



Pioneer Valley Weavers
www.pioneervalleyweavers.org
September 13, 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.*

September's Presentation:
Card Weaving Mini-Workshop
with
Patricia Kapitzky

Please bring a belt to the guild's September meeting.

Patricia Kapitzky has been a Public School music teacher, a Church cantor, organist and choir director. She has taught private lessons in piano, guitar, clarinet and ukulele.

When Pat's two children were young she took a year of weaving instruction at Hill Institute, a card weaving class at WEBS with Barbara Elkins and a Navajo Rug weaving class at Harrisville Designs with Tom Jipson.

Pat found that Card Weaving easily lends itself to the environs of children's summer away camp. She taught card weaving for many summers at a children's camp, Aldersgate, in Connecticut. The children learned to weave bracelets, headbands and belts. They practiced the weaving techniques and learned the vocabulary of weaving.

The simplicity of the equipment and techniques of card weaving lends itself to great creativity. You play with size, shape, color, fiber and found objects.

Please bring a belt to the guild's September meeting. You will stretch the warp threads between your belt and a clamp on the table or a hook on the wall. Pat hopes you will have some fun with the cards and twisted warp.



Fringe doesn't always need to go to the ends.

A partial fringe can be quite effective!

Chair's Corner

Welcome back everyone to what promises to be a year of meeting in person. Currently, WEBS does not require masks, so masking is your choice. We will let you know if this changes. Our September meeting will be in person at WEBS in Classroom 3 and our meeting schedule will resume with a social time 6:00 – 6:30pm; the business meeting 6:30-7:00 pm; and the evening's program starting at 7:00pm. At this time, WEBS is not allowing food or drink to be served during the meeting.

We have an exciting year ahead with a few hands-on programs as well as a group of speakers we hope you will enjoy. Pat Kapitzky will begin the year with a Card Weaving mini-workshop. The program schedule is included in this Newsletter.

It's time to think about a project we can work on during the year for the NEWS Guild table next summer. We began a color project last year that we can continue for NEWS 2023. The unifying theme is color and project drafts can be chosen from either Carol Strickler's "A Weavers Book of 8-Shaft Patterns" or Marguerite Davison's "A Handweaver's Pattern Book" or a draft from Handweaving.net. The project can use any number of shafts, must include a minimum of three colors and must be flat. Please bring any other project ideas you want to consider to the September meeting.

I look forward to seeing you in September.

Nina

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. To maintain membership, dues must be received on or before the October meeting.

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

Pioneer Valley Weavers Minutes for 6/14/2022

The May meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by, Lynn Field, Chair. Lynn welcomed the 18 members present. The **Minutes** of the May meeting were approved as published.

Nancy Evans reported on **Treasury** activity, which included expenses for PVW's Big E Creative Arts Award and income from the Marketplace. Nancy reminded us that the loom rental portion of the Treasury is \$307. The treasury balance is now approximately \$4,985.00

Carol Birtwistle reminded members to both sign out books and sign them back in when you have returned them. Please borrow books for no more than 4 weeks to be fair to all that utilize the **Library**. Carol asked that members search their shelves and piles of book for Jacob Angstadt, His Weavers Patron Book, Volume 2. This is the thinner of the two volumes with tie-ups and treadlings. It's been missing and it needs to return to the Library. Carol offered to the membership a box of samples from a Toni Kormo 1979 workshop on acid dyes. It isn't being utilized but is a treasure that should not be discarded. Diane Roeder took the samples for her use. The Library sale table will "sell" the remaining culled items for a member-determined donation.

Barbara Elkins shared that the **Discussion Group** meeting would be July 1st at 2:00. Barbara explained the format of the Discussion Group for new members.

Ellen Redman asked for suggestions for a **Program** Workshop/Lecture for the upcoming guild year. It can be in-person or via Zoom. Ellen also needs a third person on the Program committee. Ellen will not be as available next guild year and needs someone to fill in as Speaker Liaison during the meetings. Sharon Schenna volunteered to fill the position. Thank you Sharon!!

Deb Adamczyk advised the membership that the **NEWS**letter had been distributed. If anyone did not receive their copy, let Debbie know.

Debbie also shared that the **Marketplace** items were available for a member-determined donation. Many items have been for sale for a while and the inventory would be culled during the summer months.

Lynn Field distributed the **ballot** for the 2022-2023 guild year. Lynn reminded that although Deb Adamczyk's name is on the ballot for Recording Secretary, Sarah Cooper *graciously* stepped-up to fill that position. Because the ballot was already published, Sarah will be a write-in vote. Please vote for Sarah, not Debbie on the ballot.

Results of the voting: Nina Laurie, Chair
Lynn Field, Vice Chair were all unanimous
Nancy Evans, Treasurer

Recording Secretary: Sarah Cooper – 11/ Sarah Cooper & Cindy Romaniak – 5/ Deb Adamczyk - 1

Lynn asked the membership if they had interest in a Summer get together. Thoughts were dye days and a summer social. Lynn Field and Debbie Adamczyk were going to pursue those options for the enjoyment of the membership.

Diane Roeder shared that the Big E, Creative Arts has information on their website about entering that competition.

Lynn Field adjourned the meeting at 7:03.

The door prize, maple syrup, was won by Deb Adamczyk.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Adamczyk
Outgoing Recording Secretary



PIONEER VALLEY WEAVERS

Program Year 2021 – 2022

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 14, 2022 – June 30, 2022

Nancy Evans, Treasurer

Florence Savings Bank ~ Checking Account

		\$4,100.84	\$4,100.84	
Balance on July 1, 2021				
Balance on June 14, 2022	\$4,985.00			
Income		YTD	BUDGET	
Dues		\$897.50	\$900.00	
Marketplace	\$41.00	\$408.50		
N.E.W.S. Entry Fees				
Workshop Fees		\$420.00		
Library	\$19.25	\$19.25		
Loom Rental Fees				
Donations	\$10.00	\$205.00	\$145.00	
TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED	\$70.25	\$1,950.25	\$1,045.00	\$0.00
Expenses				IN-KIND
Auditor	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	
Bank Charge			\$30.00	
Corresponding Secretary			\$30.00	
Marketplace				
Historian				\$25.50
Hospitality				
Library	\$42.79	\$42.79	\$200.00	
Big E Award		\$50.00	\$50.00	
N.E.W.S. Dues				
N.E.W.S. Entry Fees				
Newsletter				
Program	\$165.21	\$891.05	\$1,070.00	
Workshop		\$220.00	\$180.00	
Sunshine Fund				
Website	\$169.87	\$169.87	\$170.00	
Membership			\$30.00	
Door Prizes				
Gifts	\$75.00	\$75.00		
Loom Rental Expenses				
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$627.87	\$1,623.71	\$1,935.00	
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	-\$557.62	\$326.54	-\$890.00	
Balance June 30, 2022	\$4,427.38	\$4,427.38	\$3,210.84	\$25.50

Checking Account ~ Loom Rental Program

Balance on June 14, 2022	\$307.00
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Balance on June 30, 2022	\$307.00

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!

PVW PROGRAMS 2022-2023

September 13, 2022 – **Pat Kapitzky** hosts a Card Weaving Mini-Workshop. Learn how card weaving works and go home with a small, completed project.

October 11, 2022 – **Nevan Carling** will present The Marshfield School of Weaving's North American Handloom Survey, its goals, importance, and early revelations regarding the nature of weaving in New England.

November 8, 2022 – **Susan Conover** will join us over *Zoom* for “Setts in all their Glory.”

December 13, 2022 – **Barbara Elkins**, along with **Mary Jones**, will give us a curated tour of the weaving yarns of WEBS. What works, what doesn't and why. Feel free to share your favorites as well.

January 10, 2023 – **Mary Jones**, along with **Barbara Elkins**, shows us around the weaving room at WEBS. Looms will be demonstrated and discussed, along with weaving tools and accessories that you might not have known about.

February 14, 2023 – **Scott Norris** will review “The Fabric of Civilization” by Virginia Postrel.

March 14, 2023 – Warping Back to Front vs. Front to Back. We will warp two looms with each of these methods.

April 11, 2023 – The Rigid Heddle Loom. **Marthe Young** shows how the Rigid Heddle Loom is capable of so much more than you might think.

May 9, 2023 – **Ned Lazaro** speaks about the historic textiles of Deerfield and best practices regarding caring for/storing antique clothing and textiles, supplies to consider, etc.

June 12, 2023 – Social. Picnic, potluck?

SPRING WORKSHOP - Date TBD - **Laurie Autio** presents a workshop on lace weaves. Appropriate for all levels of weavers.

2022 - 2023
PVW Board of Directors

Chair – Nina Laurie

Vice Chair – Lynn Field

Treasurer – Nancy Evans

Recording Secretary – Sarah Cooper

PVW Responsibilities & Committees

2022-23 Program Committee – Ellen Redman (Chair), Sharon Schenna, Nina Laurie

2023-24 Program Committee – Lynn Field (Chair), Ellen Redman, **TBD**

Membership Chair - Peggy Wolff

Website Manager – Jackie Proko

Librarian – Carol Birtwistle

Library Committee – Carol Birtwistle, Barbara Elkins, Peggy Wolff

Nominating Committee - 3 members - **TBD**

“Marketplace” Manager – Debbie Adamczyk

Hospitality – Cindy Romaniak

Corresponding Secretary – Doris Brown

NEWS Representative – Debbie Adamczyk

Discussion Group Leader – Barbara Elkins

Newsletter Publisher – Debbie Adamczyk

Community Liaison – Diane Roeder

Facebook Manager – Ellen Redman

Historian – Nancy Evans

DISCUSSION GROUP

Just a little information about the beginnings of the PVW Discussion Group.

We began meeting several years ago just to talk about our own weaving. Monthly guild meetings feature a program and business items we need to deal with to maintain the organization. Although we have been able to spend some time showing our current work, there is not enough time in regularly scheduled meetings for many members to discuss their projects, problems, successes and more, so we started scheduling a separate time when that was just about all we talk about.

Attendance varies, but our approach to meeting times has stayed fairly constant. We meet monthly on a Friday afternoon that is halfway between our Guild meetings. The August meeting was held on the 26th at 2 p.m. in Classroom 3 at WEBS.

In addition to our usual lack of structure, Deb Adamczyk brought a small selection of NEWS binders with drafts submitted by members of all of the New England guilds over the years. The PVW library is open and available to members as well. The final decision about the upcoming meeting date is made at the meeting and is always posted to the membership in an email and in the Newsletter.

If you haven't come to a meeting in the past and if your schedule allows, put the date on your calendar, bring a current project, questions, or just your curiosity, but check it out! There's always something to talk about.

Barbara Elkins
eevaweaver@gmail.com

“Marketplace”

The “Marketplace will be open at the September meeting. There is a slimmed down inventory with a few new items.

New members! The “Marketplace” consists of donations from members that are sold at very reasonable prices to benefit PVW. The guild benefits from the income and the buyer gets a good price on the donated items. Purchases can be paid in cash or by personal check made out to Pioneer Valley Weavers.

Thanks,
Debbie Adamczyk
“Marketplace” Manager

N.E.W.S. (New England Weaver's Seminar)

As a guild, we were fortunate to have access to the NEWS Library. There were 47 binders with drafts in various structures over more than 50 years. *Thank you to Rosemonde Spinnelli, NEWS Librarian, for curating this treasure and making it available for use.* Over three days members had access to the drafts. Some left with drafts on their phones, some took copies of the drafts, some took notes. It was wonderful to see this Library utilized.



Nancy Evans and Cindy Romaniak

Sharon Schenna
and
Nina Laurie



Nina Laurie, Lynn Field and Barbara Elkins



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**

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

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.)



Pat Kapitzky's
Salt & Pepper
Rug

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.



Check out this awesome bag, at WEBS, designed by Marthe Young.

Marthe will be our speaker in April on Rigid Heddle weaving.

Although this amazing bag is done on rigid heddle, Marthe says it can easily be woven on a floor loom.

The draft and instructions are available for purchase.