



## **Pioneer Valley Weavers**

[www.pioneervalleyweavers.org](http://www.pioneervalleyweavers.org)

**October 11, 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.

*Is your membership current??*

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

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

## **October's Presentation:**

**Nevan Carling**

**The Marshfield School of Weaving's "North American Handloom Survey"**

This lecture will present the preliminary findings of the Survey. It will discuss, in brief, the relationship between loom timber framing and house timber framing traditions, the use of GIS to plot looms in the New England landscape, and the broader implications of

this research for the study of vernacular architecture in New England and North America.

Nevan Carling is a preservation timber framer, specializing in the research and repair of historic buildings using traditional tools and techniques. His interests are in the social roles that the built environment played in creating and surrounding identities in the past, with a special focus in the 17th and 18th centuries. Nevan Carling is a recent graduate of the University of York, in the United Kingdom, with a degree in Archaeology and Heritage Management. He will be pursuing his MSc degree in Timber Building Conservation at the Weald and Downland Living History Museum in Chichester, England in 2023.

### **Chair's Corner**

Our presenter for October is Nevan Carling. Nevan's work as a preservationist timber framer and cataloguing barn framed looms in New England combines an historical and social perspective on weaving looms should be a really interesting talk. The fall colors are inspiration for me for our color challenge project for the NEWS table. Please bring any questions you have about the project. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

*Nina*

### **Membership**

Membership in PVW renews annually. The guild year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 32 paid members but we still have several unpaid. ***To maintain membership, dues must be received on or before the October meeting.***

Our Membership Chair is *Peggy Wolff*. You can hand Peggy your check at the meeting or mail your check for \$30. made to Pioneer Valley Weavers to Peggy at 126 Cave Hill Road, Leverett, MA 01054

***PVW Welcomes Tamar Smith.*** Tamar joined us at our September meeting and was delightful to be around. Members, please introduce yourself to Tamar and help her learn the benefits of the guild.

\*\*\*\* **Minutes** unavailable at time of publication \*\*\*\*



# PIONEER VALLEY WEAVERS

Program Year 2022 - 2023

## TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 2022 - September 12, 2022

Nancy Evans, Treasurer

### Florence Savings Bank ~ Checking Account

Balance on July 1, 2022		\$4,427.38	\$4,427.38	
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Income		YTD	BUDGET	
Dues	\$810.00	\$810.00	\$900.00	
Marketplace			\$200.00	
N.E.W.S. Entry Fees			\$50.00	
Workshop Fees				
Loom Rental Fees				
Donations	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$100.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$820.00</b>	<b>\$820.00</b>	<b>\$1,250.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Expenses				IN-KIND
Auditor			\$175.00	
Bank Charge	\$28.30	\$28.30	\$30.00	
Community Outreach			\$50.00	
Corresponding Secretary				
Marketplace				
Historian				
Hospitality				
Library			\$50.00	
Big E Award			\$50.00	
N.E.W.S. Dues			\$20.00	
N.E.W.S. Entry Fees			\$50.00	
Newsletter				
Program			\$1,610.00	
Workshop				
Sunshine Fund				
Website			\$170.00	
Membership				
Door Prizes				
Loom Rental Expenses				
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$28.30</b>	<b>\$28.30</b>	<b>\$2,205.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$791.70</b>	<b>\$791.70</b>	<b>-\$955.00</b>	
<b>Balance September 12, 2022</b>	<b>\$5,219.08</b>	<b>\$5,219.08</b>	<b>\$3,472.38</b>	

### Checking Account ~ Loom Rental Program

Balance on July 1, 2022	\$307.00
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	\$0.00
<b>Balance on September 12, 2022</b>	<b>\$307.00</b>

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!

## **And the Winner is...**

A number of guild members entered “Creative Arts at the Big E”. PVW is pleased to highlight the winners among us:

HANDWEAVING - Adult Non-instructors

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

Home & Office Furnishings: *Michaela Bongiovannii* – **Blue** Ribbon

Wearable: *Michaela Bongiovannii* – **2 Blue** Ribbons

Weavers' Guild of Springfield Donor Award (Judge's Selection): *Diane Roeder*

Pioneer Valley Weaver's Donor Award (Judge's Selection): *Michaela Bongiovannii*

JEWELRY/Original (work completely composed by the entrant), Adult, Non-instructor

*Diane Roeder*, **Blue** Ribbon and

**Grand Champion**, Best of Jewelry Department, Adult

KNITTING: Natural Fibers (50%-100%), Adult, Non-Instructor

*Ellen Redman*, **Blue** Ribbon

Other winners from area guilds included:

**Springfield**: Jane Devlin, Loris Epps, Barbara Eves, Doris Koziol, Jo Ann Miner

Doris was also Grand Champion and Best of Hand Weaving Department, Adult

**WWM**: Trish Colson-Montgomery, Anita Thompson

**Congratulations** to all the participants and winners!!

For a full list of winners see <https://www.thebig.com/p/competitions/creative-arts/results>

Thanks to Nancy Evans for providing this information!

## **WEBS Fall Weaving Classes**

<https://www.yarn.com/categories/weaving-classes>

Please access WEBS link to find weaving classes to learn and enjoy. Upcoming classes include:

Beginning Weaving with Carol Birtwistle

Beyond Beginning Weaving with Wendy Bestor

Houndstooth Placemats on a Rigid Heddle with Marthe Young

Chenille Scarf with Beaded Danish Medallions with Marthe Young

Check out the dates, details and availability!

## Guild Positions

As you saw in the last newsletter it takes many hands to keep PVW functioning and fun. We are grateful to **Sharon Schenna** and **Cindy Romaniak** who have joined **Lynn Field** to be the 2023-2024 Program Committee. Thanks to all of you.

We are still searching for 2 to 3 people to be the Nominating 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**  
30<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Open Studios & Holiday Sale**  
November 12 & 13, 2022  
221 Pine Street, Florence, MA

## Library

### October 2022 SCHEDULE FOR CLASSROOM #3

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, October 4: 12 pm - 4:30 pm

Friday, October 7: 12 pm – 4:30 pm

Saturday, October 8: 9 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday, October 15: 11 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday, October 22: all day

Saturday, October 29: all day

### Library Thing

A list of most of our book holdings is accessible through our website: <http://pioneervalleyweavers.org>

On the left side, under “Guild Library”, click on the “Online Book List”. That will bring you into “Library Thing” with the detailed list of our book holdings.

### Guild Library

[Library Dedication](#)

[Online Book List](#)

[Periodicals - spreadsheet](#)

[Periodicals page](#)

[Spin Off Issues](#)

[Lecture and Workshop](#)

[Materials](#)

## “Marketplace”

Many thanks to **Carol Olanyk!!** Carol has donated many wonderful items to the Marketplace to benefit PVW. Her donations are in awesome condition and will prove to be an opportunity for our membership.

Among the items available for sale are several classic weaving books with special focus on the 2 volume “American Woven Coverlets” by Helene Bress (pristine condition); there will be more books available at future meetings once Carol Birtwistle has a chance to review the remaining books donated for possible inclusion in the PVW Library. Small equipment, which Carol donated, are a McMoran Yarn Balance, a ball winder, a Leclerc Quad fringe twister and some silk scarf blanks for dyeing.

Finally, as previously announced there will be a *Silent Auction* for the following Leclerc Warping Mill:

This table top mill winds 2 yards per turn and can wind up to a 22 yard warp. It can be adjusted up or down depending on your warp length. Open, it is 38 inches high and 26.25 inches wide, but when not in use it can easily be collapsed for storage. Value new is \$411. The mill offered is in excellent condition.

So this item will be placed by a silent auction. You can bid with your name or by an anonymous number (see Debbie, when you arrive, for your number). Our starting bid will be \$200. and the winner must pay by cash or check (made to PVW). If you are unable to attend but interested in bidding, I would be glad to take your bid or bid range by email and bid for you through the night. Your bid information needs to be emailed to me by 3:00pm on the date of the meeting, October 11th. Happy bidding!!

PVW truly appreciates Carol’s donations and their impact on future programs and activities for the guild!!

Thanks,  
Debbie Adamczyk  
“Marketplace” Manager



## **N.E.W.S. (New England Weaver's Seminar) July 20-23, 2023**

<https://www.newenglandweavers.org>

**NEWS Guild Challenge** - As a contributing guild to NEWS, PVW will have the opportunity to display pieces woven by our guild members. Although this is not a juried event, we usually work with a theme. We are using the theme developed for the January Challenge. The unifying idea of the Guild Table is color and drafts chosen from one of the following:

“A Weaver’s Book of 8-Shaft Patterns” by Carol Strickler

“A Handweaver’s Pattern Book” by Marguerite Davison  
or Handweaving.net

The project can use any number of shafts but must use a minimum of three (3) colors. The final piece must be flat.

Some of you have completed projects; keep them safe until the time of collection. Latecomers have time to work toward their piece(s). If you prefer not to participate in the themed exhibit, your choice of submission will still be accepted for exhibit.

### **Trustees Report**

The NEWS Trustees met via Zoom on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The Program is mostly defined with a few loose ends to be finished. Beginning Weaving will be 3 1/2 days. Classes will have 3, 2 ½, 2, 1 and half day options. There will be classes in Saori weaving, Ply-Split Braiding, Bobbin Lace, Spinning and Rigid Heddle. Student workers will be available to move looms and equipment for participants. In general, Worcester is a more consolidated venue with much less walking than the previous venue.

You have an opportunity to enter the Fashion and/or Gallery shows, participate in our Guild Table, Volunteer to sit a show as part of our required support of NEWS, help to woman the Registration Desk (which is our Guild job and requires many hours of coverage).

The Trustees will have an in-person meeting at Worcester State University on October 29<sup>th</sup>. More information should follow that meeting.

### **Legacy of Weavers**

The **New Hampshire Weavers Guild** is responsible for the **Special Exhibit for NEWS, 2023**. Their project began in 2020 but was postponed due to Covid. Each member guild was asked to submit the name of a *deceased* weaver, from our guild, that we would like to recognize in this exhibit. Below is the information required to properly honor our Nominee:

“This exhibit is to honor past (deceased) New England weavers of local renown who have enriched the art and craft of weaving and left us a gift of the rich heritage of weaving. Weavers today benefit from their teaching, their talent, the quality of their



weaving, and their love of the craft. We are inviting every guild in NEWS to participate.

We are asking each guild to honor its own weaving legacy by providing us information on a weaver from your area who, in your guild's opinion, should be recognized and remembered. For the weaver you have chosen to be honored we will need the following:

Name:

Biography:

Birth/death dates:

Country, state or region growing up  
approximate dates of active weaving/and exhibiting  
educational background  
Picture(s) of the individual

Weaving:

Weaving background

Teaching specialty

Awards

Other interesting information

Statements from Guild members concerning the weaver's teaching or inspiration

Woven items (1 to 3) needed during NEWS, not ahead of time

Pictures of woven items needed ahead of times to plan display “

Back in June, 2020 I requested suggestions and received only one recommendation. That was for Connie Kindahl. With the postponement of the full NEWS experience, our need to act on this nomination was postponed. Since I never received additional suggestions, PVW will honor Connie Kindahl as our **Legacy Weaver**.

## 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](mailto:dancndog@cox.net).

User Name and Password are case sensitive:

User Name: **PVWGuild**

Password: **W3ave!2019**

**Thank you Pat! Learning Card Weaving was fun and a great way to socialize!**



**Carol, Deanna, Mary & Nina**



**Cindy, Debbie & Pat**



**Lynn,  
Jodi,  
Vicki  
&  
Grace**



**Mary, Nina & Barbara**



**Barbara, Doris & Sharon**

## **NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE SUBMISSIONS**

Please feel free to share your tips and newly learned tricks, pictures from a weaving 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](mailto:djadamczyk@comcast.net)

Please email website submissions to Jackie Proko at [dancndog@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **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.