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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY TEXTILE GUILD

FALL 2021

## **SJCTG Fall Quarterly Meeting via Zoom Saturday, October 30, 1:00 p.m.**

We had all hoped that the Textile Guild's upcoming Fall Quarterly meeting, scheduled for Saturday, October 30, in Friday Harbor, could once again be an in-person gathering of members from all islands. Unfortunately, the continuing uncertainties about the COVID situation, not to mention the unreliability of our recent ferry service, has led the Board to decide that a virtual meeting via Zoom is a more prudent plan.

The Guild's Fall Quarterly meeting is always an important one, as it sets our plans for the upcoming year, and this year's meeting agenda will be no exception. A proposed slate of officers for 2022 will be introduced for our members' vote of approval, in addition to next year's proposed budget, also for members' approval. (It's important that we have enough of you attending and voting to ensure a quorum.) We'll also discuss—and solicit from you—ideas for possible projects and workshops for next year, too.

Besides business, though, the agenda will also include lots of time and opportunities for members to share and display their recent projects and creations, through both Show and Tell and a special "Seasonal Challenge."



To encourage easy participation and simplify the process of sharing, Val Keaton has offered to act as the central collection point for photos of your work. (See the separate article **Challenge Yourself!** later in this edition of the newsletter for more information on the challenge, as well as how to send in your photos).

The start time for the Zoom meeting on October 30 will be 1:00 p.m., and we expect the session to run until 3:00 or 3:30 p.m. Sign-on information for joining the Zoom meeting will be sent out to members via email a few days prior to the meeting.

## From Jason Munkres, Guild President

As fall sets in, with its blustery weather and shorter days, we can start to focus on those projects that we put off all summer. I have several weaving and dyeing projects lined up that keep getting put aside for the likes of canning, apple picking, leaky roofs, and all the other things that are parts of our lives.

Fall also means this will be my last article as President of the Guild. I have to say that being Guild President these past two years (wow, already?) was not really what I expected. Despite the virtual-ness of the world these days, we did manage to have fun trying to make the most of it. We've

had several excellent guest speakers at our all-island meetings, classes, holiday parties, and Board meetings—all online. With our bi-weekly Woven Together Zoom meetings, I actually feel I've gotten to know many of our Guild members more than I otherwise would have. What started as a way to share how we were all coping with the pandemic, has turned into a group for sharing our work and just visiting with one another.

I admit I was a little unsure of myself on volunteering for the position, but the encouragement and support of all the Guild members has made it a rewarding experience. Thanks to all of you.

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## San Juan County Fair 2021

Jason Munkres, Fiber Arts Superintendent

I have always thought of the County Fair as one of the ways we as a Guild reach out to and give to island community. It is difficult, though, to try and figure out what it means to have a virtual fair, as we have had the past two years. There is no word yet on when we will be back in the Woolshed for our Fiber Arts display. But when we do, I look forward to helping bring the islands' fiber arts alive again for all to enjoy.

This year's Virtual Fair in August did have a more modest showing than in 2020, but still had plenty of wonderful entries. In all, we had 31 entries, down from 77 last year, and down from our normal of roughly 150. And while we did not have formal judging of entries, we had People's Choice awards for each day of the Fair:

*Wednesday:*

- Lettuce Entertain EWE dish towell by Mimi Anderson (who also won for Thursday!)
- Sunburst Gold Hat by Carole Sue Conran

- Fleece Wall Hanging by Heidi Kuheim

*Thursday:*

- Mossy Striped Sweater by Lee McEnery
- WedgeWeave Tapestry Rug by Ruth Van Doren

*Friday:*

- A Parliament of Owls, felted owls by Heidi Kuheim

*Saturday:*

- Woven Bag by Jason Munkres
- Japanese Maple Hat by Carole Sue Conran



## Electing Our 2022 Board Officers

by Valarie Keaton

Hello to all of you! I hope you are well and enjoying autumn as the hectic summer pace recedes and all of our fiber projects call out to us. This is my favorite time of year. I love the messiness, colors and smells of autumn.

This is also the time of year that we elect the board executive officers for the Guild. I am excited to tell you that Karol McLuen has agreed to run for president and Amy Vira is stepping up to run for secretary. We are also thrilled that Julie Packard has agreed to continue as treasurer. That leaves only the position of President Elect to be filled.

Susan Bradford will continue as workshop/retreat chair, Robin Atkins has agreed to another year as membership secretary, past President Jason Munkres will be the fiber arts superintendent for the 2022 County Fair, Jeanie Fodor will bring her experience to our sales booth once again, Barb Fagan continues with scholarships, and Anita Barreca will keep up double duty as ANWG rep and archivist. We've also been lucky to have two past presidents serving as island reps: Susan Rosenberg on San Juan and Jean Henson on Orcas. MaryLynn Whitley and Laura Evans have been holding the fort on Lopez, working along with Jan Chamberlin to host our winter meetings on Shaw. We are also grateful to Liz Pillow for currently hosting our Guild library. Susan McBain will keep doing her great work with the newsletter and managing our mailing list. I will continue to keep an eye on our website (with the gracious help of my husband, Paul) as well as organizing the fiber courtyard at the Fair next summer.

As you can see there are a lot of talented people graciously contributing their time to keep the San Juan County Textile Guild alive and well.

If you would be interested in giving back to the Guild and having a part in keeping our wheels turning, please contact me and I will be happy to answer any questions you have about the position of President Elect. It is going to be an exciting time to be a part of the leadership in our textile community as we re-invent ourselves post-COVID. Please consider bringing your ideas and energy to help create the organization that you want. My time on the board has been an enriching experience. I value the friendships and experiences I've had working with all the board members I've gotten to know over the past 4 years. Don't miss out on your opportunity to give your time, experience and ideas to the Guild. I promise you'll be glad you did.

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### Challenge Yourself!!

With the aim of having some fun at our Oct. 30 meeting, consider yourself challenged to create something new around the theme of Fall, Harvest, Full Moon, Thanksgiving, or any related theme that appeals to you. Maybe use your favorite materials and techniques, or maybe spice it up by trying something different. Whatever you make, we'll all enjoy seeing it at the meeting.

To show your piece at the meeting, email a picture of it to Val and she'll show it while you talk about it. If possible, please email your photo to Val ([val@valariekeaton.com](mailto:val@valariekeaton.com)) by Oct. 28 (two days prior to the meeting).

# Challenge YOURSELF!

SAN JUAN COUNTY TEXTILE GUILD  
Invites you to create some textile intrigue

CREATE A PIECE TO SHARE AT THE OCTOBER 30,  
2021 ZOOM MEETING



PLEASE JOIN IN THE FUN USING ANY OF THESE THEMES:  
FALL HARVEST HOLIDAY SOLSTICE WINTER  
FULL MOON THANKSGIVING DIWALI HANUKKAH  
KWANZAA OR.... ANYTHING ELSE THAT WORKS FOR YOU

Questions can be directed to:

Robin Atkins - [robin@robinatkins.com](mailto:robin@robinatkins.com),

Susan Bradford - [susanb452@gmail.com](mailto:susanb452@gmail.com)

*Let your creativity loose and have fun. We look forward to your sharing.*

## No Dues for 2022? Really?? It's up to YOU...

Normally this month, you and I would be writing our checks at the October All-Island Meeting or sending our annual Guild dues by PayPal. But this year could be different. At our last meeting, the Board members discussed the impact of COVID during the past two years, which significantly limited Guild activities, and decided unanimously to recommend that we extend membership privileges to all members who paid dues in 2021 through the year 2022. In other words, no payment or other action is required for renewing your 2022 membership. We also recommend that anyone new or re-joining the Guild in 2022 be given membership at half price.

However, this type of financial decision must be made by a voting majority of the current members. Therefore, we need you to come to the October 30 Zoom meeting and vote! See you there!



### Treasurer's Report

<b>Checking Account Balance:</b>	\$13,597.15
<b>Reserved Funds</b>	
Education and Outreach:	\$2,584.55
Basket Group Fund:	\$113.00
Judy Packard Award:	\$268.00
Workshop Deposits:	\$0.00
Sales Tax:	\$0.00
<b>Available General Funds:</b>	<b>\$10,631.60</b>



### Some of our most stalwart long-time members

Also, if you have changed your address, email, and/or phone number, **please let me know so I can update our files and membership roster.** Thanks!

Robin Atkins, Membership Chair,  
[robin@robinatkins.com](mailto:robin@robinatkins.com)

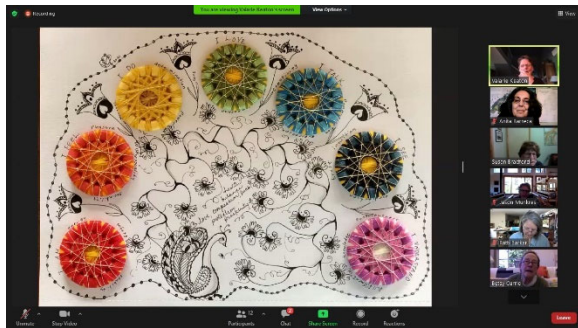


### Look What's Been Happening in Pandaemia

We know that a picture is worth a thousand words! And by now most of you know about our Woven Together in Pandaemia gatherings every other Tuesday at 3 p.m. on Zoom.

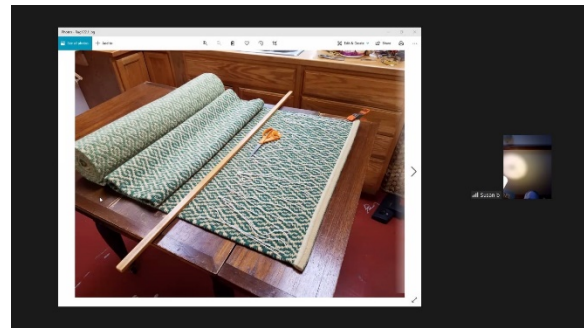
Many of you have taken advantage of this opportunity to be together (even if it's only electronically). But for those who haven't discovered us yet, or who haven't come in a while, below are some wonderful screen shots taken by Anita Barreca at various meetings. Perhaps they will entice you to join us soon.





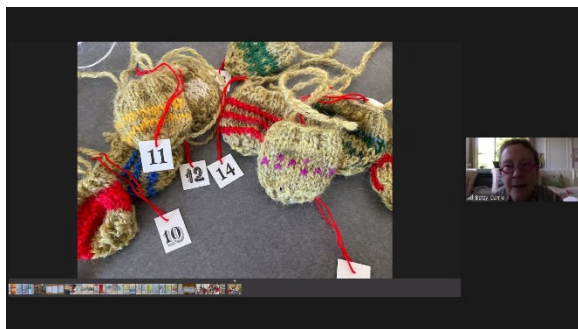
**Val Keaton: Dorset Buttons in the Midst of Zentangle Patterns**

This piece beautifully combines two of Val’s many passions. This set of buttons represents her version of our chakras and echoes the colors of rainbow. She is talking about the piece in the photo, and you can see some of the participants on that day appreciating her work. The photo also illustrates how we are able to come together from San Juan, Lopez, Camano, and even Florida, where Patti Barker now resides.



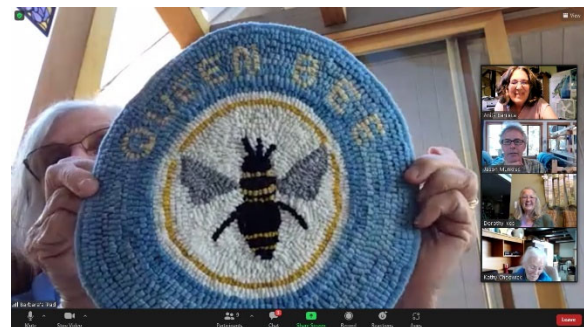
**Jason Munkres: Woven Rug**

We also got to witness Jason’s massive rug project unfolding. This was a commission he received to create a 10’-long rug. Pictured here is the finished project rolled up. All the yarn has been hand-dyed, and the subtle gradations of color are lovely to behold.



**Betsy Currie: Miniature Hats for Advent**

These delightful and very tiny hats are a small sampling of one of Betsy’s projects. Over many months, she created 8 sets of hats to give away to lucky family members. That is a lot of hats, and each hat in each set is different! We were able to witness her progress and to see how they evolved.



**Barb Fagan: Hooked Rug**

Here is Barb, peeking out from the side of her sweet creation. She truly is the Queen Bee of rug-hooking! She is describing the work and her process as people look on. It’s so valuable to share what we have been doing and to get positive and supportive feedback from other Guild members. Many of us show our work by screen sharing, but others hold up their work for all to see.

The Woven Together in Pandaemia Committee: Jason Munkres, Susan Bradford, Robin Atkins, Val Keaton

## Workshops Are Still on Our Minds

The future of workshops remains an open book, and that could be a good thing as we go forward. So even if the future of face-to-face gatherings remains a mystery, it's all what we choose to make of it.

The Zentangle group, aided by the efforts of Robin Atkins, organized another Zoom workshop in late August with Lynn Shelton Mead, who lives nearby. We had hoped to have it at Betsy's on Lopez, with a Zoom option, but at the last minute decided to switch to an all-Zoom experience. It was still fabulous. Lynn was fabulous! And we know that we want to work with her again, hopefully in person next time.

Anita has been busy rescheduling the Willow Basket workshop with Maria Bullock that had to be cancelled when the pandemic first arrived. It's looking really good for the end of April in conjunction with our April meeting, which is always held on Orcas. Details to be revealed soon.

Finally, Julie is still pursuing the idea of a knitting workshop. More details on that will also be coming soon.

Even in the midst of uncertainty and in the midst of this crazy time in our lives, it is still possible to organize a workshop and to move ahead with plans. So please send in your ideas, your wishes, hopes and dreams. Let's see what we can create together.

Susan Bradford  
for the Workshop Committee

## Lendrum Spinning Wheel Bag

For sale, padded spinning wheel travel bag, Hunter Green. Fits Lendrum, 2 pedal spinning wheel. Used once and in excellent condition. Original price \$149, sale price \$75. Contact Lola Deane at 360-298-0626 or [Lhdshaw@gmail.com](mailto:Lhdshaw@gmail.com).

## Fiber Equipment Estate Sale


This equipment is being sold from the estate of Jean Lohman, an early member of the Skagit Guild. All proceeds go to her family. Photos will be provided on request. Everything in this grouping is in perfect shape, extra clean and better than new. Prices are very reasonable; compare these with other web listings if you wish. Items are located in Bow, WA. Contact Annie Lohman, [Lohmanfarms@frontier.com](mailto:Lohmanfarms@frontier.com), for more information.

- Patrick Greene Carder, 7 inch drum with 2 interchangeable drums: medium and extra, extra fine. The extra fine would be wonderful for cashmere, angora - anything super fine. Doffer brushes, may also have an extra belt. \$550
- Clemes & Clemes carder, 8 inch drum, medium fine, motorized, ready for production carding, Doffer brushes. \$600
- OTT Light Desk Model - \$20
- OTT light Table Mount - \$30
- 2 Wooden Niddy noddies, one sample size, one 36". \$30 for both
- Harrisville closed bottom boat shuttle, 4" bobbin - \$20
- Wooden Umbrella Swift, Leclerc table or counter mount, \$60
- Vintage small umbrella swift, \$10

- Mountain Table Loom, 8 shaft, Texsolve heddles, 12" weaving width, 2 reeds, flat shuttles. \$400
- Sleeping Beauty brand, folding single treadle spinning wheel, Pixie model.

This one is in perfect condition and spins beautifully, 3 bobbins. This is a collector's item and a piece of history along with being fully spinnable. \$500.

<p>The deadline for the Winter 2021 issue of <i>'tiles</i> is January 8, 2022. Forward articles to Susan McBain at <a href="mailto:slmcbain@gmail.com">slmcbain@gmail.com</a> or 91 Coastline Dr., Olga, WA 98279. 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 <a href="mailto:robinatkins@interisland.net">robinatkins@interisland.net</a>. Deadline for inclusion in the Roster is October 31.</p>
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