

# THE MINNESOTA WEAVER

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**COMING  
UP**



## MEMBERS MEETING

Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Over 20,000 Southeast Asians have migrated to Minnesota in the last five years--many of them Hmongs who are living in St. Paul. Nancy Haley, teacher of the Hmongs, will give a multi-media presentation on Hmong textiles, culture, and traditions.

The Hmongs are tribal people who lived on the mountain peaks in Laos. Driven by war from the homeland, they crossed the Mekong River into Thailand. While waiting in camps to immigrate to permanent homelands, they work on textiles to use to bargain for necessities. The Hmong use applique, cross stitch embroidery, and batik to decorate their predominantly cotton textiles. With this extremely fine handwork, they make articles of clothing, coverlets, and decorative squares which have ritualistic use in the home and community. There will be some items for sale.

## MEMBERS MEETINGS

Thursday, May 7, 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Annual election of officers and Board members for the coming year. There will be a social time for sharing work from the past year's activities at the Guild.

**SCHOOL  
NEWS**



from Elaine Phillips

## LENO LACE ON THE FLOOR LOOM

Hilary Chetwynd's workshop has been changed to July 20-24, 1981. We are still waiting for confirmation of this time as she could not come July 28. The cost for the 4-day workshop is \$60.00. We must have a commitment of \$30 by May 1 as a down payment for the workshop. There is room for 23 participants.



AKLAE WORKSHOP

May 4, 5, 6

Lila Nelson will teach us about the geometric Norwegian tapestry weave which many of you have inquired about.

Charges for the three days are \$20.00 plus a materials fee around \$5.00.

Lila will be at the Guild from 9:30 a.m. till noon, and from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

It will be necessary for you to bring a warped frame loom. You will be notified as to length and width of warp as well as to sett.

All registrations, accompanied by a check for tuition, must be in to the Guild office by April 20.

Lila Nelson is along time member and former teacher of the Guild. She has been involved with the Norwegian American Museum program for many years and, at present, is the Curator of Textiles at Vesterheim (the Norwegian-American Museum at Decorah, Iowa).

There she offers a number of classes in the Norwegian weaves. She has also been the teacher of DE NORSKE VEVERE, a group of women (members of the Guild) who have studied Aklæ, Billedvev and are now studying Norwegian Embroidery weaves under her direction.

SHEEP TO SHAWL DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, May 16, 1981; 10 am to 5 pm

Terrace Mill Foundation Heritage Festival,

Terrace, Minnesota (near Glenwood)

Bruce Boraas, president

"The Sheep to Shawl activity is an apropos part of the Terrace Mill Foundation Heritage Festival. With the emphasis of the fesitval and the strong role of wool in Norway, the activity is a natural extension of the rosemaling, Norwegian wood carving, and Scandinavian food specialities that attracted thousands of visitors to the 1980 Heritage Festival. The Sheep to Shawl activity is also an augmentation of the adaptive use plans of the second floor of the Terrace Mill--a weaving studio."

This is an excerpt from the advertisement on the festival. More information is posted at the Guild. It sounded like a fun activity for spinners, knitters, and weavers.

Each team will be supplied with a fleece with three items to make. These will be sold with proceeds to help defray expenses. If any of you are interested you can get more information by writing to the Terrace Mill Foundation and/or the sheet posted at the Guild.

TEXTILE SEMINAR: Ancient Peruvian Textiles  
Saturday, April 4, 10 am - 3 pm, Room 211, MIA

This seminar will focus on the extraordinary textile traditions of Peru using fragments from the Institute's collection. Weaving, spinning, and dyeing techniques will be explored. Karen Johnson and Mary Coffman, instructors. Tuition: \$15 MSFA and Weavers' Guild members, \$20 non-members. Includes lunch at the Link restaurant.

NEXT WEAVER DEADLINE: MAY 1

# GUILD NEWS



Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:30-1:30 pm  
(no weekend hours)

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
February 26, 1981

1. Secretary's report: the minutes were corrected to include membership statistics as follows:  
January 15 - 437.

A new secretary-receptionist has been hired for the Guild office to begin on Monday, March 2.

2. Treasurer's report: The timed savings account has been closed and the funds transferred to the regular savings account. Paul O'Connor investigated the possibility of using an interest-plus-checking account and it appears that, considering the finance charge, it would not benefit us. He will investigate other investment possibilities.

Paul O'Connor was contacted regarding the availability of group hospitalization insurance for members of the Guild. It was moved and passed to table the issue until next month and gather more information.

It was moved and passed to immediately pay back Guild members who invested in the calendar project.

3. Outreach report: two Guild teachers responded to the invitation from Sugar Hills, Anna Smits and Beth Lehet. Arrangements are being made with Sugar Hills for advertising to be sent with the Minnesota Weaver and to the rest of the mailing list.

Mary Skoy was contacted by Beka, Inc. requesting to use Guild classrooms on May 14, 15 & 16. It was moved and passed to offer our space at a charge of \$25.00 per day.

4. Publicity: Phyllis Waggoner, exhibits chairperson, will follow up on the request from the American National Bank for an exhibit from the Guild. Kathy McMahon will meet with her to organize it.

5. Education report: There was much discussion about the problems facing the education director. Most of the committee has resigned and classes not filling continues to be a problem. It was moved and passed to re-structure classes, to be offered in specific blocks of time, with larger time spans available for programs and workshops. Elaine Phillips will write to the teachers explaining the situation and asking for their help in organizing classes for the coming year.

6. Program report: Phyllis Pladsen reported that the committee was contacting a weaver to possibly present a program on Finnish weaving. The committee will try to have the 1981-82 program completed by the May Guild meeting.

7. Vice President's report: Pat Penshorn has found two people for the nominating committee, Connie Magoffin and Linda Maschwitz.

8. New business: On March 9 the Lace Society will hold its meeting at the Guild. Guild members have been invited to attend,

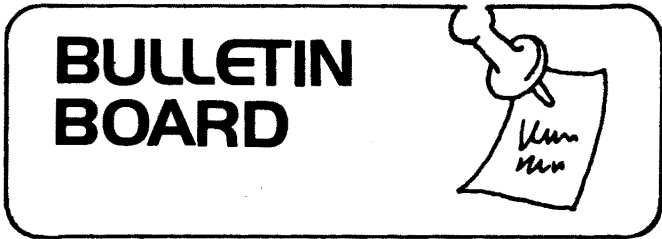
There was much discussion about the problem of delay in members receiving the Weaver. It has been suggested that we send a postcard via first-class mail on alternate months to inform members of programs and workshops. It has also been suggested that we purchase a phone-answering device on which a recorded message could give callers information about upcoming Guild programs. Both of these ideas will be pursued.

9. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on March 26, 1981, at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Fox, secretary

**NEW MEMBERS - February 1981**

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| Tammy Larsen<br>9036 N. Lexington<br>St. Paul 55112                               | Colleen Dietrich<br>703 Laurel Ave. SW<br>St. Paul 55104<br>293-0540      |
| Gretchen Bell<br>Box 69<br>New Richmond, WI 54017<br>715/246-4668                 | Linda Armstrong<br>L783 James Ave. S.<br>Minneapolis 55403<br>374-9688    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bondhus<br>10000 Norway St. NW<br>Coon Rapids 55433<br>755-7032   | Peggy Kang<br>1740 Englewood<br>St. Paul 55104<br>645-4917                |
| Gaelyn & Daniel Beal<br>2200 Blaisdell Ave. #203<br>Minneapolis 55404<br>874-0928 | Mary Blasl<br>3739 - 73rd St. E.<br>Inver Grove Heights 55075<br>451-9118 |



**TRADITIONAL NORWEGIAN WEAVING.** One-week summer workshops for beginning to advanced weavers in tapestry and floor loom techniques and spinning. Taught by professionals and weavers experienced in Norwegian weaving. Sponsored by Vesterheim, Norwegian-American Museum, Decorah, Iowa. Access to largest collection of Norwegian textiles in U.S. Call 319/382-9681 or write: Lila Nelson, Curator of Textiles, Norwegian-American Museum, Decorah, Iowa 52101.

**MOVED? MOVING??**

If you move, the post office will not forward this newsletter to you unless you request that all mail be forwarded to you (including bulk rate) and state that you will pay for forwarding charges. They simply toss bulk mail away if its undeliverable. So, if you move you must let us know your new address as soon as possible. Then, you won't miss any copies of The Minnesota Weaver or miss out on any Guild activities!

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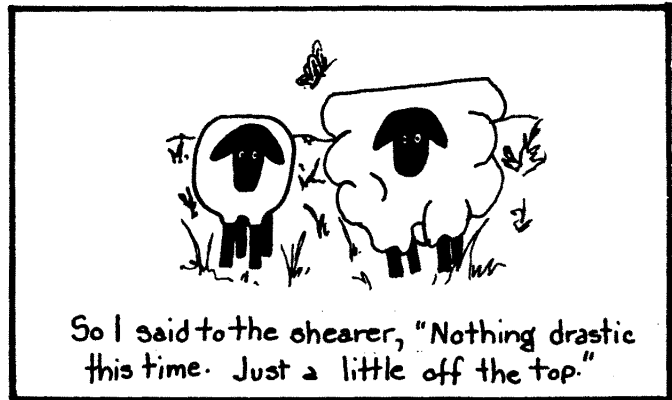
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We will be featuring fibers from Frederick Fawcett during the month of April. Fawcett offers top quality linens in a wide variety of colors and weights, as well as fine wools for yardage. To provide the best price, we need to place a large order (\$200.00 minimum) by April 15. Plan your spring and summer weaving projects now!

We continue to re-stock the yarn cupboard with old favorites and new varieties of wools ( 1- and 2-ply), cottons, silk, and linen. We have an excellent supply of La Mieux wools in naturals and popular colors.



Suzie Chi Hood '78

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## dates to remember!

Thursday, March 26	7:00 pm, Board meeting
Thursday, April 2	7:00 pm, Members' meeting
April 15	Fawcett order sent in
April 20	registration deadline for Aklae workshop
May 1	registration deadline for Hilary Chetwynd leno workshop
May 1	next <u>Minnesota Weaver deadline</u>



# weavers guild of minnesota

THE WEAVERS GUILD OF MINNESOTA ANNOUNCES

SPONSORSHIP OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES AT SUGAR HILLS:

ANNA SMITS	Miniature Backstrap Weaving	July 27 & 28
	Coiled Basketry	July 29
	Cardweaving	July 30 & 31

Each class is about 5 hours per day. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 1  
so send \$4.00 materials fee and \$10.00 per day tuition to::

Anna Smits (612) 644-3696  
1364 Eustis Ave.  
St. Paul, Mn. 55108

Anna Smits grew up in Latvia, and after many years of modern and traditional weaving, teaches at the University of Minnesota. She has been with the Weavers' guild since its beginnings 25 years ago and is accomplished as a weaver of rugs, pillows, tapestries, drapes and tablecloths. She will also demonstrate table and floor loom weaving.

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BETH LEHET	Coiled Basketry	June 29 & 30
	Circle Weaving	July 1
	Macrame' Hanger	July 3 & 4

Each class is about 9:30-3:30 and students should provide scissors and ruler or yard stick. Materials fee for basketry: \$6.00; for weaving \$7.00; for macrame' \$7.50. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 1  
so send materials fee and \$10.00 per day tuition (not refundable) to::

Beth Lehet (612) 427-2141  
12024 Florida North  
Champlin, Mn. 55316

Beth Lehet is the owner of Fibers Studio Shop in the Twin Cities, and a teacher at 4 metro community education classes. With 10 years of experience in teaching a variety of loom weaving and fiber art classes, she enjoys designing weavings for homes and hand-woven garments.

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## SUGAR HILLS CRAFTS SCHOOL GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

The Village Square with its motel, pool, sauna, dining room, and its luxurious new condominiums and many light open spaces, houses the Crafts School from June 15 through August 15, 1981.

The beautiful northwoods setting, 15 miles from Grand Rapids, provides a quiet retreat and nearby complete resort on Sugar Lake to "vacation with your craft." For lodging/meal package rates at the Crafts School, the complete crafts schedule, and more information, write or call:

Catherine Skinner (612) 542-9741 or (218) 326-9461  
Sugar Hills Resort  
Box 369  
Grand Rapids, Mn. 55744





# Spring Sale

**Yarns** equipment, books

guild meeting day April 2nd

11<sup>30</sup>am to 1<sup>00</sup>pm and 3<sup>30</sup>pm to 6<sup>30</sup>pm



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