

THE GOSSIP WHEEL

ZUMBRO RIVER FIBER ARTS GUILD

May 3, 2018



Wednesday, May 23, 2018

1:00 Oronoco Community Center

12:00 Weavers study group

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We will be introduced to Furoshiki, a type of traditional Japanese wrapping cloth traditionally used to carry clothes, gifts, lunch or other goods. Furoshiki embraces the philosophy of eco-friendly living by challenging us on how many items we really need. This beautiful and ingenious art allows one object to have many uses simply by folding and tying the cloth in a different way. Please bring an item to wrap, a book, a container and a scarf or piece of material approximately 20 to 24 inches square.



Treats: May 23 - Anne Black-Sinak and Joann Ronningen

New feature: I am going to attempt to take pictures of the new members and introduce them to you through the newsletter, wish me luck. If you are a new member please see me.



Meet new member **Ann Hutton**. Ann's interest is knitting. The cowl she is holding was designed by Solène Le Roux, a French knitting designer, and the pattern was shared as part of an international knit-along (KAL). The Cable Promenade Challenge led participant from the simplest 4/4 right and left rope cables to complex traveling cables with texture and lace. The mystery KAL was revealed over 10 days in March with each section of the cowl leading into the next the cowl was knit flat beginning with a provisional cast-on and then grafted in pattern to join the two ends. The beautiful blue yarn is Ístex Léttlopi, a gift from a friend who was at a Reyjavik attending destination wedding, which certainly adds to the international flavor of the project.

For those on Ravelry, here is a link to my project page which includes pictures as I progressed through the project:

<https://www.ravelry.com/projects/Ann356/cable-promenade-cowl>

Wednesday June 27, 2018



This event will be a field trip to two fiber farms! First will be at the Clear Spring Farm in Welch where Melodee Smith will introduce us to yaks which produce 'fantastic fiber' for spinning. We'll start with a picnic lunch (BYO) and short meeting and then turn it over to Melodee. Next, we will travel to the Pauley Alpaca Company farm in SE Rochester. Brett will show us his herd and talk about the luxurious Alpaca fiber. We will be outside so dress accordingly. Departure time and carpooling will be planned at the May meeting. No Weaver's Study Group.

Treats: June 27 - Sara Pruett and Sue Kahle

Wednesday July 25, 2018



Representatives from Join the Journey and Mayo Clinic Oncology will share information about their organization and talk about the chemo caps initiative. Weaver's Study Group meets at 12:00.

Treats: July 25 - Marit Lomen

Wednesday August 22nd Meeting

Pot Luck & Silk Fusion

We will meet at **noon** have lunch and a short business meeting. This is a pot luck so please bring a dish to pass, bring your own dish, silverware and liquid libation.

We will meet at Everson Park next to Lands Lutheran Church, one mile west of Zumbrota on Highway 60. Instead of a Dye Pot this year, it was suggested we make silk paper (a favorite of Darrel's). It is called "silk paper" but it is actually silk fusion.



This process bonds various silk fibers into a luscious kind of paper which can be thin as gossamer, very transparent, or as opaque as leather. The fiber can be "molded" into bowls and other objects or kept flat and used like paper or fabric.

It can be used for stitching (machine or hand), printing, stamping, origami, quilting, jewelry, wearable art, book coverings, collage, etc. Norrie and I will provide the materials. You will need to bring your creativity. There will be a materials fee. Sign up sheets will be at the next meeting.

Wednesday, September 26th Annual Meeting

To be announced

October 24th Guild Meeting/Banquet

The Color Challenge - How far along are you on your challenge?
Willow Creek Golf Course & Event Facility in Rochester, Minnesota

Other events:

Saturday June 16th event

Fiber Arts Fair at Darrel Waters Yard 4886 Liverpool Place NW

Saturday June 16th – Rain Date Saturday June 23th. Set up and ready to go 10:00 AM Close 5:00 PM. Space as much as you want. You must furnish your own tables, table cloths, canopy (there is no shade).

Demonstrate your product; weaving, crochet, dying, knitting, etc. Special demonstration will be scheduled at 11:00 and 2:00. Let me know special needs IE: hot water. Cost – space if free. Advertising – free - advertise in 507. I will place a yard sign out on Monday June 11th, I need help designing the sign and installing it: cost ?? Get the word out on your Facebook. Bring your own lunch (coffee will be provided maybe homemade cookies)

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Art Fair in August

At Joyna Pacy's home in August – more information to follow

13th Annual Zumbro River Art Splash Art tour

Saturday, September 15, 2018 10 am - 4 pm

The guild will have a display at this event at the Zumbrota City Hall site.

Guild members may demonstrate and display their fiber art.

There is no cost to participate as the guild has paid the fee.

Tables and chairs are provided, each person brings any display items they may need and cash box, packaging, etc if any items are for sale.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Marit Lomen

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FESTIVAL IN THE AREA CHECK OUT THE WEBSTES

Iowa Wool and Sheep Festival June 16-17

<http://iowasheepandwoolfestival.com>

Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival September 7-9

<http://wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com/>

Newsletter: contact Darrel Waters if you have news you would like to share in the newsletter. murkywaters@charter.net

website: <http://zumbroriverfiberartsguild.org>

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/groups/1656219207971338/>

Meeting site and time: meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of most months (a combined November/December meeting is held the first Wednesday of December, for example). All meetings are in the Oronoco Community Center, 115 2nd Street N, W., Oronoco, MN, 55960, lower level, unless otherwise noted. Dues are \$20.00 per year. **Guests are always welcome**

A CONTINUOUS STRAND by Darrel Waters

In weaving a continuous strand weave is where you form your warp and weft as you weave, but today I want to talk about another continuous strand, the silk strand of a cocoon. One silk strand from the cocoon can be as long as twelve football fields. That strand of silk is stronger than a steel strand of similar size. Another interesting fact is that the silk worm (*Bombyx mori*) is not a worm but a caterpillar and as it emerges from the cocoon it becomes a moth much like the Monarch butterfly.

The silk worm starts life out as an egg about the size of a sesame seed and once it hatches in about twenty-nine days it forms its cocoon. Forming its cocoon, the worm is turning one foot per minute in three days the worm has turned 200,000 times forming the cocoon. The worm sleeps for 12 days as the metamorphosis takes place, the moth secretes a fluid making a hole in the end of the cocoon from this the moth emerges, this is humane way, the original way was to drop the cocoon in warm water. Once the female emerges she seeks a male to fertilize her eggs, she then lays 300 to 500 eggs and the cycle starts over. There are a number of different types of silk, those that feed on the mulberry leaves are the finest, worms feeding on oak leaves the silk is known as Tussah. It takes 20 threads to make it the size of a human hair and 2-3000 cocoons to make one pound of silk. It is said that a Chinese Princess discovered silk by accidentally dropping a cocoon in her warm tea. The silk worm is high in protein and in some cultures the people eat the worm

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Minutes April 25, 2018
Oronoco Community Center

The business meeting opened at 1:00 p.m.

There were 24 people in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$1185.89 in checking; \$2048.10 in savings, \$2766.76 in chemo cap account.

Chemo Cap Report

Gayle has been getting more feedback cards filled out and returned in the mail.

OLD BUSINESS

The by-laws with proposed changes have been sent via email to the members for review. Discussions and questions will be discussed in upcoming meetings. We will hopefully have a vote this year to approve.

NEW BUSINESS

A Doodle poll will be posted to determine if we can change the meeting room at the Oronoco Community Center. We can have the accessible larger room on the main floor if we can change the time of our meetings. Watch for more information to come.

There were several other announcements.

Nancy Ellison will be teaching weaving classes in May in Lanesboro.

Sally Bystrom will be having a craft boutique May 18 and 19.

Darrel Waters is having a craft show in June.

Members shared their most recent projects.

Anne Black-Sinak presented an interesting introduction to Sashiko stitching. There were supplies available for trying out the technique and books to browse through for more information.

Respectfully Submitted, Chris LaPlante, Secretary