



Handweavers' Guild of Peoria

May and June 2020 Newsletter

Weaver's Fancy

*We are here together, weaving
this dream we call life.*

*We are the weavers and the
woven ones, the dreamers and
the dream.*

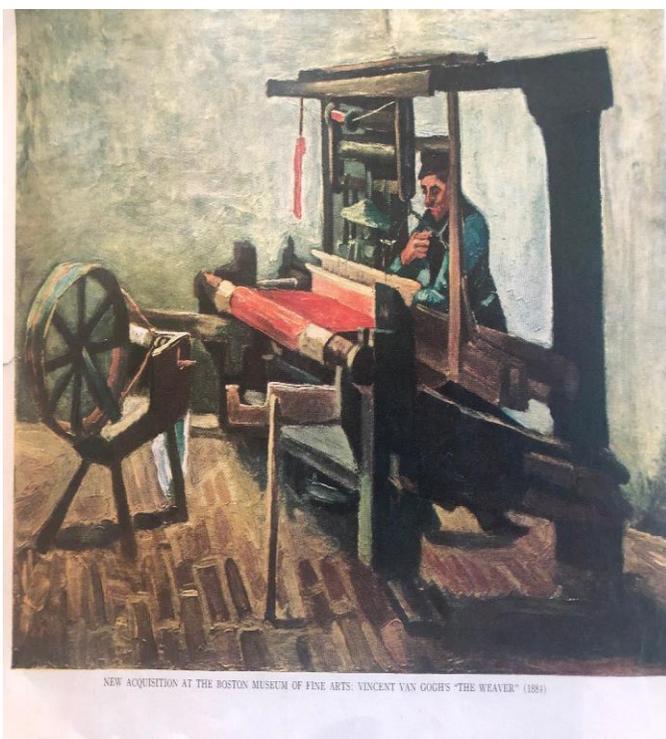
Deva Haley Mitchell

Wow, what a crazy time this is that we
are going through!

We hope you all are healthy and well
and using this time to fill up your
creative soul.....

I am so grateful for family and friends
and the magic of modern technology
to keep all of us connected! Thank
you, Jennie for suggesting and then
setting up our very first Zoom meeting
in April! It was wonderful seeing all of
you!

I have also learned the importance of
stash building- thank heaven I was well
prepared!!!



NEW ACQUISITION AT THE BOSTON MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS: VINCENT VAN GOGH'S "THE WEAVER" (1884)

It's amazing what you find when you
clean out boxes and files! Who knew
that Van Gogh painted weavers....I
didn't!



I recently viewed a recommended website for the Pikes Peak Weavers Guild. It's a neat website and one of the best offerings is a free e-book. It's called "Sensational Towels, Napkins and Placemats!" Their website is www.pikespeakweavers.org To go directly to the e-book, google the title and it should pop-up for you. There are many 8 shaft patterns and a few 4 shaft, as well as lots of great ideas.



Another great website is by Elisabeth Hill. She has beautiful examples of her work, and you can sign-up to receive information and updates from her blog. She has taught at John C. Campbells Folk Art School and at some weaving guilds, including teaching at Whidbey Weavers Guild in Washington. She lives in Massachusetts. Her website is www.plainweave.net

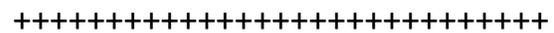


Weaving Definitions

Draught- An alternative spelling of the word Draft. Both spellings are correct but "draught" is now considered rather obsolete.

Book Review-

Going through my library, I rediscovered a gem of a book. The book is- **The Textile Arts by Verla Birrell**. It originally was published in 1959 and it covers not only many aspects of weaving, but also dyeing, braiding, knotwork, lace, fabric printing and needlework. It is a worthy read!

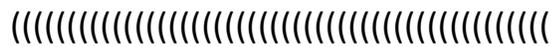


Recently Yarn Barn of Kansas shared a reference guide for creating towels using the yarns you have in your stash during this pandemic. In case you missed it here are the guidelines:

- For three towels, each approximately 13.5"x22" wind a three yard warp
- Make them 15" in the reed, follow the chart for sett and total # of ends. If you don't have the correct reed just get close to the one recommended.
- Thread for a straight draw and when winding your warp, thread for a few threads of one color and then move onto another color- just have fun and be random.
- Tie your harnesses for plain weave and for less stress, use one color for weft and have fun!

Joans Tips:

Rigid Heddle Tip: When direct warping, take a heavy pearl cotton guide string from the back beam to the warping peg(make it the project length, plus loom waste, plus about 6"). Make sure you tie it to the back apron rod and the warping peg. Then move the loom or peg until it is taut. If when warping you notice that it is loose, you will know that either the loom has moved or the peg and you can readjust.



Being creative is not so much the desire to do something as the listening to that which wants to be done: the dictation of the materials.

Anni Albers



Shortcut Lasagne-Mexican Style

- 1-10oz can enchilada sauce
- 1-14oz can whole tomatoes cut up
- 1-6oz can tomato paste
- 1-16oz can black beans rinsed and drained
- 9 oz lasagne noodles uncooked
- 1 pint(2 cups) cottage cheese
- 3 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 375. In a bowl mix first 3 ingredients and then add beans.

1. Spoon a third of the bean mixture in the bottom of a 12x8 baking dish.
2. Top with 3 uncooked lasagne noodles. Spread with 1 cup of the cottage cheese and 1 cup of the cheddar cheese.
3. Add 3 more noodles remaining 1 cup cottage cheese and 1 cup cheddar cheese
4. Add last three noodles, remaining bean mixture and remaining cheddar cheese. Cover tightly with foil.
5. Bake 45-50 minutes, or until noodles are tender. Let stand at least 5 minutes before serving.

May Birthdays

Margie Kowalski May 5

Margo Tennis May 5

Diane Denekas May 7

June Birthdays

We need a new member for June!

Weaving Drafts:

