



Fiber Artists of Oklahoma

# NEWSLETTER

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## From The President's Desk— Shirley Conaway



Greetings to everyone! I hope March finds many of you preparing your entries for Fiberworks, or at least thinking about it! The prospectus is now on the website, so you can check out the guidelines and read all about our juror for the 2008 show. If you'd like to become involved in helping with Fiberworks, be sure to contact Karen Collier or Kay Moore, chair and vice-chair, respectively - or just contact anyone through our web site. You can volunteer to help accept entries, help with the jurying process, or help prepare the gallery for hanging the show. Working with this well-organized group is a valuable experience, as well as a pleasure.

Those of you who so valiantly gave up

Valentine's Day to attend our February meeting were treated to a very interesting program given by Sundra Flansburg of World Neighbors. Sundra talked about the work of this worthy organization in villages in underdeveloped countries, and the Work of Women program, which endeavors to empower the women of those villages. We all exclaimed



over the marvelous exotic fabrics Sundrea brought from the World Neighbors gift shop, and some items didn't make it back with Sundra!

Thanks to our new website and our public radio announcements, word of FAO seems to be spreading! Our an-

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### FAO MEETING LOCATION & TIME

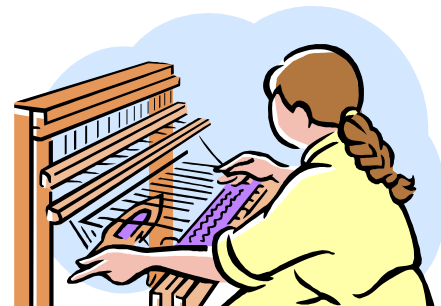
FAO will meet at the Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Building, 3400 NW 36th, OKC. Located east of N Portland on the south side of NW 36th near I-44.

**Date:** March 13, 2008

**Time:** 7:00 to 9:00

## March Program: By Donna Hilton

Donna Hilton, the warm and delightful owner of the Weavery at Indian Meridian in Guthrie, will give a program on weaving that will interest even non-weavers! Donna will share some non-traditional ways of weaving and spinning, and introduce us to some of her favorite books and resources.



## FIBERWORKS 2008 REPORT

Our Fiberworks Chairman, Karen, is still traveling to all parts of the United States and is out of town. I've taken the liberty of writing her report and including my favorite clip art of her traveling. It's such a cute picture, however, I doubt that Karen has a nice smile on her face while traipsing through the airports carrying her luggage.

Shirley, our Publicity Chairman, has been diligently working to spread the word about Fiberworks. It's a big job so Marilu has agreed to help her next year and is now in training. Newspapers all over the state received a press release about Fiberworks, national magazines have published our ads, TV stations will be notified, rack cards are being printed to be distributed in May, and the Downtowner Magazine will print a few pages with photos about Fiberworks. Shirley hasn't given me a list of everything she has been doing so I hope I haven't left anything out. Shirley, we appreciate your hard work.

Contributions for awards are still arriving as you can see from the Treasurer's report so we know Elia has also been working hard. Elia continues to do a marvelous job of fund raising for the awards. Our goal is \$4000.00 again this year which is more than most art competitions offer. Money is a good incentive to create our best work for the exhibit! So get busy creating your fiber work!

**News Flash!!!** I just received an email with Karen's Fiberworks report so I will include it following my report. Two reports are better than one, right?

Kay

Fiberworks Co-Chairman

Fiberworks 2008 is less than three months away, and interest and excitement are building. The beautiful new website has our fantastic prospectus online, and fiber artists around the state have accessed it and are getting ready for the juror selection at the end of May. The Fiberworks Committee - special thanks to Kay, Carla Shirley and Elia for their efforts the last several weeks - is operating smoothly and efficiently towards making our 30th anniversary show the best ever.



We will be going to print with rack cards for local hotels and hot spots soon, and will have plenty of invitations to send FW friends and hopefuls in a few weeks. The design of our printed materials is stellar this year, and Shirley has been working feverishly on arranging all sorts of publicity for Fiberworks past and present (our unofficial theme this year). Please consider entering your work in the show this year. It promises to be one of our best, and I invite you to be a part of it.

Karen

Fiberworks Chairman

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nouncements have been aired on at least one station. Many thanks to member Barbara for making sure we're listed on the KOSU and KCSC calendars. We were pleased to see four new faces at our February meeting, and one of our guests became a member that night. Welcome, Andrea! We hope our other guests felt welcome and will return. In addition, our treasurer, Dorothy, reports that she also

has received three new memberships in the mail. Welcome Maryruth from Lawton, Candace from Muskogee, and Susan from Ponca City! We look forward to meeting you and hope you'll be able to attend meetings from time to time.

I look forward to seeing you at our March meeting, when Donna Hilton, owner of The Weavery at Indian Meridian, will present the program.

Shirley

## Textures in the Tropics

HGA's **Convergence 2008**, Textures in the Tropics on June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28th will be in Tampa Bay, Florida.

### What is Convergence?

Convergence is an outstanding conference for everyone who loves and works in fiber. It is the biennial, international conference sponsored and organized by the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc.(HGA), and hosted by a committee of dedi-

cated fiber enthusiasts. Convergence features special lectures, workshops and seminars, exhibits, tours, special events, and a commercial vendor hall full of fibers, fiber-related equipment and an artist market. Hosted by Florida Tropical Weavers Guild (FTWG).

For more information visit or to register visit:

<http://www.weavespindye.org/>

## FAO Treasurer's Report



Treasure report for members only

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<http://www.fiberartistsok.org>

## FIBERWORKS 2008 Calendar of Events

(Save these dates!)

**Submit Entries**—May 30 - 31 (Fri. & Sat.) 12-4 pm IAO Gallery

**Jury Entries**—June 2 (Mon. & Tue.)

**Lecture**—June 4 (Wed.) 7-8:30pm, Belle Isle Library, 5501 N. Villa, OKC

**Critique Night**—June 5 (Thur.) 7-9pm IAO Gallery

**Opening Reception**—June 6 (Fri.) 6-8pm IAO Gallery

**Exhibit Ends**—June 27 (Fri.).

**Pickup Pieces**—June 28 (Sat.) 10am-2pm IAO Gallery

**Fiberworks 2008** will be on display at the IAO Gallery, 811 N. Broadway, OKC, June 6th thru June 27th, 2008.

## SHOW AND TELL FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING



Abi showing us balls of yarn that she has dyed with natural dyes.

## MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our February meeting was great and we even had a good turn out considering it was Valentine's Day. Sundra Flansburg gave an enlightening program about the function of World Neighbors and brought along a sampling of handmade fiber items that they sell in their gift shop.

We had six visitors in attendance and one, Andrea, who has taken weaving at UCO and is also a metalsmith, joined. We extend a warm welcome to Andrea.

Dorothy received three new memberships in the mail last month so we would also like to welcome Susan from Ponca City, Candace from Muskogee, and Maryruth from Lawton. Thank you all for joining FAO!

Don't miss our next meeting on March 13th.

Kay

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

**Dallas Handweavers Guild Juried Show**, Turn, Turn, Turn: A Time to Spin, a Time to Weave. Call for weaving & spinning entries, **deadline is March 17th**. Show will be juried by Amie Adelman and will be April 10th—May 27th at the Dallas Public Library, Fine Arts Division 4th Floor, 1515 Young St., Dallas, TX. All details including rules and entry form are at <http://www.dallasweavers.org/show>.

**VMRC Juried Multimedia Art Exhibition**. Call for entries. Cash awards. Purchase awards. Juried exhibit. **Deadline March 28**. Exhibit to be held June 1–29 at Park Gables Gallery. No commission charged on artwork sales. For prospectus, send SASE to VMRC Art Exhibition, 1491 Virginia Ave., Harrisonburg, VA 22802. (540) 564-3400; <http://www.vmmc.org/artexhibition>.

**Mark Your Calendar!** The Paseo Artists Association will sponsor the "Fine Craft Art Festival" on Oct. 11 and 12 in the historic Paseo Arts District. It

will be a great opportunity to show fine crafts of all mediums, especially fiber arts: weaving, felt, baskets, etc. A prospectus will be available soon. Let all the fine craft artists you know about this great opportunity. Go to <http://www.thepaseo.com/> for more information.

(FYI: If you are interested in entering art shows you may want to bookmark the following websites and check them often for competitions.)

**Fiber Art Calls for Entry**—This blog appears as a courtesy of Art Craft Culture. For listings see: <http://www.fiberartcalls.blogspot.com/>

**Call for Entries:** Art Shows, Juried Exhibitions & Competitions for Artists visit: <http://www.artshow.com/juriedshows/>





## From the Editor — Kay Moore

Spring is my favorite season and with the warmer weather we have been experiencing this week it appears to be just around the corner! This is always a busy season and it's evident with all the news and events that I have listed in the newsletter this month. I hope many of you will be able to support the fiber arts in our area by attending these events.

Please, don't forget the deadline for the newsletter is the 4th Thursday of each month. You may send your news, interesting articles, classifieds or websites to me at [editor@fiberartsok.org](mailto:editor@fiberartsok.org) or call me. We now have an email link setup on our website on the newsletter page for your convenience.



Join **World Neighbors March 8th** for a Day of Action in celebration of International Women's Day. Participate in the WOW! Walk for Women on the University of Central Oklahoma Campus in Edmond, OK.

The OU Visual Art Students Association (VASA) is proud to host a lecture by Ms. Von Mertens on Thursday, **March 13** at 2:00pm. The event will take place at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art in Norman. Admission is free and all are welcome. **Anna Von Mertens** makes quilts as bed sculptures by stitching patterns overlay grid structure to describe personal events/environments. <http://www.annavonmertens.com/>

The **Fiber Art Design (FAD) Group** will have a display of art quilts, weavings, embroidery, felting,

yarn paintings, knitting, and wearable art at the Midwest City Metropolitan Library, 8143 E. Reno Ave, Midwest City, OK, from March 5—31. Exhibiting artists are Shirley Conaway, Lynn Craigie, Charlotte Hickman, Carla Houston, Marie Miller, Kay Moore, and Elia Woods.

**March 13-April 10:** All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa: Fiber Visions Sampling x Three by Jean Ann Fausser. Opening reception is March 13, 5:30-8:00pm. <http://www.jfiberart.com>

**“Women’s Art: Women’s Vision”**, March 20, Clarion Meridian Convention Center, 737 S. Meridian, OKC from 6—8PM. Admission free but RSVP by March 15th: Call Debbie Miller 830-4044 or Emily Godinet 954-9556. Featuring guest speakers: Congresswoman **Mary Fallin** on Legislative Issues and Cherokee Basket Weaver, **Mary Stone**, The Art of Basket Weaving. Sponsored by Greater OKC Federally Employed Women and the FAA Technical Women’s Organization.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**For Sale:** Early 19th Century **Flax Spinning Wheel**, good working condition, double band drive, signed and dated - \$1,000; **1989 Ashford Spinning Wheel**, working condition, single band drive with scotch tension, maple color wood - \$300 Contact Lynn Deal 580-655-4215 or 580-304-5232.

**Charlotte Hickman** will be teaching quilting classes at a new quilt shop, **The Savage Quilter**, that is opening in Okla. City located at 6815 N. May, phone 840-1466. Here is Charlotte’s teaching schedule: April 10 - 10:00 to 4:00 - Machine Quilting; April 15th - 10:00 to 4:00 - Small Art Quilt; June 11 - 10:00 - 4:00 - Machine Quilting; June 25 - 10:00 -

4:00 - Sampler using Ruth McDowell's Piecing Techniques.

**Enroll now for Weaving—Beginner/Intermediate** classes, March 24-May 17,

Tuesdays 6-9 PM or Thursdays 10-1PM at The City Arts Center, 3000 General Pershing Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK taught by **Elia Woods**. Cost for beginner is \$104 or Intermediate \$96. For more information call 405-951-0000 or <http://www.cityartscenter.org/>





## Fiber Artists of Oklahoma

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**FAO Membership Dues** run from September—August each year. Dues are \$20.00, please make checks payable to Fiber Artists of Oklahoma and mail to Dorothy Dinsmoor, 2613 Windmill Rd., Edmond, OK 73013. For questions call 405-348-4666.

### *We Are On The Web!*

<http://www.fiberartistsok.org>

## ABOUT US:

Fiber Artists of Oklahoma (FAO) is made up of individuals interested in sharing knowledge and promoting appreciation of all aspects of fiber art, including weaving, spinning, embroidery, basketry, felting, papermaking, dyeing, rug hooking, lace-making, and quilting. Skill levels of members range from novice to expert, with some members experimenting as hobbyists, and others working as professionals.

Members of FAO participate in various activities during the year to encourage, support, and inform persons interested in fiber art. The organization

promotes **Fiberworks**, a major juried fiber art show featuring Oklahoma artists. Held each year, Fiberworks is now a nationally respected fiber show.

Fiber Artists of Oklahoma was formerly the Handweavers League of Oklahoma, the name chosen in 1976 by a group of hand weavers who first met in Norman, Oklahoma. Officers were elected, by-laws were written, and the first newsletter was published. In 1984 the group began meeting in Oklahoma City and became a statewide organization. A Certificate of Incorporation to become a non-profit [(501(c) (3)] group was filed and approved in 1985. In 1978, the organization initiated Fiberworks , a major juried fiber art show that has been held each year since. The Handweavers League was renamed Fiber Artists of Oklahoma in 2006 to better reflect the broader focus of the organization.

**Fiber Artists of Oklahoma meets the second Thursday of each month from September through November and January through June. All meetings with the exception of the June Potluck dinner meeting are at the Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St., Oklahoma City, OK. Meeting time is 7:00 pm, and all interested persons are invited to attend.**