of clothing, wondered how it was woven, how many shafts it would take, and if you could produce the fabric yourself? If so, this book is for you. What a great find! *The Structure of Weaving* does not teach how to weave,

but how to identify a structure and translate it into a draft. The only tools required are a pencil, graph paper or what Ann calls point-paper, a magnifying glass and the cloth you wish to exam. Miss Sutton examines many weave structures from balanced weave to double cloth. The color photos by David Cripps show fiber texture as well as structure and are striking viewed through a magnifying glass. Good instructions, clear black and white illustrations, and detailed color photographs make this a functional book. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to learn more about structure and drafting.

### **FWWG Table for CHT: Ellen Smith**

Thanks to Margaret Humphries, I now have put the theme for our CHT guild table into words that actually go with the CHT theme: *FWWG Bonds with the Past*. Get it? Bonds? James Bonds? Thank you, Margaret, for your creative thinking.

As I reported at the last meeting, the idea is "past and present." I intend to have Dorothea Englemann's jacket on display, along with our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary scrapbook, a cookbook, and the shawl that Lynn Smetko is donating as our raffle prize for our fall show (with her permission).

I also would like to display items that members of our guild have created this year: examples from our study groups (Shaker Towels and Tapestry), and from the workshops (baskets, things woven from the fibers dyed at Lynn and Margaret dye workshops).

Please help by loaning your creations to me for CHT. Let me know what you would like to show off by sending me an email. I will not be at the February meeting, but I will be at the March Meeting and would like to have the items by then. If you won't be able to attend that meeting, please let me know so we can make other arrangements.

**Did you know . . . yarn has an ability to represent color more effectively than any other medium?** This "fact," found for us by Gypsy Perry, comes from the West Dean Tapestry Studio in the United Kingdom.

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**Happy Birthday to You in March!**  
*Rebecca Shanks (8), Kristie Bodeman (10),  
Nancy Dorsey (13), Toni Russell (25),  
Moira Sills (25), Barb Nelson (29),  
Barbara Wilson (31)*  
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### **Juried Show – Call for Entries**

A December 15, 2007, postmark is the entry deadline for a juried exhibit of handwoven textiles for the home titled, *Living with Beauty: Handwoven Textiles for the Home*. Sponsored by the Pikes Peak Weavers Guild in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and the Business of Art Center (BAC) in Manitou Springs, Colorado, the Show will be hung in the BAC's Hagnauer Gallery from June 13 to July 26, 2008. Entries must be handwoven, for use in the home interior, be an original design, and be finished objects. Betsy Blumenthal is the Juror. For more information, see [www.pikespeakweavers.org](http://www.pikespeakweavers.org), or contact Beverly Weaver or Susan Bowman at [LivingwithBeauty@aol.com](mailto:LivingwithBeauty@aol.com).

**Deadline!**  
*Submissions for the next issue of the  
Heddle Herald are due not later  
than Wednesday, March 14.*

**Internet Resources:** *Web sites offer assistance or interesting or useful information. Share your favorites.*

- Fort Worth Weaver's Guild – <http://www.fortworthweaversguild.com>
- Other Guild postings are available at <http://www.FortWorthWeaversGuild@yahoogroups.com>.

**Try these web sites –**

The West Dean Tapestry Studio, part of the Edward James Foundation in South Downs, United Kingdom, is a treat for anyone admiring tapestries. One of five such studios in the World, their history is remarkable. Click on the Henry Moore and the Historic Scotland Commissions for a look at two very diverse tapestry projects.

Miscellaneous information about weaving, tips, techniques, sets for silk. You name it, you can find it All Fiber Arts site.

The Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds web site is open to outside weavers and spinners. Find a chat list and notices of upcoming workshops, fiber events, and sales.

**... from the Guest Editor ...**

*Jean Walbridge*

Life sometimes takes me down uncertain paths, and editing this newsletter is one of them. I told Margaret of my background in publishing and the next thing you know, she asked me to be Guest Editor of the Heddle Herald. (My publishing experience was in sales and marketing, not editing. Oh, well. . . ) It's been lots of fun: trying to figure out this blankety-blank computer, reading information and articles BEFORE anyone else, good phone calls with Margaret regarding content and spelling and other things like weaving. It's also scary: you all really do read this publication, depend on it for accurate information, and, I'm sure, cry foul when things are wrong. I've done my best with Margaret's sage help, and I hope I didn't mangle your articles too much and did get the facts correct. You Guild Members are so active and talented and give so much for this organization; I hope our best efforts are reflected in your newsletter. Thanks for your patience with this Guest Editor.

Advertising in the *Heddle Herald* is available at the following rates:

- \$20 = full page
- \$15 = 2 columns or ½ page
- \$10 = 1 column or ¼ page
- \$5 = less than 1 column or ⅛ page

Rates are per issue and apply to any business ad regardless of Guild-affiliation. Ads must be submitted in copy-ready format. The sale of personal fiber-related equipment is listed free of charge by Guild members; all others are charged \$25 per issue. Checks are made payable to "FWWG." Contact the Editor to advertise or for more information.

**Events Calendar**

- ❖ **Balenciaga and His Legacy**  
**Date:** February 4 – May 27, 2007  
**Location:** Meadows Museum, SMU Campus, Dallas  
**Information:** 214-768-2516 or <http://www.meadowsmuseumdallas.org>
- ❖ **"007 – Weave and Let Dye"**  
**CHT Conference**  
**Date:** April 26-28, 2007  
**Location:** Houston, Texas  
**Additional Information TBA**
- ❖ **Textiles, Textures & Treasures:**  
**FWWG CAC Show 2007**  
**Date:** September 2007  
**Additional Information TBA**
- ❖ **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.*

The HEDDLE HERALD is published eight times a year for members of the Fort Worth Weavers' Guild.

Unless otherwise noted, the FWWG meets at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center, 1309 Montgomery Street, at the corner of Montgomery and Lancaster Avenue. Meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of the month during September and October and January through April. Meetings begin at 10:00 AM for coffee, followed by a 10:30 AM Program and Business Meeting. The December Meeting is a Christmas Party held at a member's home on the second Saturday of December. The May Meeting, a potluck luncheon at which new officers are installed, is also held at a member's home.

Dues for membership in the FWWG are payable in May at two levels: \$20 a year for members who receive Internet copies of the Newsletter and \$25 per year for those who receive it through the US Postal System. Checks are made payable to the "FWWG."

**2006-2007 Committees**

Telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are in the Yearbook.

- CHT Samples**  
Lorelei Caracausa
- Community Service/Education**  
Leslie Shimomura
- Financial Advisement**  
John Grundmann
- Guild Show - 2007**  
Allison Gray; Nancy Berger
- Historian**  
Ellen Smith
- Hospitality & Sunshine**  
Jean Walbridge
- Library**  
Sue Freeman; Lorelei Caracausa
- Membership**  
Gypsy Perry
- Newsletter**  
Margaret Arafat
- Nominating**  
MaGee Grundmann
- Vision**  
Sherri Coffey
- Web Site**  
Lynn Smetko, Nancy Berger, Sherri Coffey
- Yearbook**  
Lorelei Caracausa

**Miscellaneous**

Share your experience and knowledge and keep the **HEDDLE HERALD** informative and interesting. Send articles and reports to Margaret Arafat at [harafat@mindspring.com](mailto:harafat@mindspring.com) or call 817-379-1493 or 817-422-8134.



**Swap & Shop . . .** your trash may be someone's treasure. If you're cleaning off your shelves, don't forget your fellow fiber fiends. Put a price on it and bring it with you! Books, magazines, yarn, patterns, tools, equipment – if you can haul it in, someone may want to take it off your hands. If it doesn't sell, you take it back home.



**Show-and-Tell, etc. . . .** Remember to bring your fiber-related items for Show-and-Tell, and don't forget your nametag and cup.