



HANDWEAVING AND FIBER ARTS GUILD OF WESTCHESTER MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER

APRIL WORKSHOP

PILE WEAVING WORKSHOP – We all ended up with great respect for the difficulty of making oriental rugs and an appreciation for all the work that goes into creating hand knotted oriental rugs. Now the high price makes sense.

MAY 11, 10:00 a.m.

EMBROIDERY DEMONSTRATION BY LISA FINNEY – PART 2

A couple months ago we had a chance to see Lisa Finney's amazing embroidery. Because we wanted to see the whole process, she has kindly invited our members to her home. We shall see what it takes from start to finish – scanning art, using digitizing software and finally the sewing. There is a limit of 12, so respond by Friday, May 7 to Willi Holden, 914-591-8253 if you are planning to attend. First come, first served. Beverages, coffee, tea and a sweet treat will be provided. Let Willi know if you are interested in having lunch afterwards at a restaurant in Hastings. Directions to Lisa's home are attached for our members.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

JUNE 15, 10:00 a.m.

ANNUAL SHOW & TELL AND PICNIC AT FARAWAY FARM

Faraway Farm is home to a select herd of exceptional alpacas, all with gorgeous fleece, exemplary conformation and lovely, engaging personalities. We will also see some extremely personable Icelandic Horses. We shall learn about the animals, their care, natural history and fleece use. Their farm store features an extensive selection of alpaca garments, yarn and toys, as well as hand-crafted items by local artisans. Faraway Farm is on Baptist Church Road in Yorktown Heights, NY. Check their website at <http://farawayfarmalpacas.com>. We'll have fun and share our pot luck picnic creations.

DON'T MISS:

1) At the BLUE DOOR GALLERY at 13 Riverdale Avenue, Yonkers, NY (914)375-5100

Women About Woman – A Broad Introspective Retrospective

Through May 8, 2010 Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 12 – 5 p.m.; Friday 1 – 6 p.m. From an open call to women artists, the curators, Arlé Sklar-Weinstein of Hastings on Hudson and GG Kopilak of Valhalla, selected work in a variety of media, addressing a fascinating range of personal issues. While many regional artist studio visits were made to select particular works to create the exhibit's conversation, images arrived from artists in California, Florida, PA, NJ, CT and upstate NY. The exhibition represents 20 women artists and includes sculptures, paintings, collages, assemblage with found objects, book art, fiber and mixed media.

2) At LYNDHURST at 635 Broadway, Tarrytown, NY

Crafts at Lyndhurst

April 30 – May 2, 2010 Friday 10 – 5 p.m., Saturday 10 – 6 p.m., Sunday 10 – 5 p.m.

Enjoy and buy contemporary work from more than 300 artists and craftspeople from across the country.

3) At the AMERICAN FOLK ART MUSEUM at the Lincoln Square branch, 2 Lincoln Square (Columbus Avenue between 65th and 66th Streets), NYC 212-595-9533

A New York Sampler: Selections from the Collection

October 20, 2009-October 18, 2010 Tuesday - Saturday Noon - 7:30 pm; Sunday

Noon - 6:00 pm; closed on Monday

This exhibit highlights the history of New York State through a variety of art forms by a numerous artists.

The quilts and coverlets in the show attest to the state's preeminence as a center of textile trade and production and the sophistication of the individual makers.

4) At the FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

7th Avenue at 27th Street, New York, NY, 212-217-5970 www.fitnyc.edu/museum

Tuesday – Friday from noon – 8 p.m, Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Night & Day

December 3, 2009 - May 11, 2010

This exhibit examines how the rules that dictate appropriate dress for women have changed over the past 250 years. Featured will be more than 100 day and evening garments, textiles, and accessories displayed in chronological order that illustrate the conventions for appropriate dress for a particular time of day, activity, or occasion and how these conventions continually change.

Cross-Pollination: Fashion & Politics

Ongoing online event. Check their website. Students from FIT and the Mexican school CENTRO share their diverse skills and perspectives in order to help each other arrive at interpretations of the MFIT exhibition *Fashion & Politics*. The results of this online collaboration are published here on MFIT's website. Organized in collaboration with the Mexican Cultural Institute of New York.

5) At the BROOKFIELD CRAFT CENTER: www.brookfieldcraftcenter.org 286

Whisconier Road, P.O. Box 122, Brookfield CT 06804-0122, 203-775-4526

Approaching Quilt Design – May 15 & 16 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Floor Loom Weaving: Beyond the Basics – June 1 – 3 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Newspaper Baskets – May 15 – 16 from 10 – 4 p.m.

Nantucket Basket - May 22 – 23 from 10 – 4 p.m.

4) CONVERGENCE 2010 will be held July 18-25 at the Albuquerque Convention Center. For more information, go to the Handweavers Guild Website

www.weavespindye.org