

# **HANDWEAVING AND FIBER ARTS GUILD OF WESTCHESTER APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER**

## **MARCH WORKSHOP:**

### **BERYL MADDALENA – FABRIC COLLAGE WORKSHOP**

What fun the nine of us had spending the day with Beryl. She tried to fit her usual 2-day workshop into one day. We hand-dyed fabric, did rubbings, made block prints and even tried some silk screening. Besides creating our own individual pieces, we all worked on a large group effort. That included going outside to incorporate rubbings from things out-of-doors.

## **APRIL WORKSHOP**

### **PILE WEAVING WORKSHOP –** For beginning and experienced weavers.

At this workshop we will learn how an oriental rug is made in the process of making a pile weaving of our own designs.

**SUPPLIES:** 1) A SMALL, SIMPLE TAPESTRY LOOM. You may already have one. (Those who tried tapestry with us a year or so ago already have one made out of stretchers with nails hammered in.) One can be made almost for free. Take one of those foam containers (about 6" x 8") that chicken pieces come in from the market. Secure your warp thread at the top left corner. Then tightly wind your warp thread from top to bottom, back up to top and so on across the foam container. You should keep the warp threads about 1/8" apart. Secure the end of the warp thread on the right side.

2) WARP THREAD. Should be a cotton thread. A heavy button thread will do.

3) RULER, PENCIL, SCISSORS, LARGE TAPESTRY NEEDLE.

4) Erika will bring wool rug fibers for the weft. If you have any such fibers of your own, they of course will be welcome.

**PROGRAM DATE and TIME:** Tuesday, April 13 at 10:00 am

**LOCATION:** The Weaving Center at Marymount Convent, 32 Warren Avenue, Tarrytown, NY 10591 914-332-1948.

From 287 Westbound: Take Exit 1/Tarrytown. Turn right onto Route 119. Bear right past the Marriott Hotel onto Benedict Ave. At fourth light, turn right onto Highland. Travel 2 blocks and turn left onto Union. Take the first right on to Marymount Avenue. Cross Neperan Road, turn left and then right onto Warren Avenue. Turn right into Convent property. The Center is at the northern part of the Convent around the back.

From NY State Thruway Northbound, take last exit before Tappan Zee Bridge (Exit 9/Route 9/Tarrytown). At end of ramp, turn left toward Route 9 (Broadway) and then right onto Route 9 to center of Tarrytown. Turn right onto Neperan Road, to top of hill.

From Saw Mill River Parkway: Take Exit 23/Eastview – (southbound, exit right; northbound, exit left) onto Saw Mill River Road

## **FUTURE MEETINGS:**

**MAY 11, 10:00 a.m.**

### **EMBROIDERY DEMONSTRATION BY LISA FINNEY – PART 2**

**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 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.

**2) At the FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

7<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 27<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY, 212-217-5970 [www.fitnyc.edu/museum](http://www.fitnyc.edu/museum)

Tuesday – Friday from noon – 8 pm Saturday from 10 am – 5 pm

**American Beauty: Aesthetics and Innovation in Fashion** November 6, 2009 - April 10, 2010

This is the first exhibition to explore how the "philosophy of beauty" is allied to the craft of dressmaking. Each of the 75 looks on display was chosen to exemplify the relationship between technical ingenuity and artistic excellence. Curator Patricia Mears has focused on approximately 25 American fashion designers, ranging from the obscure to the well known.

**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.

**3) At the BROOKFIELD CRAFT CENTER:** [www.brookfieldcraftcenter.org](http://www.brookfieldcraftcenter.org) 286 Whisconier Road, P.O. Box 122, Brookfield CT 06804-0122, 203-775-4526 April classes include: The Magic of Doubleweave, Beginning Yarn Spinning Wheel, Twine a Miniature Sculpted Basket, Sculpting and Painting with Wool, Introduction to Nantucket Basket Weaving, The Art of Beading, Cellini Focal Pendant, Herringbone Vessel with Ruffled Edge, Zulu Polygon Weave, and Seed Bead Encased Stones. Check their website.

**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](http://www.weavespindye.org)