



HANDWEAVING AND FIBER ARTS GUILD OF WESTCHESTER JUNE 2010 NEWSLETTER

MAY WORKSHOP

EMBROIDERY DEMONSTRATION BY LISA FINNEY – PART 2

We satisfied our curiosity to see how Lisa takes a project from start to finish, but continued to be amazed by her creativity and artistry. When lunchtime came, we ate at a nice restaurant in Hastings.

JUNE MEETING:

VISIT TO FARAWAY FARM AND ANNUAL SHOW AND TELL

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. Some of the animals are expecting babies in June, so it we are lucky the babies will be here for our visit. The farm store features an extensive selection of alpaca garments, yarn and toys, as well as hand-crafted items by local artisans. Check their website at <http://farawayfarmalpacas.com>.

Bring your recent creations to show everyone. When we are finished, we will head to the Yorktown Diner for lunch. The Yorktown Diner is close to a wonderful fabric store, Fabric Mart at 2019 Crompond Road.

PROGRAM DATE and TIME: Tuesday, June 15 at 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Faraway Farm, 1305 Baptist Church Road, Yorktown, NY 914-962-2110

From Rt. 35 West. Go left on Rt. 100 South. In approx. 4 miles make right at light onto Rt. 118. In approx. mile, DON'T turn at blinking light where Rt. 118 turns. Stay straight. The road is now called Rt. 129. In about 3 miles you'll see the following landmark: you will pass over, then under a highway with no entrance. The first right after this highway is Underhill Avenue. Go right up Underhill. Just before the top of the hill, make the first left onto Baldwin Rd. Then make first left onto Baptist Church Rd. The farm is 6/10 mile on the left (1305 Baptist Church Rd). There are 2 driveways at 1305. Take the second one which is a dirt driveway which leads to a large white barn. (Don't take paved driveway down hill).

From the Taconic State Parkway. Exit at Baldwin Road (Yorktown) Go west on Baldwin Road. In one mile, turn right on Baptist Church Road. Farm is 6/10 mile on left side. Dirt driveway with Faraway Farm sign, just after #1305

Directions to Yorktown Diner, 340 Downing Drive, Yorktown Heights, NY:

Head east on Baptist Church Road toward Baldwin Road (.6 mi.)

Turn right at Baldwin Road (.3 mi.) Take first left to stay on Baldwin Road (404 ft.) Continue onto Underhill Avenue (2.2 mi.) Continue onto Commerce St. .2 mi. Turn left at Downing Drive. Restaurant will be on the right.

OUR FALL MEETINGS:

Erika has been busy exploring possibilities for the Fall. She is hoping to schedule Colette Wolff, the author of 4 fiber books, including The Art of Manipulating Fabric, a five-star rated book which shows many ways to embellish cloth. Other potential programs include a bookmaking workshop, a bead knitting workshop, a 2-harness weaving program, or a ribbon weaving workshop. We can discuss our preferences at the June meeting.

DON'T MISS:

1) At the BRUCE MUSEUM

One Museum Drive, Greenwich, CT

The Dressmaker's Art: Highlights from the Bruce Museum's Costume Collection

May 15 – September 5, 2010

Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 5 pm Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm. Last admission 4:30 pm

Don't miss this wonderful show. This major summer exhibition, organized by guest curator Adrienne Saint-Pierre, features twenty-four elegant gowns and dresses along with displays of lavishly embellished accessories and underpinnings such as taffeta and lace petticoats, primarily taken from the collection of the Bruce Museum in Greenwich, Connecticut. Additional items are on loan from the Fairfield Museum and History Center.

2) At the METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

1000 Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street, New York, NY, 212-535-7710

American Woman: Fashioning a National Identity

May 5, 2010–August 15, 2010

Tuesday–Thursday: 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday: 9:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Sunday: 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Closed Monday.

This is the first Costume Institute exhibition drawn from the newly established Brooklyn Museum Costume Collection at the Met. It explores developing perceptions of the modern American woman from 1890 to 1940 and how they have affected the way American women are seen today. The exhibition reveals how the American woman initiated style revolutions that mirrored her social, political, and sexual emancipation.

3) At the BROOKLYN MUSEUM

200 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York 718-638-5000

American High Style: Fashioning a National Collection

May 7–August 1, 2010

Wednesday–Friday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday–Sunday: 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

This show consists of approximately eighty-five dressed mannequins and a selection of hats, shoes, sketches, and other fashion-related material. It features work by the first generation of American women designers as well as other more recent important American designers. Also included are works by French designers who had an important influence on American women and fashion.

4) 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.

5) 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.

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.

6) News from the TEXTILE STUDY GROUP OF NEW YORK

The TSGNY has listed more than a dozen artist workshops this summer from Bulgaria to the Berkshires on their blog, **arttextstyles** at <http://arttextstyle.wordpress.com/> . If you are looking for something interesting to do this summer, check it out.

7) 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

8) BROOKFIELD CRAFT CENTER: Sad news. The Brookfield Craft Center has closed.

DON'T MISS THIS OPEN JURIED FIBER SHOW:

At the BLUE DOOR GALLERY at 13 Riverdale Avenue, Yonkers, NY (914)375-5100 Blue Door Gallery is hosting a National Juried Exhibition next year entitled FIBER PLUS: 21st-Century fiber and textile works with incorporated mixed media. The entries are due December 10, so get your creative juices flowing. For further details, check the website at www.bluedoorgallery.org/artists.html