

BSWG October Newsletter

Meeting October 19, 2015

Doors will open at 6:30PM and the meeting will begin at 7:00PM. Lynn Copeland and Denise Buckingham will provide refreshments. At the October meeting, we will begin with sharing our summer projects and experiences. Several members attended the Midwest Weaver's Guild meeting in St. Paul this summer and hopefully will share their experiences with the classes and conference. If you had fiber related travel this summer or had a special weaving or spinning experience, please come and share with the group. After sharing and refreshments, we will have a short business meeting.

Yarn Donations for the Cardboard Weaving Handouts

At the Artisan Guild show we will again have some cardboard weaving kits for kids who attend. While we gave away 200 kits last year, this year's effort will be more low-key, with about 20 kits ready to go home with an interested child. If you have a few yards of worsted weight or DK weight yarn that needs another home, please bring it to the October meeting. Acrylic or wool in bright colors would be perfect—so look through your stash and bring a few yards with you to the meeting.

Mitten Tree Donations

Please plan on donating a hat, scarf or mittens to our annual Mitten Tree at the Artisan Guild Show. Let's make the winter warmer for those in need in our community and celebrate our love of fiber related goodness at the same time. If every member donated just one or two items, we could fill the tree with warmth and good wishes in no time. While we love handmade items the best, we wouldn't turn down a new purchased hat or mittens. Items are needed for both adults and children. Please bring your items to the October meeting or if that's not possible, drop them off after 11:00AM on Friday the 6th of November at the Guild show.

Let's share the warmth!

Artisan Guild of Bloomington Show

The show will be November 6th and 7th at the Bloomington Convention Center. The Convention Center will again host the Local Clay and Indiana Glass shows as well as our Fiber show and sale. All of the Fiber show booths sold out quickly, but opportunities to sell in the Guild Booth were offered to those who wish to participate in the show.

Information about selling in the Guild Booth has been emailed to members who expressed an interest. Kathleen Glaser will co-ordinate the Guild Booth Show again this year with Lynn Copeland and Gale Hill. The Guild Booth sales were very positive last year and it's a great opportunity to sell your handcrafted weaving, knitting and other crafts.

At the September meeting, we had many volunteers to demonstrate spinning and weaving at the show. However, we still need volunteers to help at the Welcome Table. If you are planning on selling your handmade items in the Guild Booth, you will keep more of the sales price (90% versus 80%) if you volunteer for a working shift. Please contact Karin Lauderback if you are unable to attend the October meeting. She will have information on the time slots where we need help at the Welcome Table.

Many thanks to the show committee—Karin Lauderback, Robin Edmundson and Kathleen Glaser. They have spent many hours of volunteer time to make the show a success.

Annual Dues

Thanks to everyone who submitted their dues payment in September. If you haven't made your dues payment of \$20 for the 2015-2016 season, please contact our treasurer, Sue Meissner at spins4fun@yahoo.com.

YOUR IDEAS PLEASE!

Program suggestions are always welcome and NEEDED. Your input makes the content of the programs useful and entertaining. Please think about program suggestions and bring your ideas to the meeting. If you just can't wait to share an idea for a program, please email any of the guild officers or send them to me at lindabswg@gmail.com.

Also, do you have a book you would like to suggest the Guild purchase for the library? Would you use a subscription to PLY magazine? Should we continue to purchase the CD editions of Handwoven and Spin-off as they are released? Suggestions for the library can be emailed to Gale Hill at gbhill45@gmail.com.

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HELPING A GRAD STUDENT AT IU?

Pooja Saxena is a doctoral student in Learning Sciences at IU. She has recently started to learn weaving at Yarns Unlimited. She will use weaving as a means to understand how mathematical minds work through intricate patterns. She wants to introduce weaving in schools to explain to students how math can be studied as an art. Pooja would like to interview some of our weavers for her research project. If you are interested in helping Pooja, her phone number is 812-369-0791 or email her at saxenap@indiana.edu.

FOR SALE:

Pat Reitemeier has the following equipment for sale:

Warping board 20x38 inches for \$30 or best offer

Breast Beam Caddy 23 ½ inches by 4 ½ inches wide \$25 or best offer

If you are interested, please call Pat at 812-336-7883.