



Pioneer Valley Weavers

www.pioneervalleyweavers.org

November 8, 2022

We are a guild of weavers united by our common fascination with the interlacement of fibers. Some of us are just beginning to enjoy weaving, others are fairly proficient and a few are professional weavers. Several of us are at the loom every day while others struggle to find small bits of time in which to weave. We weave on large looms in separate rooms devoted just to weaving and small looms on the kitchen table. We gather to encourage and learn from each other. PVW is the sum total of our actions, reflected as our reputation. Join us!

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday from September through June
at **WEBS**, 75 Service Center Road, Northampton, MA, in Classroom 3

(As our meetings are in the evening, when WEBS is closed, access to the meeting is through a back door. When facing WEBS, drive between the building and stockade fence at the left of the building. Take a right around the building to park and access Classroom 3 through the small door to the left of the large garage door. If not open, knock! The area is well-lighted.)

Social time begins at 6:00 pm, followed by a business meeting at 6:30 pm
The evening's program will start at 7:00 pm.

*Pioneer Valley Weavers wish to express their gratitude
to **WEBS***

for their long term and generous support of our Guild and our programs.

November's (Zoom) Presentation:

**“Setts in All Their Glory and The Yarn Balance Lecture”
with Susan Conover**

**Presentation will be via Zoom in the comfort of your own home!!
Start time will be 7 PM**



Susan Conover began spinning and weaving in 1980 and spent the next four decades studying under numerous international teachers. Her focus has always been on the historic aspects of the craft. Since 2000, she has offered two- to five-day courses in spinning and weaving from her home studio.

Her expertise has included being Operations Manager at Vävstuga Weaving School in Shelburne Falls, MA for five years. She specializes in lectures and workshops for guilds and craft schools throughout the country. Susan is always willing to share her passion for weaving and spinning with her students!

Susan Conover will cover the puzzling topic of obtaining the correct sett when it comes to your next project. This lecture is filled with oodles of pertinent information for the handweaver of any experience level.

The lecture begins with a short history and maintenance of weaving reeds (carbon and stainless steel) including storage solutions and rusty reed prevention and repair. Plus a nifty conversion chart for Imperial vs. metric reed sizing.

Susan then moves into the nitty-gritty with:

- The Master Yarn Chart
- Reed Substitution Charts
- Yarn Wrappings
- Stretchy, stiff, and handspun yarns-Obtaining the correct sett
- Number of times that the weft intersects the plane of the cloth in one repeat
- Firm setts, slippery yarn setts and drapey setts
- Calculating your shrinkage in both warp and weft
- A cameo project will be a sett sampler in plain weave and twill which participants may enjoy weaving at home

The last bit of this lecture will cover The Yarn Balance (aka the McMorran Balance) which is a handy device to measure the approximate yards per pound of a chosen yarn. A must for any handweaver who wants to identify the grist of their “stash”.

Zoom Basics

Zoom is a nice alternative to in-person meetings. It may seem scary but it's easy!

You can join by your computer, your laptop or your phone. You don't need to subscribe to Zoom to participate. You can join with audio only or audio and video. If you block your camera with tape, remember to remove the tape. The option exists to have a fake background instead of your real location. Just set that in Zoom prior to the meeting using Settings, In Meeting Advanced, Virtual Backgrounds. Make people think you're vacationing on a Hawaiian island!

A link will be sent by the Host and looks something like this:

Topic: Pioneer Valley Weavers' Guild Meeting
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime
Meeting ID: 991 6526 7145

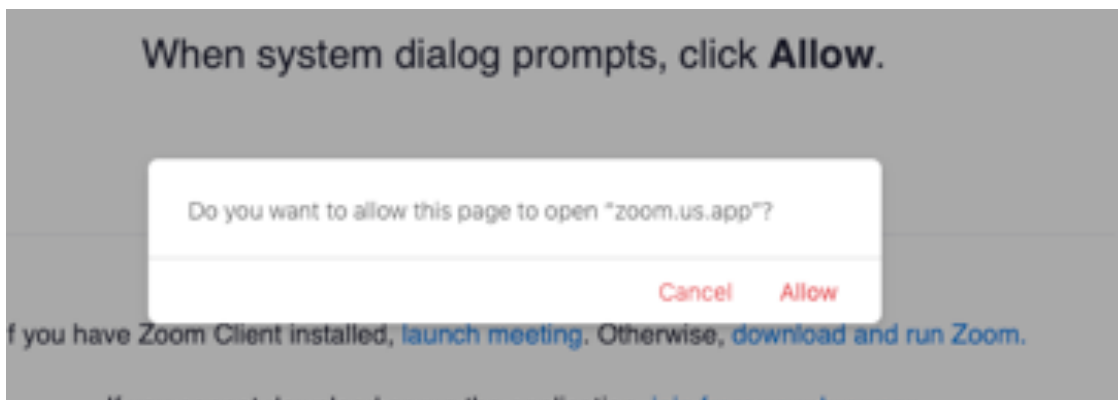
To join by computer, click this link: <https://smith.zoom.us/j/99165267145?pwd=UUJyZ2VhU0NzUHZyWUJlTERGWUFmZz09>

Click on the blue link and it will bring you into the Zoom site. You will then get this:

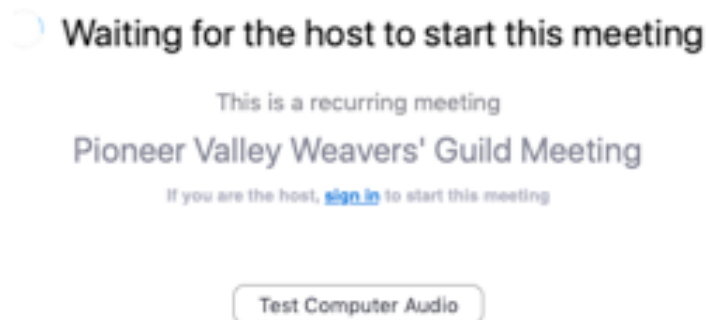
When system dialog prompts, click **Allow**.

If you have Zoom Client installed, [launch meeting](#). Otherwise, [download and run Zoom](#).

Click on “Launch meeting”. Then this box might appear:



Click on “Allow” and you should then see a box saying connecting, which means the host has acknowledged you and is bringing you into the meeting or you will get the following screen



which means the meeting has not begun and you will be connected when the Host starts the meeting. Test your audio and increase the sound if needed. You can also see what you look like on the video. Lighting and the angle of your screen can make a big difference. Play with it before the meeting starts.

It is advisable to join from 10 to 15 minutes before the time of the meeting. Once the meeting starts, the Host will be engaged and may not see you enter for a while. If joining by phone, use the teleconferencing number provided on the invite. Once part of the meeting, you have the ability to mute yourself and listen without video with buttons that are on the bottom left of the screen. (If they

don't show, fiddle with your mouse and they should appear.) On the top bar are the viewing options, which are Speaker View (the person speaking is large and the other participants are thumbnails) and Gallery View (showing all participants the same size; size is dependent on the number of participants). If you use a phone or laptop the gallery view may not fit and you may need to scroll up and down to see all participants. During a presentation, you can move the gallery view to the top or side. If in speaker view, you can move the speaker (click and drag) around to minimize the affect on the presentation. Play with the different options, it won't hurt anything. If struggling, ask the host for help, if possible. When in Gallery View, the person speaking at the moment will be have a yellow frame around their picture.

When done, click on the red leave meeting button on the bottom right. First you hit "Leave", then another button saying "Leave Meeting" will show. Hit that button and you are out! Now wasn't that easy???

Chair's Corner

We are fortunate to live in a time of easily accessible information and there are so many resources available to weavers. I'll pass along to you those I discover and enjoy. Handweavers Guild of America, weavespindye.org, is a major source of information and inspiration. One of the programs offered by HGA is, Textiles & Tea, and weekly online program featuring a 45 minute discussion with a current fiber artist followed by a 15 minute audience question period. The broadcast is available through Zoom and Facebook Live and are free to view and open to all. Previous episodes are listed and available for viewing. Textiles & Tea is found under Member Programs. Have fun exploring the many offerings available on the HGA website.

Nina Laurie

Pioneer Valley Weavers Guild Agenda

November 8, 2022

October Minutes

Treasurer's Report

NEWS Report

Library Report

Market Place Report

Membership Report

Discussion Group

New Business

Door Prize

Show and Share

Program - Susan Conover

*Have your
Newsletter Agenda handy
for the
Business portion
of the meeting
So you can
follow along.*

Pioneer Valley Weavers
Minutes for 10/11/2022

The September meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM, by Nina Laurie, Chair. Nina welcomed the 18 members in attendance.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as published.

Nancy Evans reported on **Treasury** activity, which started the month with \$5200 plus dues and donations. Donations will be going to the website. We bought postcards for community outreach. We reserved the Florence community center for our workshop in April. Now closer to \$5000 than opening

Deb Adamczyk gave a **NEWS** update. Early November for the NEWSletter. The committee will be going to Worcester University this month.

Carol /Birtwistle reminded members that the **Library** blue book needs to be checked “returned” when returning the book. The library is percolating along. New books will be listed in the newsletter.

Diane shared that the woman that won the PVW award last year won this year as well. She won a free membership to our guild.

Peggy Wolff shared that **Membership** has 38 members and 30 have paid.

Barbara Elkins shared that there will be a **Discussion Group** meeting October 28 10AM in Classroom 2.

There are several new items in the **Marketplace**. Tonight there is a bid going on for a warping mill.

Ellen Redman shared that the **Program** committee has the April Workshop in Florence.

Jodi Nager wanted us to spread the word Brushworks Arts & Industry is hosting the 30th Annual Open Studios & Holiday Sale on November 12 & 13, 2022 at 221 Pine Street, Florence, MA.

Barbara Elkins brought up that we put pieces up in the hospital in the past, and suggested we try doing that again. Lynn will get the list together of volunteers.

Nina shared that we still need volunteers to be on the nominating committee. Ellen agreed, so we only need one more person.

Nina Laurie adjourned the meeting at 6:50.

The door prize, hand-embroidered towels from Deb’s mom, was won by Donna McGill.

Show & Share

Our program was on Mending the Broken Thread: New England Framed Looms in the Landscape with Nevan Carling. Thank you Nevan!

Sarah Cooper
Recording Secretary



PIONEER VALLEY WEAVERS

Program Year 2022 – 2023

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 13, 2022 – October 10, 2022

Nancy Evans, Treasurer

Florence Savings Bank ~ Checking Account

Balance on July 1, 2022		\$4,427.38	\$4,427.38	
Balance on September 13, 2022	\$5,219.08			
Income		YTD	BUDGET	
Dues	\$150.00	\$960.00	\$900.00	
Marketplace	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$200.00	
N.E.W.S. Entry Fees			\$50.00	
Workshop Fees				
Loom Rental Fees				
Donations	\$350.00	\$360.00	\$100.00	
TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED	\$515.00	\$1,335.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
Expenses				IN-KIND
Auditor			\$175.00	
Bank Charge		\$28.30	\$30.00	
Community Outreach	\$62.59	\$62.59	\$50.00	
Corresponding Secretary				
Marketplace				
Historian				
Hospitality				
Library	\$33.96	\$33.96	\$50.00	
Big E Award			\$50.00	
N.E.W.S. Dues			\$20.00	
N.E.W.S. Entry Fees			\$50.00	
Newsletter				
Program	\$206.50	\$206.50	\$1,610.00	
Workshop	\$390.00	\$390.00		
Sunshine Fund				
Website			\$170.00	
Membership				
Door Prizes				
Loom Rental Expenses				
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$693.05	\$721.35	\$2,205.00	\$0.00
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	-\$178.05	\$613.65	-\$955.00	
Balance October 10, 2022	\$5,041.03	\$5,041.03	\$3,472.38	

Checking Account ~ Loom Rental Program

Balance on September 13, 2022	\$307.00
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Balance on October 10, 2022	\$307.00

Nancy Evans, Treasurer

PVW is always willing to accept cash donations.
Please send donation checks to our Treasurer, Nancy Evans, 233 Forest Park Avenue. Springfield, MA 01108. Thank you!

“Creative Arts at the Big E”



Judge's Selection in Weaving (sponsored by PVW) **Michaela Bongiovanni**

“I just wanted to say thank you for \$50.00 gift card for Webs and one year membership donated by Pioneer Valley Weavers Guild. It was an honor to receive such recognition for my weaving.”

Respectfully,
Michaela Bongiovanni

*Diane Roeder, **Blue Ribbon** and **Grand Champion**,
Best of Jewelry Department, Adult*





Linens : *Diane Roeder* - **Blue** Ribbon

Weavers' Guild of Springfield.
Donor Award (Judge's Selection)



Membership

Membership in PVW renews annually. The guild year runs from July 1st through June 30th. Dues are \$30., which includes monthly programs from September through June, access to PVW's vast Library, discounted workshop fees, access to our loaner looms, and our Newsletter. Other benefits are occasional notices of outside workshops, looms and equipment for sale, exhibits from other guilds, reduced entry fees for NEWS exhibits and inclusion on the NEWS Guild Table Display. We currently have 36 paid members. Our Membership Chair is *Peggy Wolff*. You can mail Peggy your check for \$30. made to Pioneer Valley Weavers at 126 Cave Hill Road, Leverett, MA 01054

PVW Welcomes Leslie Ann Kelly who joined us in June, Members, please introduce yourself to Leslie Ann and help her learn the benefits of the guild. **PVW** was pleased with the return of two members: Deanna Moore and Dorothy Shimel. It was good to see their smiling faces!!

Marketplace will return in December.

Guild Positions

Ellen Redman has graciously volunteered to work on the Nominating Committee. Thank you Ellen!! We still need one or two more members to join Ellen on that Committee. Although next year's ballot is a primary goal of the Committee, we need to have a Committee in place in case the situation in bullet point No. 4 should occur (see below). Be part of this committee and learn which members might be the right choice to lead PVW in the future.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Responsibilities

1. Three Guild members will be asked to volunteer for the Nominating Committee (NC) at the September meeting.
2. The NC will present a slate of officers for the Executive Board for the upcoming Guild year at the May meeting.
3. The slate of officers will also be published in the June newsletter in preparation for the election held during the Annual meeting in June.
4. If an Executive Board position becomes vacant during the year, the Chair will fill such vacancy after consulting with the NC. The Chair cannot be an ex-officio member of the NC.



Brushworks Arts & Industry

30th Annual Open Studios & Holiday Sale

November 12 & 13, 2022

221 Pine Street, Florence, MA



Join us November 12 & 13, 2022
for our Open House and Sale
from 10 am – 5 pm
42 Woodland Street, Hartford

Shop customer favorites like one-of-a-kind scarves, wearables, rugs, and kitchen linens along with some new items you haven't seen before. All products are hand-woven in our studio by our artisans who are blind, visually impaired and/or 55 and older. Tour our main studio, meet our artisans, and learn about all the fun and exciting things happening at the Hartford Artisans Weaving Center.

Can't make it to the Sale? Shop a selection of our products at weavingcenter.org/shop

Library

The PVW library is open during Webs store hours. The keys to the cabinets are located on the side of the white bookcase, which is to your left as you enter the Weaving Office.

Library holdings may be borrowed for four weeks at a time. Please return items on time so they are available to other guild members.

The return box is in cabinet #1. The sign out/sign in notebook is placed on top of the return box.

The following is a list of days and dates when the library is inaccessible because of classes:

Tuesday, November 1: 2 pm – 5:30 pm
 Saturday, November 5: 12 pm – 5:00 pm
 Saturday, November 12: 11 am – 5:00 pm
 Tuesday, November 15: 2 pm – 5:30 pm
 Friday, November 18: 1 pm – 5 pm
 Saturday, November 19: all day
 Tuesday, November 29: 2 pm – 5:30 pm

New England Weavers Seminar
Worcester State University
July 20 – 23, 2023
<https://www.newenglandweavers.org>

The NEWS Trustees met on Saturday, October 29th. This Campus is more compact than at Smith. If you want to get a feel for the campus size, use this link: <https://webcdn.worcester.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/worcester-state-university-campus-map-201707.pdf> I will say that distances were shorter than they appeared on the map.

The Parking Garage (14), a larger parking lot (B), two residence halls (16 & 19) and the Student Center (12) are all an easy walk apart. The Student Center will house most/all of the exhibits. All the classes will be in the Sullivan Academic Center (3) and I believe they said all on one floor. Registration will be in Sheehan Hall (19)

All Program contracts are completed and the next NEWSletter will have more information regarding the Program.

Thursday there will be an option for a special tour of Old Sturbridge Village including a curated tour of behind the scenes textiles, weaving tools and drafts, an herb garden tour focusing on dye plants and their cultivation. There will also be drop-in spinning, dyeing and weaving demos, time to explore the grounds and a boxed lunch. The time at OSV will be about 5 hours.

Friday night will be “Shop ‘til you Drop”, with music and a dessert and wine reception.

NEWS is still trying to fill a new position as described below:

3rd Vice-President – Communications

Core Responsibility: The 3rd Vice President shall assist the President and the 1st and 2nd VPs in the performance of their duties and shall be the Chairman of the committee relating to Communication (Marketing and Publicity) This is a new position and has yet to be implemented. The committee that proposed the position outlined the following responsibilities:

- Communication to Executive Board and Trustees
- Publicity for the Conference, exhibits, open classes
- Other communication as deemed necessary by Board

Collaboration/Cross Functional Responsibility with

- Graphics
- NEWSletter Editor
- Public Relations
- Webmaster / Registrar

Before the conference, they will Publicize the conference, the exhibits, and the open classes to weavers and the public as desired. Channels can include our Facebook page, Twitter, flyers in Northampton, and communication with guilds and guild representatives. Magazine advertising has also been used in the past.

- Providing information to the Webmaster for publication and will include oversight of the collecting, drafting, editing, vetting of any text, graphics in the Resource Guide and other such documents including signage used for the Seminar.
- Coordination/Oversight of information promoted on Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, etc)
- Coordination/Oversight of information released to News Outlets (print or web), Magazines etc.
- Review of Newsletter before publication for intent and accuracy.
- Primary owner of the newenglandweavers@gmail.com address. Under that email we have a Google drive and a Groups.io distribution list named “NEWSTrustees”. The distribution list’s email address is NEWSTrustees@groups.io.

Activities during the conference:

Responsible for communicating changes in room assignments or schedules through mass emails and signage.

Activities after the conference:

- Compile and administer a post-conference survey to identify problem areas that need to be addressed and gather suggestions for improving the conference.
- Submit a written final report to the Board.

Open Issue: Need to clearly communicate our policy on photography: only for personal use and inspiration, do not post on social media.

With that in the back of your mind and with PVW's need for an Alternate NEWS Representative, members of the NEWS Board of Trustees (include 3rd VP and Alternate Rep) will have preferred access to Registration for the Seminar; 24 hours before the guilds in general.

Registration time line:

Trustees will have access to registration on Saturday, March 4th at 1 PM

Paid guild members, of NEWS guilds, will have access on Sunday, March 5th at 1PM

General public (non-guild participants) will have access on Sunday, March 12th at 1 PM

There will be a call for volunteers through the NEWS Website and Registration process. Our responsibility as a guild is manning the Registration Desk. Those hours are yet to be determined. Although the venue change has increased the distance to travel, members can volunteer to man the desk and then view the exhibits and vendors for a pleasant way to spend the day.

Keep watch for the NEWSletter, coming out the week of November 7th for more information on exhibits and the NEWS Program.

WEBSITE

Our web site, <http://www.pioneervalleyweavers.org/> is open to the public except for the Members Only menu selection. As requested by our group, access will continue to be protected by User Id and Password. We are always happy to add pictures. Please send contributions to Jackie Proko at dancndog@cox.net.

User Name and Password are case sensitive:

User Name: **PVWGuild**

Password: **W3ave!2019**

SHOW AND SHARE

At every meeting there's a table to display your latest creations. Don't be shy! Share what you've been working on, a new weaving book you bought, trial and error, etc. Members have the option to talk about their item, with the membership, between the business meeting and the Program.

Show and Share at the October meeting:



Jodi Nager



Ellen Redman



Vicki Patillo



Sarah Cooper



Nancy Evans



Lynn Field

NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE SUBMISSIONS

Please feel free to share your tips and newly learned tricks, pictures from a related trip, your recent creation, a book review, etc. with the membership through the following resources:

Please email newsletter submissions to

Debbie Adamczyk at

djadamczyk@comcast.net

Please email website submissions to Jackie

Proko at dancndog@gmail.com

PVW CLASSIFIEDS

Do you have weaving books or equipment for sale? Send your advertisement, with or without pictures to Debbie Adamczyk (djadamczyk@comcast.net). Debbie will distribute your ad to the membership. (Personal sales only, please.)

OTHER GUILD-RELATED GROUPS

Pioneer Valley Facebook Page

Pioneer Valley Facebook Group

Pioneer Valley Facebook Discussion Group

SIGN-IN BOOK AND NAME TAGS

Please take the time to sign-in yourself and any guests! We encourage all members to wear nametags every month for the benefit of newer members.