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# Anchorage Weavers & Spinners Guild

**NEXT GATHERING:** Saturday, February 9, 2013  
[www.anchorageweavespin.org/](http://www.anchorageweavespin.org/)

## President's Message

### Active, Exciting, Motivating!

I think these are three good words that describe Anchorage Weavers and Spinners Guild.

The Study Groups have begun and from everything I hear it is all going well. Thank you to all the group leaders and to Sherry Rogers and Christine Dittrich for organizing all of this. All of this activity is making the winter months fly by - right?

I hope everyone has found something that has sparked an interest to keep weaving, spinning CREATING!

I personally am looking forward to the Barbara Walker classes, am enjoying the study groups I'm participating in and that in June will be going to the ANWG conference in Bellingham, Washington.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting. Stay Warm and Keep Creating!

*Clydene Fitch, President*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting: Feb. 7th, Mary Janis' home

General Meeting: Feb. 9th, at the Museum

Fur Rondy Demos at Northway Mall: Feb. 23-24, Contact Gayle Andres (345-1904) or Bonnie Tisler (333-5452) for sign-up and details.

Barbara Walker Workshops:

March 1 & 3 - Valley Guild

March 9 - 10, - ply splitting - Anchorage

March 15 -17 - Stripes - Anchorage

Board Meeting: March 7, Place TBD

General Meeting: March 9, at the Museum

Board Meeting: April 11, Place TBD

General Meeting: April 13, Museum -  
GUILD CHALLENGE

Board Meeting: May 9, Clydene's Home TBD

General Meeting: May 11 - End of the year pot-luck and weft over sale - Mt Vernon Commons

## State Fair 2013

It is never too early to put things on your calendar! State Fair 2013! The Alaska State Fair runs from August 22 to September 2. Items will be submitted at the Anchorage Boys and Girls Club - August 5 and 6 and at the State Fairgrounds - August 9 and 10.

## Online Spinning and Weaving Classes

By Karen Williams

I recently found a new website called "Craftsy" (<http://www.craftsy.com>) which has a variety of recorded classes online. They cover a lot of "craft" topics including spinning and weaving. They have a FREE class taught by Deborah Robson, author of *The Fleece and Fiber Sourcebook: More than 200 Fibers from Animal to Spun Yarn*. The free class is called Know Your Wool and is an excellent overview of how different wool breed characteristics affect yarn and anything made from yarn. This is considered a mini-class since it is short at 84 minutes long. It is an excellent opportunity to learn more about sheep breeds from an expert and also to see if the online learning experience works for you.

Here is a link to the free class:

<http://www.craftsy.com/class/know-your-wool/101>

I was pleasantly surprised by my test drive of the above class. I thought the production quality was very good, having quality visual, sound, various helpful camera angles, good editing and nothing annoying. I liked how you can take notes and it will pause the presentation for you. I like the handouts with their notes, references, resources and project info. I really liked the Q&A (called Talk) from other students. There was great discussion

around the topic. Normally in a paid class the instructor will actively participate in the Q&A too. This is not the same as taking a class in person, but is a step above watching available instructional DVDs. I look forward to seeing more classes in their lineup.

You must create an account to get this (or paid) classes. With the account you always have access to your classes, notes, etc. You can repeat the whole class or specific sections. It also remembers where you left off making it easy to take the class over multiple sessions or handle interruptions.

## Mark Your Calendars -- Northwest Weavers Guild, June 17-23, 2013

The ANWG 2013 Weavers Conference booklet is available online at [www.anwg-conference-2013.com](http://www.anwg-conference-2013.com). Registration for the conference begins on January 8, 2013. You can register online or snail mail, however your selections for the seminars, workshops, etc., will be immediate if you register online.

There will be 75 workshops, seminars and classes during the conference with will be held on the campus of Western Washington University, June 17 – 23, 2013.

The workshops will be June 18-20, and the conference begins with the annual fashion show on the evening of June 20th. and concludes on June 23rd with the annual ANWG meeting.

Register early to get your selections! Contact: Pamela M. Grefsrud; [pgrefsrud@alaska.com](mailto:pgrefsrud@alaska.com); 279-0332 if you have questions.

## Northway Mall Art Market

*By Dolores Roguszka*

Nearly every morning, rain or shine, more than a dozen Anchorage men and women meet to walk together in Northeast Anchorage.

They're the Northway Mall Walker's Club. Many of them have walked there for more than a decade and traveled thousands of miles through the mall's atriums and hallways, and they're just one part of the long-established Alaskan community within the mall. When the shops open later in the morning, store employees greet customers by name, and neighborhood families make Northway a regular destination.

The mall community grew when it added several new retail businesses and restaurants over the past six months, and most recently with the addition of a public art gallery

featuring student work by local youth. Now, the community continues to grow with the addition of the Art Market.

The market is a commercial venue for local Alaskan artists and crafters of all mediums to display and sell their work: Tables and kiosks are available for rent Friday through Sunday year-round, and special rates are available for monthly, bi-annual and annual reservations. It's Alaska's only indoor arts & crafts market catering specifically to handmade, locally produced work and located in a full-scale shopping center.

It's also an opportunity to showcase Alaska's diverse artistic traditions, a new kind of shopping experience for the mall's established customer community and a rich addition to Anchorage's retail and cultural outlets.

It's a way to strengthen our community through art.

Complete space rental and rate information is available at [www.northwaymallak.com](http://www.northwaymallak.com)

# PROGRAMS

## Your Guild Mentors

Study groups challenge you to learn new skills and renew AWSG Mentor List

### Name/Phone -- Subject

Marilyn Barker/333-0602-- Ikle Weaving

Caleb Barrett/ 444-2874 -- Tension box warping/In project troubleshooting

Heather Brooks/230-0485-- Spinning to knit

Julie Carter/929-9360--Warping wheel

Lynn DeWitt/337-1324-- Bobbin Lace

Franny Junge/345-7216 -- Spinning

Jean Long/746-6420 -- Weaving-loom and off loom

Annita Magee/868-2616 -- Weaving, tapestry

Marty Quimby/337-4372 -- Spinning, knitting

Sherry Rogers/694-3319 --Weaving

Bonnie Tisler/333-5452 -- Warping and Spinning

Jean Truscott/694-2335 -- Weaving, warping, short cuts

Kathryn Young/269-8672 -- Spinning, knitting (email: [sweetenergy@gci.net](mailto:sweetenergy@gci.net))

If you have a question that is not covered on the mentor list contact:

Nicole Putnam563-9360

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# WORKSHOPS

## Barbara Walker Workshops, March 9-10

March Weaving Workshops. Barbara Walker is coming to Anchorage to present two workshops in March. The Ply-splitting: Braids, Baskets and Beyond class is full, but there are openings in the Stripes with Attitude class on March 15-17, 2013. This class is for intermediate or advanced weavers and requires an 8-shaft loom. More information is available on the guild website or you can email Sara Pate [spate@mosquitonet.com](mailto:spate@mosquitonet.com) (Note that the lower half of Stripes with an Attitude form needs to be mailed to Barbara Walker, [barbara@barbarajwalker.com](mailto:barbara@barbarajwalker.com).)

## From the Librarian

After the end-of-year guild library inventory, I'll be pruning back any pre-2008 Handwoven, Spin-Off, and Shuttle Spindle Dyepot magazines to make room for the 2013 issues of these publications. These will be for sale at the January meeting. Sales income will go to the purchase of new items for the library. I can be reached at 337-9689 if you wish to visit the library.

## ARCTIC ATTITUDE!

Wearable Art & Runway Fashion Show  
Saturday, Feb 16, 2013  
At the Palmer Train Depot

Tickets \$15  
Available at: Fireside Books & Non-Essentials, in Palmer;  
Town Square Art Gallery in Wasilla and at the door  
2 Shows—3 and 7 pm

7th Annual Show Sponsored by the Valley Arts Alliance



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