

The BEAT

To explore the lore and techniques of handweaving and related textile arts and crafts and to stimulate interest in these media

Zoom Meetings for April 2021

- All HGB members will receive a Zoom Meeting invite **email from the Guild on Friday, April 9.**
- Subject line in the email will be **Handweavers Guild of Boulder: Zoom Invite for April Programs**
- Zoom meeting invites are also be posted on the HGB website (You must login as a member) under Members/Announcements.

April 2021 HGB Programs with Liz Spear via ZOOM!

Liz Spear is a maker of handwoven fabrics, and more recently has been incorporating nuno-felt into her designer creations as well as surface design fabrics from fellow fiber artists. These collaborations, known as LIZ SPEAR & FRIENDS invigorate her creativity and emphasize the one-of-a-kind nature of her clothing. She exhibits these garments mostly in North Carolina and has a display at Convergence.

She grew up in Minnesota, in the Mississippi River Valley attending Winona State and St. Cloud State University. She became a full-time craftswoman in 1978, working with clay. While in Iowa she made “pots” in the EARTHWORKS studio of Alexander. During that time her weaving interests prompted her to collect yarn, threads, fabrics and looms and begin weaving a few rag rugs. In 1992, Liz attended Haywood Community College Professional Crafts Program in Western North Carolina, where she developed her studio practice of weaving yardage and cutting and sewing that yardage into comfortable, classic garments for women.

Liz spends part of each year teaching and mentoring students through workshops and demonstrations. HGB members attended her class at the Intermountain Weavers Conference in Durango in 2018. She is a member of Southern Highlands Craft Guild and several other Guilds. She has taught at John C. Campbell Folk School, Penland, and Arrowmont Craft Schools.



Day Guild Live via Zoom:

Monday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m. MST

Show & Tell will be held after the program.

“Inspiration and Practical Suggestions for Sewing your Handmade Fabrics”

Creating YOUR dream garment, from YOUR own fabric will be possible, after watching this presentation from Liz Spear. She will share *lots* of pictures and *lots* of stories, some about garment development within a professional weavers business, some about working with special orders or special fabrics: this virtual presentation will provide inspiration mixed with practical suggestions.

Evening Guild Live via Zoom:

Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. MST

Show & Tell will be held after the program.

“Sewing your Handmade Felt Fabric or Other Special Fabrics”

This virtual presentation will show the learning journey of making fine nuno-felt which can be added to a professional weaver/garment-maker’s tool box. And the ability to add other special fabrics to the mix. Inspiration will be mixed with practical suggestions amidst *lots* of pictures and *lots* of stories.

Liz Spear – Find her works & more online at <https://www.lizspearhandwoven.com>

Handweavers Guild of Boulder

March 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

9:06 a.m. call to order on March 10, 2021, by Ronnie Trowbridge. The Board met via Zoom.

In attendance Ronnie Trowbridge (President), Nancy Stiles (Secretary), Janet Strickler (Membership), Maribeth Hite (2021 Sale Chair), Cathy Bickell (Program Chair), Amy Munding (President Elect), Gail Matthews (Website), Karen Lord Paris (*Beat* Editor), Joan Robinson (Member at Large), Dixie George (Program Planning Chair), and Tsy Schupack (member).

- Karen Lord Paris summarized the results of the Board Member Calling Project. This major undertaking, involving a substantial time commitment on the part of nine persons, to try to reach by telephone as many HGB members as possible, was completed at the end of February. The committee was able to converse with about 65% of the total membership. The purpose of the project was to let members know about HGB's efforts to support them and hear their comments about HGB activities. Overall, the reaction of members reached by phone was very positive. Many of the members contacted in the course of the project are staying in touch with HGB via the internet; another group does not engage in this way. HGB will offer assistance to members who are not comfortable with Zoom but would like to join Zoom meetings. Separately, Cathy Bickell noted that participation in Zoom programs has been good. For example, 67 persons participated in the April day program on felting and 39 in the April evening program, which compares favorably to participation in meetings presented in person before COVID-related restrictions came into force.

- Amy Munding is forming a task force which will be charged with reviewing the on-going and changing announcements and guidance from federal, state and local public health agencies about health precautions for various activities, and considering the implications for future HGB activities. In April or May, the task force will provide a report to the Board on issues and options. It was noted that HGB must also take into account the individual policies of the venues where HGB activities may be conducted.

- The Board discussed plans to encourage members to renew their HGB memberships, which expire at the end of May. In the absence of a sale this year, membership dues are vital income for HGB.

- As stated in last month's minutes, HGB anticipates hosting Colorado Weavers Day in May 2022. Gail Matthews, who serves on the committee for planning for this event, reported that the planning process is well underway.

- Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

President's Message

Learning new things is so good for both mind and body. We have a new grand niece on the way and so I wanted to make something as a baby gift for her. Knowing her parents are decorating her bedroom in blues, with a sky theme, I found a baby blanket pattern on Ravelry that is sky blue with white clouds on the top and bottom. I tried knitting intarsia once before and it was a total disaster. My mother, an expert knitter, sat next to me on the couch and with each color change, told me to twist the yarns one way or another. None of it made sense and I was completely frustrated. I'm also not a novice knitter anymore and now we have YouTube videos we can watch. It came to me so easily and I'm loving watching each cloud take shape as I knit. I'm using my mother's yarn bobbins, too, which makes the effort even more special to me. I look out the window and see the beautiful Colorado sky and think how perfectly I matched the blue color. Each cloud I see I compare to my simplistic knitted ones, thinking how I might change the pattern if I make this blanket again someday. I'm so glad I decided to try intarsia again.

From this experience, I realize now that sometimes you have to wait until it's the right time to learn something new. I highly recommend you take the chance to learn one of the fiber arts represented in the Guild that perhaps you've tried in the past or have never attempted before. Our Study Groups are meeting safely via Zoom and newbies are always welcome.

– Ronnie Trowbridge, President

Guild Library Returns

Members are welcome to keep their library materials until we have an in-person meeting. However, if you need to return them earlier, you can always drop them off at Kathie Gully's house, 761 Cascade Ave. in Boulder. Call if you need directions, 303-939-8382.

Treasurer's Report

HGB Cash as of February 28, 2021

General Funds

CDs (2)	\$9,926.73
Money Market account	\$35,284.24
General Checking account	\$25,670.65
	\$70,881.62

Allocated General Funds

Library Fund	\$1,728.32
Equipment Fund	\$7,057.14
MOST Technology Fund	\$964.83
	-\$9,750.29

Available General Funds	\$61,131.33
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Restricted Funds (These funds cannot be used for Guild Expenses)

Schacht Money Market	\$7,267.00
Strickler Money Market	\$11,709.21

Sale Chair Message

What does “Show” mean?

Dear Members,

We are hopeful that we will be able to have a great Show & Sale in November 2021!

What does “Show” mean?

Each year, the Handweavers presents a juried Showcase of our Members work, all within a theme. **The 2021 Showcase theme is COLORFUL COLORADO.**

We have such a variety of artists (and artisans) in our Guild, this is the time to show off! I was very surprised to learn that many of our customers originally attended the Show & Sale in order to see the Showcase. Happily, they stayed for the Sale as well.

A recent Juror commented that the entire Sale should be part of the Showcase since the quality of work was so high. She could only judge the items entered into the Showcase (I think that bothered her a little!) You have beautiful work, be part of the Showcase!

There are 2 prizes available to entrants:

- **Juror’s Choice**

The 2021 Showcase juror is Peggy Turchette – <https://pavlovaproject.com>

- **People’s Choice**

We ask attendees to vote for their choice and tally the results on Sunday afternoon.

The 2021 Showcase juror, Peggy Turchette, has both a fiber and a fine arts background so her judging will be very welcome for a theme that covers “Colorful Colorado”! *Are you inspired by the mountains, the sunsets, the flowers, the snow, the Mesa Verde ruins?* There is so much in Colorado to be inspired by, I am looking forward to seeing how that is interpreted through weaving, knitting, spinning, quilting, beading, and so much more represented by our Guild.

Make sure to watch any CATS (Curious About the Sale) videos available on the [hgbsale.org](https://www.hgbsale.org) website to refresh your thoughts on how to prepare for the Sale. There is a short video about the Showcase. **The submission deadline to participate in the Showcase is October 1, 2021.**

The 2021 HGB Show & Sale is November 3-7, 2021 at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont. While we are all eagerly anticipating a 2021 Show & Sale, HGB will follow all Boulder County Health Guidelines to make this a safe and productive Show & Sale for both you as an exhibitor/volunteer and for our customers.

Keep fiber-ing and being inspired!

– Maribeth Hite, 2021 Sale Chair
salechair@handweaversofboulder.org

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Show & Sale Benefit

Artist Portfolios on [hgbsale.org](https://www.hgbsale.org) Website

As a HGB member benefit you are encouraged to include an Artist Portfolio on the [hgbsale.org](https://www.hgbsale.org) website enabling the sharing of your work that might be found at the Show & Sale.

Visitors and supporters will be able to anticipate the new and exciting offerings of the upcoming Show & Sale.

Your submission can be as simple as a single photo and your name – doesn’t need to be fancy, no website or other contact links are required – or you can make your contact information available and include up to five images.

- **Artist Portfolio Submission Guidelines**

<https://www.hgbsale.org/apsg/>

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

– Tsy Schupack, Show & Sale Publicity Coordinator
salepub@handweaversofboulder.org

Stay Connected



Visit the HGB website

<https://www.handweaversofboulder.org>

Gallery of Members' Work: You'll find Gallery on the HGB website under the Explore menu. Instructions for adding images are on the gallery page.

Evening Guild Mailing List opt-in: <https://bit.ly/2ZiTHfT>



Visit HGB Fiber Art Show & Sale

<https://www.hgbsale.org/>



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<https://www.facebook.com/HandweaversGuildBoulder/>



Find us on Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/boulderhandweaversguild/>

TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP! 2021-2022 membership begins on June 1, 2021

Please renew or join HGB!

Membership dues continue to provide the bulk of the Guild's income, so we need your support more than ever.

There are two ways to join HGB or renew membership:

1) Credit card on the secure HGB website

<https://handweaversofboulder.org/join.html>

2) Mail the membership form with payment

Download the printable membership form pdf –
<https://handweaversofboulder.org/join.html>

COVID-19 Notice:

HGB is complying with all state and local public health guidelines.

In-person meetings of any kind, including study groups, workshops, and committee meetings, will resume only when allowed by those guidelines.

Boulder County public health COVID-19 information can be found at
<https://www.bouldercounty.org/families/disease/covid-19/>

2021 HGB May Programs

Please note: HGB Zoom programs are live and will not be recorded. **Not a HGB member?** If you would like Zoom program access, please email programs@handweaversofboulder.org.

Judy Newland <https://www.clothgirl.com>

Judy has been a weaver, spinner, and dyer for over forty years. She has worked in the museum field for over 20 years. Judy curated the Navajo Rugs exhibit that was at the CU Museum a few years ago. She has blogged about textiles for WARP and ClothRoads.

May 10 at 10:00 a.m., MST

"Exploring the Meaning of Textiles Through Time and Place"

May 11 at 7:00 p.m., MST

"Navajo Weaving – An Enduring Tradition"

NEW!

Navajo Weaving Special Interests Study Group

Join us, Tuesday, May 18 (via Zoom) at 7 p.m. MST.

No prior experience required ... just an interest to explore and try something new or dig deeper into Navajo culture and craft inspired by the 2021 HGB May Program, "Navajo Weaving – An Enduring Tradition".

Participants will select the topic and time for future study group meetings. The initial meeting on May 18 will include instructions on how to easily build a lap loom (we can explore and try Navajo weaving techniques together – we have access to a few already built small looms), and a list of books and website links of resources for study on contemporary and ancient Navajo weaving.

Please email Karen Lord Paris at beat@handweaversofboulder.org if you are interested in joining us, or if you have a book or resource to add to the list for the May 18 meeting.

HGB Study Groups

All HGB members of any proficiency level are welcome. Please contact the group host for questions. **Several Study Groups are meeting virtually.**

- **Crochet Group**
Contact Donna Pattee: donna.pattee@colorado.edu
- **Natural Dye Study Group**
Contact Terri Smith: tarilyns@gmail.com
- **Thursday Felters**
Contact Cari Cook: cari@thequiltedhorse.net
- **Saturday Felters**
Contact Patty Durbin: 502-472-4890 or pjdurbo1@yahoo.com
- **New Felters Group** – The group is for beginner felters! Contact Cathy Bickell: buzzcathy@aol.com
- **Day Knitters**
Contact Robyn Thompson: RobThomp61@gmail.com
- **Machine Knitters** – Open to the curious and seasoned MKers. Demos, new techniques, show and tell and a great community of fun!
Contact Margit Tritt: margit@pacaknits.com
- **Day Spinners**
Contact: dayspinners@handweaversofboulder.org
- **Sprang Group**
Contact Selena Billington: 303-494-8624 or selena.billington@fitchfamily.org
- **Tapestry Study Group** – The group learns together and shares designs and completed works in tapestry and related visual fiber media.
Contact: HGB.tapestry.contact@gmail.com
- **Day Weavers** – This group is currently full.
- **Evening/Weekend Weavers**
Contact Joan Torgow: jstorg1@aol.com
- **Sett to Weave** – The group discusses weave structures and design inspirations.
Contact: sett.to.weave.contact@gmail.com

Events & Opportunities:

- **WEBS Weaving Lecture Series** – April 7, 5-7 p.m. EST
“Anni Albers: Life and Legacy with Cameron Taylor-Brown”
Registration and details can be found on the WEBS website under Learning: <https://www.yarn.com/categories/events>
- **Baby Wolf needs a HGB MEMBER home... a very thoughtful opportunity from HGB member, Nancy Bradfield:**

I have a Schacht 4 shaft Baby Wolf loom I'd like to find a home for.

I really want to sell it to someone who is despairing over not being able to afford a floor loom. I'd be happy to work with such a person on what they could afford. I think someone needs to get all of the weaving out of it they can instead.

Here's what would be included:

- Of course the loom
- 6 and 10 dent reeds
- 10 treadles
- 20 bobbins
- 11" cherry shuttle
- 13" maple shuttle

I'd also throw in a G. Anderssons bobbin winder, and have a variety of weaving books that the person could have as well.

I was lucky enough to have the resources to purchase this loom many years ago, and would feel very happy to pass it to someone who may not have those resources.

I live out in Erie. Please contact me at 303-775-0774.

Regards,
Nancy Bradfield

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Woolery.com

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Thanks for supporting your fiber arts retailers!

Paid advertising from fiber retailers, HGB members and fiber artists supports the guild's mission to educate, support and inspire fiber artists and our community!

HGB is offering FREE advertising in the May 2021 digital issues of *The Beat*, to **any fiber related industry/operation**. In return, we ask that you agree to purchase advertising in *The Beat* during the next Guild year (September 2021 - June 2022 issues of *The Beat*.) **Please share this offer with your favorite fiber retailers!**

Classified Ads are free to members – 25 words or less!

Submitting Advertising, Classified Ads, Articles, and Events & Opportunities in *The Beat*:

The **deadline** for the **May issue** of *The Beat* is **April 16**.

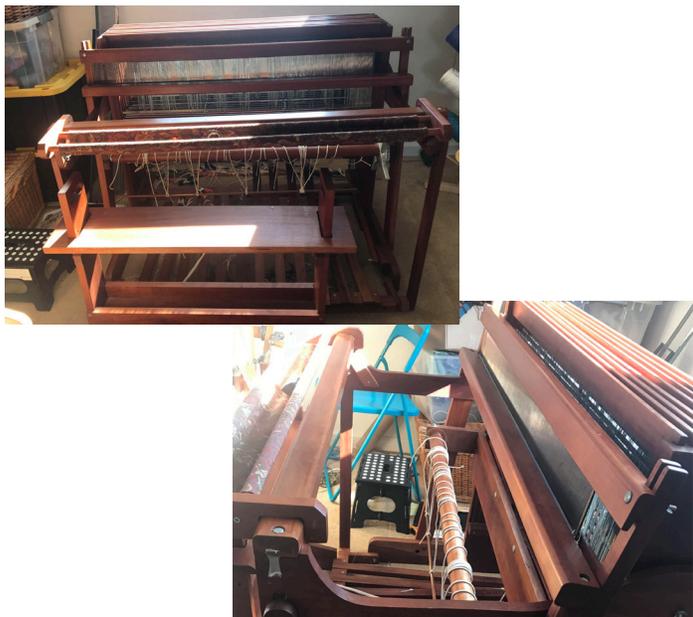
Visit the HGB website for advertising details (under the Explore menu, select Newsletter Advertising). When submitting Advertising, Classified Ads, Articles, and Events & Opportunities in *The Beat* you are giving your consent that your submission may be viewed by the public/third-party.

Norwood Cherry Loom, 8S 12 treadles, 45 Inch weaving width

\$1,900 – Boulder

It is with sadness that I post this loom for sale. After a knee replacement and advancing age, I am finding it more difficult to climb around underneath the loom, and to lift the shafts in complex tie ups. I am the third owner. The person I bought it from had a carpenter husband and he made the trap and the bench all in cherry. He also made a new bar for the front where the treadles attach if you are short stature and want your feet higher (I am not using it) We believe it was custom made since the back beam does not have pegs for sectional warping. I replaced the tie ups with TexSolv but I have the chains. I don't know the year it was made. It is a gorgeous loom and I have made many beautiful things with it but I am downsizing to a smaller lighter 8S. one reed included Pick up in Boulder.

– Jane McAtee (HGB member) contact at mcateejaneg@gmail.com



For Sale: Beautiful maple, gently used
8 Shaft Baby Wolf Loom, with complete package:
Stroller, High Castle Tray, Double Back Beam, 5 26" Stainless Reeds
Included accessories: 3' x 4' warping board, and lots more
(2 maple shuttles, bobbins, bobbin winder...)
Total current retail before accessories: \$3,582.00
Everything you need, and much more!

Price for complete package: **\$1,800**

Will include Maple Floor Loom Bench for **\$200**

Call Marilyn at 303-817-8140 or 303-444-1408



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