



# LOOSE ENDS

DEDICATED TO THE FIBER ARTS

## WOOLGATHERING



Since serving my first year as president of this Guild I can honestly say that I am proud to not only represent this organization but also to serve and contribute to its prosperity. Yes, it does require time but I believe that the more you give of yourself the more you will

receive from others. I put the effort into the Guild because I believe in our purpose. We are a passionate group and when we converge become a mighty force.

The Guild is closing 2010 with a roster of 87 members. There are many accomplishments to our credit this year. We worked hard to encourage more members to become weavers and successfully maintain a weaver's study group. We held a professional weaving workshop that was filled by members eager to learn. We learned wool dyeing and needle felting through hands on programs. The spinners study group is still going strong each month. As for demonstrations we should be saying WOW!! This Guild performed 13 demonstrations with record attendance. Now we are preparing for the annual Christkindl sale with numerous members participating. This organization is thriving!

Thank you to everyone that comes out to participate at the

meetings, programs, and demonstrations. I sincerely hope you feel that you are not only giving of your time and skills but when you leave you feel you are receiving knowledge and friendship from so many wonderful members. Everyone should be proud of our guild and feel blessed to share in the opportunities we are afforded by our membership.

Rest assured our Guild will be moving forward for 2011. The officers and committee members are working hard preparing for an exciting year. We are getting our financials in order, planning programs, preparing for a retreat to be taught by professional instructors, updating membership information, redesigning our brochures, organizing the notes from the current year, and the list goes on. Please remember that SVSWG requires the work and talent of many people. Like a duck on a pond, the esyrt surface is smooth and calm but underneath those little feet are paddling fast and furious. We are a team, and though I would like to mention every name, there are too many of you, so I will just say "Thank You" to everyone who worked so hard to make 2010 a successful year. Additionally, it is with great anticipation that I look forward to working with the officers and committee members in the coming year. —Brenda Ocker

## UPCOMING GATHERINGS

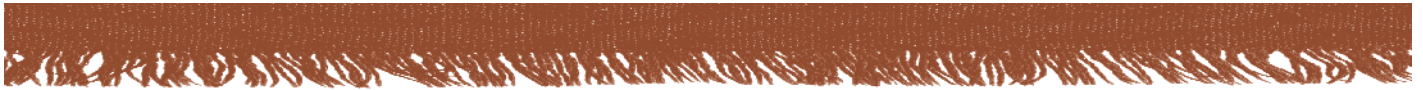
Meetings take place at Lewisburg Senior Center, N. 2nd Street, or as announced. Meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. for food and schmooze; 2 p.m. for the program.

Call **Eva Hurliman** (658-4972) or **Brenda Ocker** (966-9489) for directions or for information on programs listed here.

**January 9:** **Cecile Stiner and Lindy Van Fleet** will present a "Japanese Textile Tour" both having just returned from Japan. They will share their experiences and textiles with us. Cecile participated in a Susan Ball-Faeder's tour.

**February 13:** **Joanne Landis**, a local artist who has taught at New York's Fashion Institute of Technology and offers art classes in the Valley, **will present "Fashion 101."** We can bring fabrics and art supplies to the discussion and learn more about the marketing and presentation of our creations.

**April 8 – 10:** **Betty Vera weaving retreat.** The following is a description of the facilities for the weaving retreat being planned. The mountain lodge is located about



2 miles south of Middleburg, PA, on Route 104. There is a well maintained mile long lane to the lodge providing privacy and silence. The lodge setting is lovely with a large pond and well marked hiking trails. The accommodations are very modern and clean with lots of windows. There are 3 floors with over 30 beds, 2 full kitchens, and 3 full bathrooms. The main room is wood paneled, roomy, and appears very comfortable. It looks like a wonderful place for a retreat. Maybe the spinners could ‘retreat’ with the weavers. —*Eva Hurliman*

**Spinners’ Study Group:** An informal gathering after 1 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month, at **Peggy Lauver’s Farm** in the Hollow, Mifflinburg, *unless otherwise announced*. Not for spinners only! Everyone is welcome! Bring any handwork: carding, knitting, crocheting, needle felting, sewing, beading... whatever. It’s a good opportunity to exchange ideas, learn from one another, and revel in congeniality.

### PAST GATHERINGS

*Complete minutes of business meetings are available from Vicki DeVett, secretary.*



**September 12:** Participants in the Pam Pawl workshop shared their work and findings. The overall goal of the workshop was to create the most pleasing fabric that exemplified the three words randomly chosen for each participant. The first word came from relative positions of the colors on the color wheel, such as complimentary, analogous or tertiary. The second word was to be demonstrated in the stripe formation of the weave using the colors chosen in the first word. The third word was the type of texture to be used in the resulting fabric.

To me the most startling thing was how my “color eye” was awakened. One would expect the drive on Sunday morning after a rain and under cloudy skies to be dull. But all of a sudden, the field corn was amazingly brilliant, with gold under leaves and the still green top half with the yellow ears peeking through, or the earliest trees starting to change color in great contrast to the still green ones, the shine of the wet black road surface, all gave new ideas for fabric. I found the workshop useful in any project; weaving, spinning or quilt making. All have the opportunity to see the influence colors have on each other when interlaced or in close proximity.

About half the woven samplers were able to be cut off and warps retied for further weaving at home. This allowed the group to better see and analyze the resulting fabrics, with each participant explaining the choice of color and changes due to the introduction of the various weft colors and textures from the pool of shared yarns. —*Cecile Stiner*



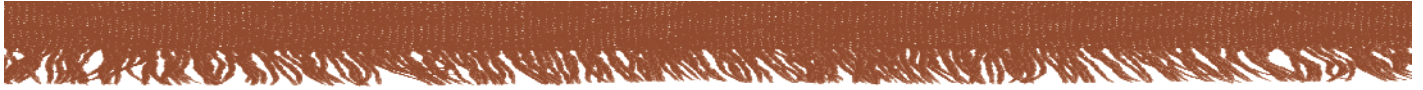
**October 10:** The Guild was privileged to have an interesting and delightful **program on antique sock machines** presented by **Mary Lou Andrews** and **Joy McCracken**. The SVSWG members were permitted to try the machines after the presentation. It was amazing to watch the ease and speed that the machines provided the knitter. It was another example of how inventive our ancestors were and the importance of preserving these amazing inventions from our past. —*Brenda Peachey*

**October 27:** Since I wrote this Judy has died and a memorial to her is included in this newsletter. I know Judy would have liked this Wednesday spinners meeting to be reported. It was a wonderful happening. The spinners group, which usually meets at **Peg Lauver’s**, met at **Judy Anderson’s**, at Judy’s request. There must have been 40 people who came to be part of this loving tribute. And truly she is beloved. There were people all over the house, talking, eating, knitting, trying to be near Judy. Judy had asked that her “stash” be brought down and shared with Guild members.



The day ended all too quickly. I think I had been there four hours, and I still didn’t want to go home. I did have a libation before I left, gave Owen a big hug, and told Judy that there were so many people that loved her. Judy answered “It’s reciprocated.”

Brenda Ocker talked to Judy the following day and sent out this message. “She was so happy. Her words the next day were: ‘This is just how I wanted it to be.’” —*AI*



**November 6: The Weaving Study Group** met at **Anna Raschi's** and the assignment was to study and weave an overshot pattern. Members of the group brought an example of what they had done with the assignment. Anna showed a long skirt she had woven in 1975 in two colors, gold and brown. She also had on the loom a baby blanket woven in Pioneer Trail pattern with a 212 end repeat. It had a mixed color warp and a fluffy white weft. **Jim Ocker** did the weaving and **Brenda Ocker** did the sewing for two very fancy pillows in a small honeycomb pattern. Jim used a beige chenille for warp and tabby and then a double yarn of green chenille and sparkling gold for the pattern weft.

*Now if people have questions about some of the words being used, please ask a weaver or join us. It is a lot of fun.*

**Richard** and **Deb Mote** were there and Deb brought a sample of a blooming leaf design she is weaving from **Judy Anderson's** hand spun as weft and cotton as warp. She is weaving about 6 yards of material to make Judy's daughters vests. The design is beautiful. **Diane Carey** had a flowing scarf with a thin white cotton warp and thicker gold weft, woven in Leaves pattern. She also had a triangular scarf that she knit that fit so well around her neck. **Mark Davis** brought a scarf woven in Leaves design with a blue/purple cotton warp and a wool raspberry weft. He also had his cotton baby blanket that was in the Union County Library display. **Eva Hurliman** had two samples of overshot done in the past. **Ellie Prizer** brought a new book on dyeing titled "Hand Dyeing" by Gail Calahan. **Martha Hockenberry** brought one of her famous pies. And last but certainly not least, **Maura Adams** came to learn. She was busy though knitting some circular ribbed socks.



We finished the meeting by playing with yarn and practiced tying the "Weaver's Knot." Anna showed us two of her large woven tapestries where she wove strips and then wove the strips into a picture. They are amazing.

The next meeting of the Weaving Study Group will be by Feb. 20, at **Marian Pfeil's** home in Montoursville. We hope this will encourage more of the northern weavers to attend. The assignment is "Color and Weave." If you have questions about this please call Anna Raschi or Brenda Ocker. —*Eva Hurliman*

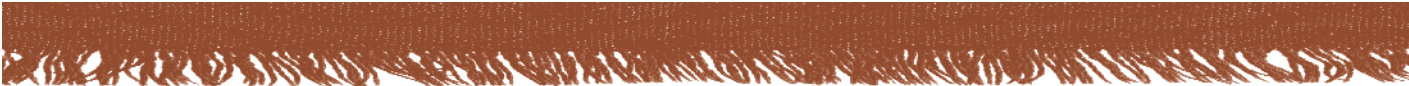
**November 14: Needle felting demonstration by Phylleri Ball.** The Spinning Program by Erin Davis had to be cancelled at the last minute and Phylleri Ball was good enough to step in and present a needle felting demonstration geared to making felt xmas ornaments. She discussed the various things you could make with needle felting, what kind of fleece to use, and the actual making of some ornaments. Using cookie cutters as guides she demonstrated how to make the basic ornament and then how to add colors, things that sparkle or anything else you wanted to punch on. I made a white candy cane with red stripes (very original) and was very pleased with it. I bought a needle from Phylleri and have great plans to poke my way through xmas. I have not bloodied myself yet but look forward to the inevitable. —*AI*

**November 24: The Spinner's Group** met at **Peg Lauver's** home for a pre-Thanksgiving Farm in the Hollow get together for the "Wednesday woolies." It was nice to just sit around the fire, do your thing, and talk to people you don't see often enough. Nobody seemed to be in a holiday rush, everyone was relaxed, and it was very pleasant. Thanks Peg for giving us a break before the cooking and cleanup began. —*AI*

**December 9 – 11: Christkindl Market.**

## PAST DEMONSTRATIONS

**September 30, October 1-2: Bloomsburg Fair Demo.** Thursday started out with light showers. **Peggy Lauver, Del Kennedy, Cecile Stiner, Elaine Luschas, Debbie Knelly**



and her children Machaella and Griffin and **Karen Laubach** all managed to be there bright and early for a fun day. The weather, however, steadily got worse. The rain was so hard on the metal roof we couldn't speak to each other without shouting. Great company always makes for a fun day regardless.

Friday dawned a much nicer day. **Denise** and **Maura Adams**, **Elaine Luschas**, **Debbie** and **Griffin Knelly**, **Cecile Stiner**, **Mary Ginter** and **Karen Laubach** enjoyed talking and showing off our craft to all who came by. Griffin was weaving on the mini triangle loom and demonstrated for anyone who was interested. We also had an 8 year old young man from the Civil War Encampment next to us come and serenade us with his violin. Saturday, the last day of Fair, **Brenda Ocker**, **Jim Ocker**, **Cecile Stiner**, **Betsy Hartzell** and **Karen Laubach** all had a great time, we had lots of people stop by, and took turns running out for fair food, making sure we got our quota of junk food for the year!

I am not sure where we will be next year, they are supposed to be tearing down our building and having a barn raising fair week. Congressman Dave Millard came by to thank us and assure us that he will find a place for us. There is also a lot of interest by the Fair in starting a sheep to shawl contest, however, we will remain in the Historic District.  
—*Karen Laubach*

**October 9: Demo at the Union County Public Library.** The four display windows decorated by **Vicki Devett**, **Collette Frantz**, **Eva Hurliman** and **Mary Candland**, for the Guild demonstration at the Union County Library were awesome. The demo itself was well staffed by Guild members, actually more members than people who visited. It was fun though, as always. Lots to talk about, lots of items to show each other what we were doing, and of course, lots of chances to run out for food. Guild members present were **Anna Raschi**, **Brenda & Kayla Peachey**, **Martha Hockenberry**, **Ellie Prizer**, **Ann Inderbitzin**, **Colette Frantz**, **Vicki Devett**, **Deb & Richard Mote** (wearing beautiful period clothes hand made by Deb), **Denise Adams** and **Eva Hurliman**.  
—*Eva Hurliman*

## MEMBERS NEWS AND MUSINGS

*Please send me your news, tips and thoughts to share in this column —A. I.*

**Packwood House Museum Exhibition.** Not that Paula Swett and Cathy Stechshulte weave or spin but they certainly do textiles well. Their exhibit of their unique quilts is at the Packwood Museum for a week, maybe two. The quilts are award winners, as well as being way above average in their use of color and texture. Just ask **Del Kennedy!** She saw them too. —*Cynthia Smith*

### ***The Faery Ride:***

*A poem for Samhain by Ella Young and sent by Kathy Wagner*

*Forget the hearth,*

*Forget the roof,*

*Set the wheel aside:*

*Leave your weaving,*

*Warp and woof,*

*Steal out to us this Samhain-Tide.*

*Steal out to us, our tossing hair*

*Sets sun and moon and stars aflare.*

*The racing winds are hounds beside*

*The cloud-maned horses that we ride.*

*Come ride with us, have heart to dare*

*The plunging steed; the steeps of air;*

*The swirling, high, tumultuous flight,*

*The aery hooves—this Samhain Night!*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Update your membership list, and be sure to inform Membership chairs **Marie Minnich** and **Cecile Stiner** of any changes in contact information.

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This makes a total of 87 Guild members!

The Mannings Handweaving School and Supply Center. <http://www.the-mannings.com>

National Museum of American Coverlets in Bedford, PA. Great web site.

<http://www.coverletmuseum.org/>

San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textile, San Jose, CA. Another great web site.  
[www.SJQuiltMuseum.org](http://www.SJQuiltMuseum.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS /WORKSHOPS/MUSEUMS

Please send me notices of upcoming fiber-related events so they may be listed in this section. — A.I.

## WWW.SVSWG.ORG

**Check out the Guild's Website:** We have added a calendar feature that will have information about the monthly programs and demonstration schedules, as well as times dates and places of any study groups that are meeting. See photos of recent Guild events, as well as the *Loose Ends* features **Fiber Lovers' Haunts** and **Websites of Wonder**. Send anything you want posted on the site to **Richard Mote**: photos of fiber activities, things you have created, and the like; items for sale; classified ads; recipes. Any member who has a personal or business Website may have a link to the Guild's site. Contact Richard to set it up.

## EQUIPMENT/CLASSIFIEDS

The Guild has **equipment for rent** by members. Looms and the spinning wheels are \$15 per month; the drum carder is \$10 per month. Any piece of equipment may be rented for a consecutive month if no one else has requested it. The display racks are \$10 per month or \$5 per event. Contact **Peggy Lauver** or **Del Kennedy** for equipment location and rental contract.

**NOTE:** Equipment must be relinquished when the pieces are needed for Guild Demos.

**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2011 ADOPT-A-SHEEP.** For The Fiber Artist Who Has Everything! Sunbury, PA—Why Buy an Anonymous Fleece? Adopt A Coopworth Sheep at Owens Farm and take home her gorgeous fleece at shearing. Plus a whole year of visits, letters from the farm, and sheepy surprises! Details at [www.owensfarm.com](http://www.owensfarm.com). No need to live nearby—we have had adoptive families in 11 states plus Canada! 286-5309, cell 898-6060. [info@owensfarm.com](mailto:info@owensfarm.com). The next session runs Dec. 2010 to Nov. 2011, so it will include the 2011 wool clip and lambing season. Adopt-A-Sheep families get early bird Registration for Lambing Slumber Parties and Sheep Camp.

## 2011 REFRESHMENTS

January 9	<b>Caroline Owens, Colette Frantz</b>
February 13	<b>Dawn Chalmers, Anna Raschi</b>
March 13	<b>Vicki Devett, Maura &amp; Denise Adams</b>
April 10	<b>Mary Ginter, Marian Pfeil</b>
May 15	<b>5/8 is Mother's Day</b> (need two people here)
June 12	<b>Martha Hockenberry, Valerie Grahn</b>
July 10	<b>Gay McGeary</b> (need one person here)
August 14	<b>Picnic ?</b>
September 11	<b>Jo Miller (&amp; Isaac)</b> (need one person here)
October 9	<b>Eileen Barnes, Debbie Andretta</b>
November 13	<b>Susan Harman, Brenda &amp; Kayla Peachey</b>
December	<b>Christkindle Market</b>

## ADMINISTRATIVE SCHEDULE

### January

- Terms of incoming officers commence on the first of the month
- Board of Directors meets; meeting is open to general membership
- Treasurer presents year-end report
- Last date to pay dues is the 15th

### February

- Anyone who has not paid dues is dropped from membership list.

### April

- Treasurer presents quarterly report

## EDITOR'S END

It is with great sadness and with great memories that we present the following memorial to Judy Anderson. Judy was a founding member of the Guild, probably held every office at one time or another, and was always available for help, information, kindness and love. She was truly a "fiber person." —*A.I.*



### Weaver

With feet in this good earth  
so far, so far from home,  
I wove a life  
of family, friends,  
Fellowship  
and diverse dogs.  
I'll lay my weaving down.  
I'll weave  
no more.  
I'll leave  
it for  
you.  
Weave  
on.

*A poem written for Judy by  
John Peeler after having heard  
of Judy's "give-away" gathering.*

**Judith Y. Anderson**, 77, died at home in Lewisburg on Sunday, November 28, 2010 after sharing Thanksgiving holidays with her loved ones. She was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on March 10, 1933, daughter of the late R. Robert and Ardath (Hillberry) Yehle.

She was married for 54 years to her beloved Owen T. Anderson who captured her attention wearing his signature red flannel shirt. Owen and Judy have been active members of the Joseph Priestley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship since its founding in 1962.

Judy received her BS in Education and Recreation from the University of Wisconsin (Madison) in 1954, and completed the WK Kellogg Rural Leadership Program at Penn State University in 1974.

All her life, Judy worked tirelessly to improve her community and world through her employment and volunteer activities. She was employed as the Drug and Alcohol Program Administrator for the Columbia, Montour, Snyder and Union County Area from 1974-1978. She touched many lives through her work for the Area Agency on Aging, the Foster Grandparent Program, Susquehanna Valley Women in Transition, and Union County Victim Witness Services. As a volunteer, Judy worked to affect change beginning with her involvement in Girl Scouts as a child in Milwaukee. She was a fifty-year member of the League of Women Voters; served on the Board, as Treasurer and Secretary of the LWV of the Lewisburg Area; and received the Jill Reynolds Service Award in 2004. Judy served on the Buffalo Township Planning Commission, The Union County Democratic Committee, and volunteered for the Union County and Vicksburg Libraries, and Head Start.

Judy's love of plants and the natural world was fostered by her parents and continued throughout her life. She was employed at Caldwell's Garden Center, became a certified Master Gardener, and served on the Buffalo Valley Trail Technical Advisory Committee. She enjoyed raising dogs, birding, gardening and flowers. As a young mother, she had a gigantic vegetable garden where she enslaved her children.

She shared her interest in fiber arts with others through the SV Spinners and Weaver's Guild and MAFA. Judy's friends and family remember her spinning, knitting, weaving and sewing many treasured garments.



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