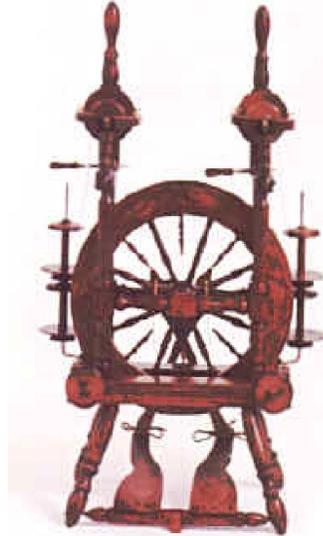


THE GOSSIP WHEEL

ZUMBRO RIVER FIBER ARTS GUILD

June, 2018



Wednesday, June 27, 2018

1:00 Oronoco Community Center

12:00 Weavers study group

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



Meet Marsha Johnson. We moved to Rochester, just this winter. I am retired after teaching Early Childhood Special Needs for 24 years and Fourth Grade for 10 years. I am a native of the Illinois Quad-Cities where I was an active member of my Lutheran congregation. I am a certified naturalist in Illinois and a life-long environmentalist and bird watcher. Larry Larson and I have been together for 8 1/2 years. We love to travel in America and other countries.

The women in my family have always been fiber-heads starting with a grandmother who was a ladies' tailor. I weave, spin, knit, and sew. felting and dying have not grabbed my fancy although both have tried. Basket weaving and I got along just fine but it doesn't work out too well in an apartment.

We are loving Rochester and Minnesota and look forward to continuing to get acquainted with both as well as all the friendly folk we have encountered here.

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 fabric.



or

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

A little bit about the natural blue dyes

Most of the indigo dye used today is produced from the leaves of a leguminous plant from India (*Indigofera tinctoria*) which is where the name indigo comes from. But other plants such as woad (*Isatis tinctoria*), Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) and the native “false” indigo (*Baptistia tinctoria*) can also produce a blue dye. Only woad and “false indigo” are hardy in Rochester. The others need to be germinated from seed. Only “false indigo” is readily available in garden shops in our area.

“Indigo” is considered a vat dye. When you hear the term “vat” you may think of a big vessel that one would actually dye in. In this context, “vat” dye refers to a specific type of dye—one that will not dissolve in water unless it has been “reduced” (a chemical term that refers to the loss of oxygen) in the presence of a base. Confusing? Not really. When these conditions happen, the indigo molecule changes and will dissolve in water. Once in solution, the dye can penetrate fiber, and when exposed to oxygen will change back to its original blue color and become part of the fiber.

Unlike most natural dyes these indigos do not require a mordant (a substance that will allow the dye molecule to bind to the fiber) which makes this dye very attractive to the “home dyer”. How to do it? Pre-reduced indigo powder is commercially available and once dissolved with soda ash in hot water is added to a 5 gallon bucket of water. The vat is made “anaerobic” by sprinkling with a reducing agent (i.e. thiourea oxide). Once the fiber is in placed in the greenish solution the dye penetrates the fiber and will develop into a blue color when exposed to air.

Each plant species mentioned above will dye a different shade of blue. Indigo is the blue of our Jeans. Woad’s blue has been called “Madonna blue” and Japanese knotweed is a lovely sky blue. Luckily, commercial powder is available for “indigo”. I have grown all of these plants, including *Indigofera* in my garden and dyed using the leaves. Using the leaves is a little tricky,

but very rewarding. I have to be honest, I have only gotten a lovely shade of green from the native false indigo plant but I haven't given up yet. Will try it again I am sure.

Submitted by Leslie Hall

June 2018 Treasurer's report

Chemo Cap Project

May 31, 2018 \$2766.76

Savings account

June 13, 2018 \$2,048.53

Checking Account:

Beginning balance \$1170.22

Expenses:

Art Splash \$45

2Lane Web Service \$149.99

Coffee cups \$4.30

Income:

Marsha Larson \$20

Jan Hagedorn \$20

Ending balance: \$1010.93

Respectfully submitted:

Leslie Hall

507-269-1172

ZUMBRO RIVER FIBER ARTS GUILD

Minutes May 23, 2018 Oronoco Community Center

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

Guests were introduced and welcomed. There were 23 people in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$1170.22 in checking; \$2048.10 in savings, \$2766.76 in chemo cap account. Chemo Cap Report None

OLD BUSINESS We will have a discussion of the proposed by--laws at the July guild meeting. The vote to accept the by--laws was proposed for the August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS Laurice passed a signup sheet for the field trip to Clear Springs Yak Farm (Welch) / Pauli Alpaca Farm (Rochester). Carpooling was discussed. It was proposed that a group meet in Zumbrota and another meet at Apache Mall in Rochester. The meeting will begin at 12:00 p.m. during a picnic lunch at the Yak farm. There will be no show and tell so the tour can begin at 12:45 p.m. The Alpaca farm tour will begin around 3:00 p.m.

A signup sheet was passed for a silk fusion project to be created at the August pot luck meeting.

KSMQ has confirmed that they will be at our September guild meeting to film for the program, "Off 90." Guild members can bring equipment and demonstrate their craft or just bring samples of projects to show.

Members shared their latest creations.

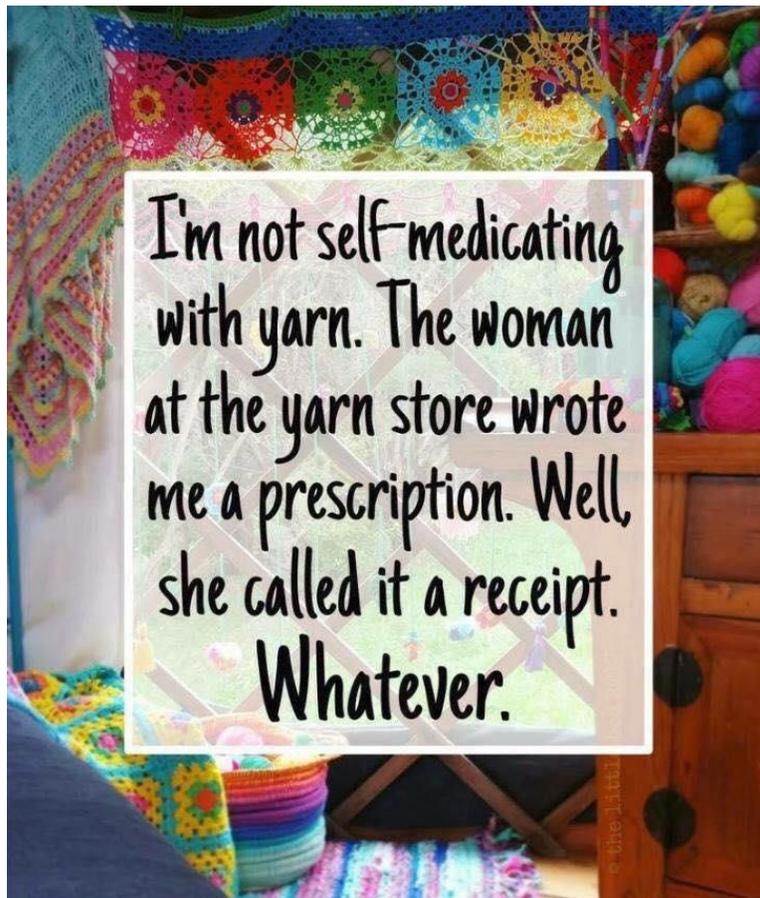
Anne Black--Sinak shared a fun Japanese technique to use fabric to wrap around a gift or items to tote around. Fabric gift wrapping becomes an additional gift for a fiber aficionado. There were supplies available for trying out the technique

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris LaPlante, Secretary

FOR SALE: 36 inch Union floor loom



The loom was my mothers, she used it to make rugs, place mats and runners. If interested, contact me Alice Baumgard 507-289-0915, 6000 Coutryview Court NW (morth of Walmart North)



Other events:

At Jonya Pacy's

This is an invitation to sell your artwork on my lawn at 135 4th St NW, Oronoco, during Gold Rush in Oronoco! My property is in the Historic Downtown area and we have previously had a small number of vendors, and a lot of parking. This year, we will have no public parking but space for up to 24 10x10 booths. The event is on August 17-19, from 7am - 6pm on Friday and Saturday. Sunday is over at 2 pm. Provide your own tent and tables. \$25 per 10x10 booth. \$15 for parking for the weekend.

You will have easy access to vendors throughout the town. We are 1/2 block from the Community Center grounds where many, many vendors are set up.

The primary vendors on my property are artists and people selling art. Priority given to artists who love to interact with shoppers, and who will be doing art within your booth or who may be otherwise engaging shoppers. The last few years we had a medieval group here, we found that shoppers loved it and remembered it. They still look for interaction and for something unique at this location. You can help us provide that!

We do have a few people selling vintage that are grandfathered in, if they wish. We are not adding new vintage dealers. Nor are we accepting any in-home business vendors such as Tupperware.

Application can be found here: <http://2lane.online/vendor-agreement/>

This is a three-day vending opportunity, and maybe the only one in which you can store your re-boxed up merchandise in a garage overnight. You can use my fridge and I'll make you coffee. Maybe even bacon! Eat your lunch at my dining room table, too, while watching out the window. Enjoy a parade of people carrying cool purchases, too! It's right in front of the house.

Jonya Pacey
507-251-8502

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

maritlomen@yahoo.com

FESTIVAL IN THE AREA CHECK OUT THE WEBSITES

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/>

As editor of the newsletter I reserve the right to edit any entries.

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**