

# Chautauqua County Weavers' Guild

The Chautauqua County Weavers' Guild promotes education and interest in hand-weaving and other related fiber activities. It is dedicated to sharing weaving experiences and expertise and to having fun with weaving.

The Guild was formed in January 1954 by a group of "dyed-in-the-wool" weavers and in 2004 celebrated its fiftieth anniversary.

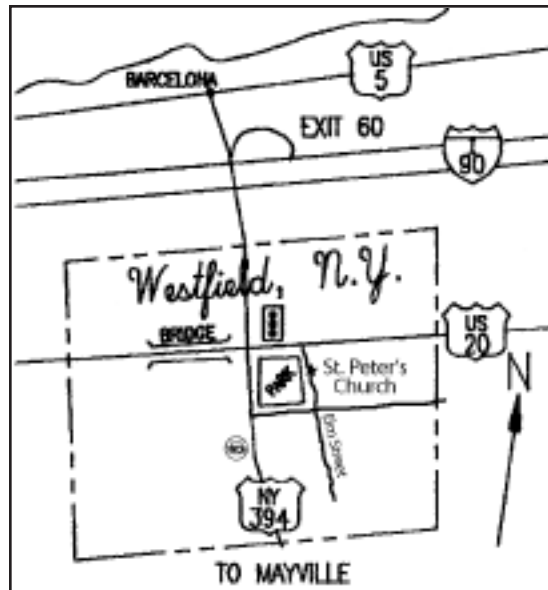
Members come from a wide area of New York and Pennsylvania. They possess a wide range of weaving skills from beginner to skilled, but are always willing to share with and learn from each other.



*Guild member looms at 2003 Chenille Workshop*



*Guild members participate in a "waulking" – a traditional way of wet finishing wool*



The Guild meets the fourth Saturday of the month, March through November at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The church is located 1/2 block south of Route 20 and one block east of Route 394 on Elm Street, Westfield, N.Y.

The meetings start at 10:00 a.m. and include a brown bag lunch at noon. Regular features include a fiber related program, "show and tell" and a sale table for odds and ends of yarn and equipment. Members share weavings, hobbies, trips or interesting experiences with the group. The November meeting is a Christmas party and the July meeting is a picnic. Meetings are open to anyone interested in weaving. Membership dues are \$20.00 per year. Members are informed of upcoming events through a newsletter or postcard mailed approximately two weeks before each meeting.

The Guild sponsors annual workshops to bring well known weavers to the area. Members also lead mini-workshops as part of the regular monthly meetings.

Workshop leaders have included Joyce Robards, who taught color theory and design; Ruth Holroyd, who taught a form of tapestry known as the "Moorman" technique; and Helen Jarvis, who taught a workshop on coverlet weaving.

At recent mini-workshops, members have demonstrated hemstitching, lace border design, rug finishes, kumihimo (Japanese braiding), edge finishing, pick-up double weave, indigo dyeing, felting, book making and chenille making. Discussions and demonstrations on basic weaving skills and theories, such as understanding how weaving directions are written down, choosing yarn suitable for the item to be woven, and warping tricks and shortcuts were also part of the monthly programs.



*Fabric woven in Mimi Smith Vest Workshop*

*Please join us*

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**Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\$20.00 dues enclosed – *make check payable to CCWG*

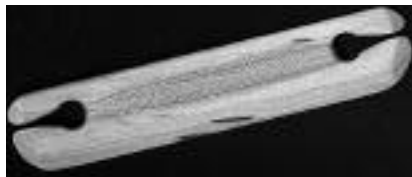
Experience:

- Just Starting
- Some Experience
- Extensive Experience

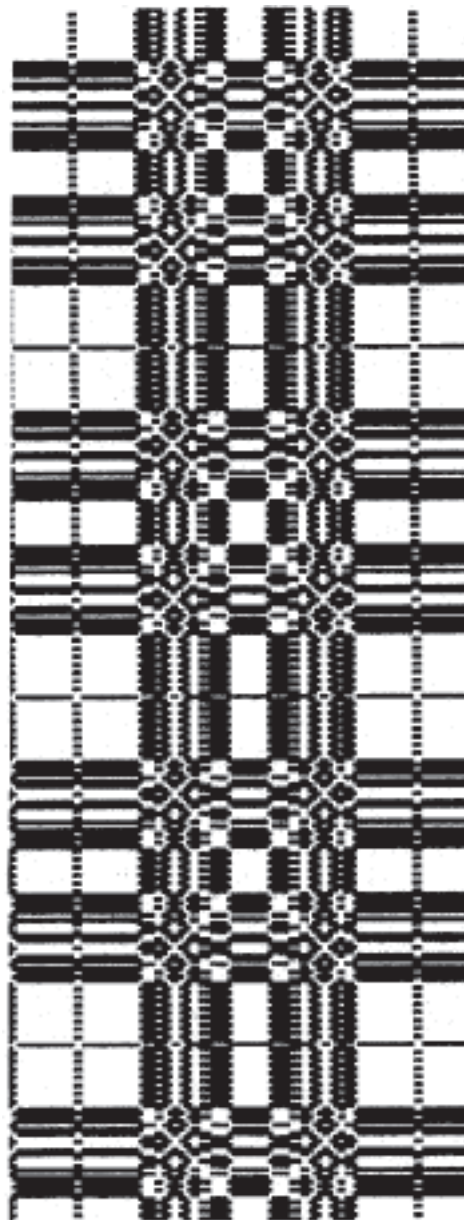
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Please mail form and check to:

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*Guild members learning to warp an inkle loom*



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## *Weavers' Guild*

Founded 1954