

# Reed and Weave

Inland Empire Handweaver's Guild

February 1, 2010

## IEHG CALENDAR

**Sat, Feb. 6, 1-4 pm. IEHG-West.** At the home of Gail Marlow-Dickey. For Information, 909-985-8916.

**Thurs, Feb. 18, 9:30 am. Tri-City Regional Group,** at home of Suzanne Chappell, 909-794-3470.

**Mar 8. Rug Weaving; Wedge Weave, Rags and Loopers.** Maggie Aguirre.

**Thurs, April 8. Note day and date change. Field Trip to The Weavers' Barn, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum in Vista.**

**May 8. Doup and Bead Leno.** Gail Marlow-Dickey & Maggie Aguirre.

**June 14. To be announced.**

## Parking Lot Sale February 8, 8:30 am

The Desert Weavers and Spinners will be having a parking lot sale of items from the Stash of Darlene Fitzpatrick in the Museum parking lot. For sale are: weaving, spinning, dyeing, sewing, & knitting books; magazines (Spin Off, Handwoven, Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot); tools, yarn and fiber. The yarn and fiber will be sold by the pound. They will take checks or cash.

## Design a Weaving Project

Presented by  
**Jean Long**

**Date:** February 8, 2010  
**Where:** San Bernardino Co. Museum  
2024 Orange Tree Lane  
Redlands, CA 92374  
**When:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Bring:** Coffee cup  
Items to show and tell  
Items for Design Game (listed below)  
Entries for Riverside County Fair

The program concentrate on the elements involved in the planning and design of a weaving project. Not through the usual discussion of rhythm, balance and harmony, but through playing a Design Game developed by the preeminent English weaver, Anne Sutton.

We will divide into working groups and Jean Long will provide the game and explain the rule of play. Hope-fully at the end of the game each group will have a design to present back to the larger group.

Each member is asked be bring an item that goes into planning a weaving structure, a favorite cone of yarn or one that you loved in the shop but have never been able to use, a weaving draft for which you had difficulty choosing yarn or a sample of a fabric that you think illustrates good weaving.

Reference books and Magazines will be available to clarify unfamiliar terms or techniques or to stir you creative juices if your group has trouble with creating a design.

**Bring your Riverside County Fair entries. Pat Hammond will deliver them for you.** The Riverside County Fair and Date Festival is **Feb. 12-21** at 82-503 Hwy 111, Indio.

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## President's News

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### *Happy Valentines Day to all.*

I think you should all treat yourself, for *Valentines Day*, to a local mountain retreat. The dates, May 7-9, just happen to coincide with Mother's Day. But hey, it's all right for you guys to treat yourself on that weekend too.

The Studio 66 Retreat committee (Kathleen Waln, Gail Marlow-Dickey and Michelle Lee) invites you to bring your loom, spinning wheel, yarn or fiber to dye, crocheting, knitting, kumihimo, or any fiber related craft. There will be informal workshops, presentations, interactive groups and the chance to make new and rejuvenate old friendships. Crockpot (bring your own) Dyeing will start Friday afternoon and continue throughout the weekend.

All this in a beautiful, relaxed mountain setting at the **Studio 66 Retreat** in Forest Falls, CA (16 miles from Redlands). You will sleep in comfortable cabins (linens provided) with 2-4 twin beds per room, and enjoy five delicious meals prepared by their chef for a low **all-inclusive price of \$240**. Sunday will end with a 10:30 brunch that still gives you plenty of time to have some family time too.

I hope to see you February 8 when we play the Design Game.

*Suzanne*

*P.S.* Don't forget to put your check in the mail by February 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Of Interest**

**March 26-28. Basketweaving Retreat.** Black ash basket, bulrush and other natural materials, and metal mesh workshops. Sponsored by the Los Angeles Basket-weaving Guild, <http://www.labas-ketryguild.org/>. Location: Camp Stevens in Julian, CA.

**May 7-9. Studio 66 Weaving and Spinning Retreat** in Forest Falls. Registration forms available at IEHG Meetings and on [www.IEHG.org](http://www.IEHG.org).

**Through May 30, 2010. The Art of Native American Basketry: A Living Tradition, at the Autry National Center of the American West.** This is a comprehensive exhibition of more than 250 Native American baskets from more than 100 cultures, arranged in eleven geographic regions.  
**Free Admission:** Friday, January 1, and the 2nd Tuesday of the month.  
<http://www.autrynationalcenter.org/>

**July 18-25. Convergence 2010, New Visions: Ancient Paths,** in Albuquerque, NM. <http://www.weavespindye.org/>



### ***A Weaver's Life: Shibori Inspirations***

I've been attracted to Japanese textiles for years and as I've been developing my shibori skills, I've become inspired by a particular and practical form of Japanese domestic textile, called *noren*, which is traditionally used to mark an entrance or as a room divider.

*Noren's* use is not only practical, it also welcomes one to a place of beauty. I like the idea of having fabric hanging in the home that is there just to be beautiful. The long panels of the *noren* are a wonderful display place for my shibori. The second hand-loom

shibori piece I created was based upon a *noren* I have in my home. I call this scarf "Trellis and Tekumo." I thought the traditional shibori grid on the *noren* looked like a garden trellis and the starbursts on the textile are called *tekumo* in Japan or spiderwebs. Thus, my inspirational *noren* gave me a woven trellis with spiderwebs--somehow so appropriate for a weaving!



Right now I'm in a whimsical stage drawing my motifs as the Japanese do, from nature. I'm creating my version of *shibori* insects, leaves and flowers in a range of colors. The dyeing is key and there are many ways of creating your dye resist: clamping, folding, tying, twisting or pressing the fabric before you dye it. *Shibori* master Yoshiko Wada translates *shibori* to mean "wring, squeeze or press" or "shaped-resist dyeing," what we in America might call an aesthetic tie-dye.

When I create my hand-loomed & traditional shibori, I work with both silk and cotton and right now I'm weaving with silk noil. When you wash the fabric after it is dyed, the noil has this light, airy hand that is luscious to feel. I've just beamed another 9 yards of silk noil on my loom. I've been doing my *noren*, but my next weaving will be shawls, because it feels so good next to the body.

The more I look at Japanese textiles, the more I become inspired. My next challenge: a warp & weft ikat process the Japanese call *kasuri*. I'm sure I'll be inspired by my collection of *kasuri* cloth. Do you have a textile in your collection that inspires you?

Happy Weaving! Kathleen Waln khwaln@me.com

Visit my Shibori blog: <http://weaverkat.blogspot.com/>

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*Inland Empire Handweavers Guild Information*

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- ❖ **Date:** The 2nd Monday of each month
- ❖ **When:** September thru June at 9 a.m.
- ❖ **Place:** The San Bernardino County Museum  
2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, CA  
(California St. Exit off the I-10).
- ❖ **Dues:** \$20 per year  
Come to a meeting as our **guest**, we welcome you.

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**\*\*\* WEAVING & SPINNING CLASSES \*\*\***

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**Classes:** Mon & Tues 9am-3: 30pm, Wed. 7-10pm. \$35 for 12 Weeks of individual instruction—all equipment supplied--first project free yarn!  
626-331-0682 Tri-Community Adult Ed. 20350 E. Cienega Ave Covina CA

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**Riverside Spinners**

**Meetings:** Tuesday mornings from 10 AM to Noon  
**Where:** St. Michael's Episcopal Church in the Fellowship Hall, 4070 Jackson Street, Riverside.  
**Contact:** Lynda Yoho 951-351-4542 for more information.

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Spinners, Weavers...Whatever!**

**Meetings:** Third Sunday of the Month - 11am- 2pm at Massage Rx in Rancho Mirage  
**Contact:** Mariellen Boss for information and location.760-328-2790 or email: [tactilespirit@dc.rr.com](mailto:tactilespirit@dc.rr.com)  
**Spinners et al...bring WHATEVER you want to work on: spinning, knitting, weaving, or any other fiber arts.**

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