



'tiles

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY TEXTILE GUILD

WINTER 2020

SJCTG All-Islands Winter Quarterly Meeting

The SJCTG All-Islands Winter Quarterly Meeting will be held Saturday, January 25, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Shaw Island Community Center.

From the Shaw ferry terminal, drive 1.3 miles along the shore of Blind Bay to Squaw Bay Rd. Turn left, then turn right into the first driveway. There is plenty of parking behind the Community Center. Carpooling is encouraged. Lunch will be a finger-food potluck with no formal time to eat. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share.

Our guest speaker will be Karen Alfke; her topic is "Stash!" Karen's presentation will be followed by a short business meeting and then show and tell, time permitting.



Ferry Schedule

To Shaw:

Lopez – depart 10:15; arrive 10:35
San Juan – depart 11:10; arrive 12:15
Orcas – depart 12:00; arrive 12:15

From Shaw:

Orcas – depart 3:00; arrive 3:20
San Juan – depart 3:00; arrive 4:00
Lopez – depart 3:50; arrive 4:20

Karen learned to knit and design simple sweater shapes from her aunt in the 1980s. Ever since then, you can pretty much guarantee she's got a sweater project (or three!) on the needles.

Fast-forward to the knitting boom of the early 2000s, when she could be found teaching at Churchmouse Yarns & Teas. For years, she also contributed to the prolific design team as they moved to publish their successful line of patterns.

Since retiring from Churchmouse in 2015, she's undertaken a rigorous course of study with Jean Wong in the Nihon Vogue school of Japanese garment design (which feels like another master's degree all over again, this time in knitting!).

Like many of us, she's become more and more interested in sustainability and minimalism, which has translated into a personal mission to create the ultimate handmade wardrobe—with a stash that supports it. And since she also has many great friends in the yarn industry, she's thinking hard about how we can fulfill our creative desires, support the creatives who

make the great supplies we get to play with, all while staying grounded and sustainable. Tall order? She doesn't think so!

Note: in the spirit of Karen's topic, the meeting will feature a De-Stash/Re-Stash table. Everyone is invited to bring along item(s) to De-Stash and to shop for things to Re-Stash. For De-Stash items, please clearly note a price or free.

~~~~~

## From Your New Guild President, Jason Munkres

Another new year. Wow, 2020—that sounds so futuristic. As new Guild President, I'm looking forward to this coming year. Thanks to past president, Val Keaton, for taking us into this new decade. It was a fun two years of great projects and activities. I only hope I can do the position justice.

Speaking of the future, we are still seeking a President Elect for the Guild—someone who will follow me as president. It sounds daunting, I know. But with the support of other Guild members and the guidance of past presidents, things tend to go much more smoothly than I imagined. So please consider presidency-elect in your future.

The Guild has some great classes coming up: we have the Fair in August, and we are looking forward to another retreat, possibly in October or November. I also hope to attend more Shaw Days—I always seem to learn something new and get inspiration from seeing what projects everyone else is working on. This is the year I learn to spin. We'll see how that goes!

There is so much to look forward to, but at the same time, I enjoy venturing into the past—I'm still using up my mother's stash

of decades-old yarn, my Gilmore loom turns 65 this year, and Grandma Ethel's 1950s Singer beckons me from the corner to give it a try. I've also developed an interest in dyeing with more traditional methods using lichen, walnut and weld. I do these things, or rather, we all do these things because they interest us. These things from the past inspire us and guide us into the future. So as weaver, artist and curiosity seeker, I have



a list of things to look forward to in the coming year with a nice mix of past and future.

Part of the fun is figuring out just where my old, worn, tried-and-true equipment and traditions will take me. And I currently have several pounds of experimentally dyed rug yarn draped over my loom waiting for me to continue the creative process. Just how it will all fit together, I haven't quite figured out, but as design ideas come to me, I'll try them out. I suppose that is one of the secrets of experimenting. As so many

others have said, some in our own Guild—try it and see what happens. Use your experience, your past, your mother's old stash, and listen to what it tells you now.

It is your talent and creativity that makes our Guild work. So, ask yourself what you're going to learn this year, what you want to look forward to, and how you want to support our Guild.



## Membership Report

– Robin Atkins

Thanks to all of you who renewed your memberships, and a warm welcome to seven new members who joined the Guild during or since the SJ County Fair last year! Right now we have 101 members, about the same as this time last year.

The two things that often bring new members (and new energy) into the Guild are (1) our exhibitions, sales booth, and courtyard events at the Fair, and (2) our workshops. Looking at the broad variety of “interests” checked on the membership applications, it's obvious we are a very diverse group with many interests, some of which stray a bit from the traditional concept of “fiber arts,” but which keep us learning, exploring, and playing!

Thanks to your good response to reminders about renewing, I was able to get the membership list updated and the Roster

files delivered to our printer on January 11 this year. Your Roster should be in the mail to you before the end of the month, along with your 2020 membership card.

Please check your listing in the Roster to be sure it is correct. Call or email me if you wish me to make changes for next year's listing.



## Treasurer's Report

– Julie Packard

The status of Guild funds as of Dec. 12, 2019, is shown below.

**Checking account balance:** \$14,170.25

### Reserved Funds

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Education & Outreach | \$ 2,140.57 |
| Basket Group Fund    | \$ 113.00   |
| Judy Packard Award   | \$ 268.00   |
| Workshops            | \$ 210.00   |

**Available General Funds:** \$11,438.68

## **Draft Minutes of the SJCTG General Meeting, Oct. 26, 2019, Mullis Center, Friday Harbor**

*Call to Order:* President Valerie Keaton at 12:50 p.m.

*Approval of Minutes:* Liz Pillow – motion to approve minutes from SJCTG All Island Meeting on April 27, 2019; moved, David S, 2nd, Krispi S. Motion passed unanimously.

*Financial Report:* Julie Packard – review of the 2018/2019 SJCTG Budget for clarification. Review of the 2020 SJCTG Proposed Budget. Motion to approve as presented: moved, Carol S., 2nd, Patty B. Motion passed unanimously.

The Financial Report presented at 4/27/19 General Meeting was not officially approved at that time. Val called for a motion to approve the Financial Report: moved, Robin A., 2nd, Marie J. Motion passed unanimously.

*Newsletter:* Susan McBain – Susan will be using free MailChimp for all Guild email communications.

*Workshops/Retreat:* Susan Bradford – the October 2019 Alcohol Ink workshop is in the process of being rescheduled, hopefully for next spring, date to be announced. Everyone who had originally signed up will be given priority in signing up for the rescheduled workshop.

Susan brought two examples of fingerweaving after seeing the article in the Guild Newsletter and suggested a possible study group or workshop on Shaw Day if there was interest. Anyone interested should get in touch with Susan.

Susan explained that the 2020 Retreat for next fall is happening and is in the planning stages, venue to be determined. The committee for the Retreat is Val K., Robin A., Nancy L., Mary M., Jean H., Patti B. and Susan B.

Anita announced that she and Ann Ramsey have scheduled a Beginning Willow Basket workshop with Maria Bullock in April 2020. The workshop will be 1½ days at the Deer Harbor Community Center, beginning after the April SJCTG meeting on Saturday and continuing all day Sunday. Cost is approximately \$90, with a \$30 materials fee. Anita will be taking \$50 deposits.

*Membership:* Libby Concord – for 2019 there are 114 Guild members. For 2020, there are 35 members signed up so far.

*Scholarships/Grants:* Val K. for Barbara Fagan – nothing new to report.

*Librarian:* Patti Barker – Barbara Fagan donated a beautiful bookcase with glass doors for the Guild's Library. Patti will be sorting and culling books that have never been checked out. They will be free to a new home or donated.

*Archivist/Historian:* Anita Barreca - nothing new at this time.

*Sales Booth:* Patti Barker/Jeannie Fodor – Patti will be reaching out beginning in January encouraging members to plan on having items in the Sales Booth for the 2020 SJC Fair.

*Fiber Arts Superintendent:* Jason Munkres – for the 2020 Fair Jason is looking for a volunteer to replace Lauren. Jason also shared the enormous beautiful ribbon awarded to the Guild by the Fair Board for our display in the Woolshed, courtyard activities and the Tempestry Project display.

*Sheep to Shawl/Fiber Courtyard:* Val – the shawl from the 2019 Fair is on display at today's meeting.

*ANWG Rep:* Anita Barreca – nothing new at this time.

*Website:* Val Keaton – website is up to date.

*Island Reps:*

Lopez: MaryLynn Whitley – BYOP to the Lopez Library, 2nd Thursday of each month, all are welcome.

Orcas: Jean Henson – nothing new at this time.

San Juan: Dana Zia – Susan Rosenberg will be the SJI Rep for 2020. Susan will be hosting the annual Christmas Party at her home on December 8, 2-5 p.m., along with the traditional handmade ornament and cookie exchange.

Shaw: Jan Chamberlin – nothing new at this time.

*Old Business:* Tempestry Project Update – our Tempestry Panels will be displayed at the San Juan Islands Museum of Art in the upstairs gallery beginning Nov. 3, 2019 thru Valentine's Day 2020. The San Juan Island Grange also hopes to hang the display again.

*New Business:* Nominating Committee report and election of 2020 officers –

- Jason Munkres has agreed to be the 2020 SJCTG President
- Julie Packard has agreed to be the 2020 SJCTG Treasurer
- Karol McLuen has agreed to be the 2020 SJCTG Secretary

Motion to approve the Board officers as presented: Carol S. moved, Marie J. 2nd.

Volunteer Positions:

- Membership - Robin Atkins
- Website – Val Keaton
- Lopez Rep – MaryLynn Whitley
- Orcas Rep – Jean Henson
- SJI Rep – Susan Rosenberg
- Shaw Rep – Jan Chamberlin
- Fiber Courtyard – still open

Two new members introduced themselves: Julie Weaver and Karol McLuen.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

~~~~~

From Susan Rosenberg, San Juan Island Rep

The first of our Friday Harbor monthly meetings in 2020 will be on **Tuesday, January 14, 12:30–2:30 p.m. in the San Juan Island Library Conference Room.** Although we have a new meeting location and new time this year, our monthly get-togethers will still be on the second Tuesday of most months. (There will be no meeting in August, for example, because of the County Fair). These meetings will be posted on the website calendar, and all Guild members, irrespective of their island of residence, are welcome to attend.

2020 Workshops, and Another Fall Retreat

– Susan Bradford for the Workshop/Retreat Committee

This coming year is shaping up in an exciting way!

There are three new workshops being offered in the beginning months of 2020. Two are already full, but you can put your name on a waiting list. And one has only two places left. Then in the fall of this year, there will be another eagerly anticipated Guild Retreat.

First up, on Saturday, March 7, is the Spirit Doll workshop with our very own Robin Atkins. This workshop does have a waiting list, so if you would like to be added to that list, get in touch with Carol Strum. Click [here](#) to see the workshop flyer.

The very next day on Sunday, March 8, will be the Alcohol Ink workshop, taught by Anne Dove at The Grange in Friday Harbor. This is the class that had to be postponed last October, and as a result, two people had to drop out. So contact Susan Bradford to claim your spot. This should prove to be a very useful and versatile technique to

learn. You'll be able to produce beautiful results in no time at all. Click [here](#) to see the workshop flyer.

Our third offering is a Willow Basket workshop, to be taught by Maria Bullock on April 25–26 in conjunction with our April 25th meeting on Orcas. This workshop is also full, so contact Anita Barreca to be placed on that waiting list. Click [here](#) to see the workshop flyer.

Also remember that we have an extra free day coming to us on Shaw. It is paid for as part of our agreement for Shaw Day at the Community Center. So is there something you want to teach this year? Is there something you want to learn? Get in touch to find out more about this opportunity.

Finally in the fall, there will be another Guild Retreat. Stay tuned for a lot more information about the Retreat at the January meeting. Please be patient! Good things are worth waiting for!

FOR SALE

AVL A-series LOOM.

- 40" weaving width.
- 16s Compu-dobby III.
- Auto Advance.
- Overhead beater
- Single-box fly-shuttle.
- 1 yard sectional beam.
- 1 plain beam.
- Set rotary temples.
- Overhead trapeze (3rd party).
- AVL 1/4" raddle.
- 3 stainless steel reeds, 10, 12, 15.
- Footprint = 6' x 6

ASKING \$7000

Located: San Juan Island, WA
 Purchaser to pick up or arrange crating and shipment

Contact: Mimi Anderson
 mimi_anderson@mac.com



<p>The deadline for the Spring 2020 issue of <i>'tiles</i> is April 11, 2020. Forward articles to Susan McBain at slmcbain@gmail.com. Please send articles electronically if possible.</p>	<p>Advertising policy: No charge to place "For Sale" or "Wanted" ads. Business ads are not published in <i>'tiles</i>. Guild members operating a for-profit business may place a text-only listing in the annual SJCTG Roster at no charge.</p>	<p>Membership: Dues are \$20 (\$30 if you want a mailed paper copy of <i>'tiles</i>). Contact Membership Chair Robin Atkins at 360-370-7066 or robin@robinatkins.com. Deadline for inclusion in the Roster is October 31.</p>
--	---	--

Susan McBain
91 Coastline Dr.
Olga, WA 98279

