



Fiber Fantasy

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Message from the Guild Chair

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March Birthdays

07 Dianne Gundry
16 LISA Perrin
17 Vicki Gully
19 Joyce Poole
23 Sue Kilchenstein
25 Elaine Boothman
30 Janie Pritchard



March 20
First day of SPRING!

Newsletter Deadline:
Monday, March 28, 2022

Please send editorial contributions to:
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508 Inverness Ct.
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Or email:
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This year's GIFG Show was great: wonderful entries, fabulous fashions, good sales and a sold-out raffle! The work behind the scenes has been incredible and much appreciated. The fiber artists are so talented and willing to share to make the Guild successful. We want to thank Wanda Ruger for her stewardship in putting this all together.

Several times throughout the year, we have written about new members highlighting their backgrounds and interest in joining our Guild. This time we're doing something a little different and presenting one of our long-time members. We are honored that Wanda Ruger agreed to be featured in our newsletter.

In 1998 Wanda and her husband Jim moved from Cincinnati, Ohio. They loved the transition from city living to the small-town atmosphere of St Simons Island. This is still the case while recognizing the growth that has occurred since their move. They have been avid gardeners and enjoyed growing and canning their own vegetables. Jim maintains a plot in the community gardens by the airport. An animal lover, Wanda has two cats, but sadly, hasn't yet added goats and chickens!

Art has been Wanda's passion throughout her life and she had the opportunity to begin her formal education when her daughter Erica was in high school. At that time, Wanda enrolled in the art program at the University of Cincinnati with a concentration in printmaking. She then went on to graduate school at Miami of Ohio University where she taught drawing and design & color theory while working as a teaching assistant.

As a long-time member, Wanda has contributed countless hours to the organization and held many offices. Currently Wanda is the Membership Chair, 2022 Show Chair, News and chair of the Surface Design Group. In addition, she is the newsletter editor and maintains the website. Her involvement with the Guild began in 1999 when she joined for her love of fiber art and as a way to meet people with similar interests. She has seen the Guild grow both in membership and in the types of creative groups. Wanda introduced Surface Design where everything from dyeing methods, embellishments, and fabric manipulation are covered.

Wanda's house is filled with beautiful works in a variety of disciplines. There are prints, needlework pieces and pottery everywhere! Most are her own, but some have been collected from her travels. Each one has a story and is a treasure. The next time you see Wanda thank her for the time and effort she has given to the Guild making it an excellent resource for those who love all fiber arts!

Jeanne Cieszeski
Guild co-Chair

Meeting Notes

Beading

Leola Holton

The Beading Group meets at 2:30 pm on Monday, March 21 at the home of Wanda Ruger - 508 Inverness Court, SSI in St. Clair - 912-571-8722

Questions? Call Leola Holton (912) 996-8993

Embroidery

Jeanine Gehringer

The Embroidery/Needlepoint Group will meet Wednesday, March 16, 10:00 am at the Frederica Presbyterian Church, 6540 Frederica Road. All are invited to be part of exploring creativity using fabric and acrylic paint in this mini-workshop. To be part of the fun, come with an open mind, two pieces of material (approximately 8x30), acrylic paints if you have them, your lunch, and something to share. We will work in the morning marking our fabric, break for lunch, and continue after lunch to embellish our projects.

Felting

Marion Kennedy

The felters will be meeting at the home of Lois Voglemann on Thursday, March 24 at 2:30 PM. We will be wet felting flowers. Materials will be provided but please call ahead if you have not been a part of the group previously so we can make sure we are prepared ahead of time with space and supplies. If you have never felted before this is an easy project to begin with.

Garment Girlz

Janie Pritchard

Garment Girlz will meet the second Wednesday of the month at Janie's at 2 o'clock. Bring anything you're working on and ideas for future projects.

Knit & Crochet

Marion Kennedy

The Knitter.'s will be meeting at The Stitchery, March 14 at 2:30.

Gay Diz is going to lead a KAL, or knit-along, for a pair of felted clogs. The pattern is 'Felt Clogs' designed by Bev Galeskas and can be found on the Fiber

Trends webpage or Ravelry. It requires worsted weight 100% wool [NOT super wash] which will be

held double, and size 13 needles. If you don't have these you can check out The Stitchery ahead of time to see what is available there. If you are a beginner knitter there will be plenty of help to get you through any new techniques. For any other questions call Gay at 814 397 -1784 or Marion at 912 270-1282.

For those not interested in making clogs bring along whatever projects you are working on to show and share. Lainie will also be demonstrating a lace pattern called waving wheat. Bring size 7 needles and suitable mid weight yarn to make a practice sample.

Quilting

Paula Montague

The Quilting group meets at 10:00 am every Thursday. The project meetings resumed in February on the second Thursday of the month. The group meets at Frederica Presbyterian Church, 150 Delamotte Rd. on SSI. You are welcome to drop in but be sure to text Paula first to make sure someone will be there. New members are always welcome. Paula at 912-399-6212

Rug Hooking

Jan Stallworth

Rug hookers meet in various members' homes on Thursdays at 1:30 pm. For more information and location call Jan Stallworth at 912-634-3388.

Surface Design

Wanda Ruger

We will meet at 10 am on Saturday, March 12 to continue with Sashiko.

If you have any questions email me at Cincinnatiatgirl@comcast.net. I hope to see you.

Weaving

Jean Sucher

The Weaving Group will meet at The Stitchery of St. Simons on Monday, March 28th at 2:30 pm. We will continue with individual projects and discussion on various weaving topics.

News and Notes

From Jeanine Gehringer:

I am looking for an accomplished seamstress for hire who will make me a grandmother of the bride dress. Two upcoming weddings are this June and September. Jeanine Gehringer, 912 434 9906; cell 734 355 7156

From Tori Anderson

I'm looking for someone who is interested in hand-dyeing woolen fabric. I can provide the fabric. Contact Tori Anderson, phone: [912-506-1748](tel:912-506-1748); Email: ToriJAnderson@gmail.com

Our 2022 show was, as usual, beautiful.

We have so many talented and creative people in our guild. It just gets better every time.

Our Fashion Show has become a popular addition. Linda Olsen, Lainie Addressi and Jeanie Cieszeski did a wonderful job of putting it together.

A special thank you to Janie Pritchard for making the beautiful raffle quilt! We sold 1,000 raffle tickets. Madeleine Briers won the quilt. She bought her ticket from Liz Lee. She is a quilter and lives in Sea Palms West.

I really appreciate our show committee. They all help to make sure everything goes smoothly.

Our committee - Jeanne Cieszeski, Nancy Harper, Linda Olsen, Lainie Addressi, Louise Eaton, Glenna Humphries, Joyce Poole

Other members and friends who gave a lot of time and effort - Julia Cieszeski, Faye George, Teddie Martin, Linda Mahoney, Gay Diz, Kari Morris, Orrie McCrea (photographer), David Crawford of Crawford's Custom Carpentry, Jim Ruger, Charlie Cieszeski, our models and docents. I hope I haven't left anyone out!

We should all thank Lynda Gallagher for letting us take over her gallery again.

Wanda Ruger

2022 Guild Show Chair

Highlights of the Guild Board Meeting Feb 7, 2022

- Dues are \$30.00 for the coming year
- Directory will be available online instead of its printed hard copy.
- A committee has been formed to address the issue of how and what to preserve regarding the Guild's historical documents. Audrey Stewart is the Chair.
- Nominating Committee was formed.

Ads, Announcements, Notices

FOR SALE

- Contact Sharon Bolin for monogramming on anything able to be monogrammed. That includes towels, sheets and pillowcases, clothing, or anything else that a monogram would enhance. My phone number is 912-577-9100.

Members are encouraged to submit ads for fiber-related items for sale. This includes no longer needed equipment,

tools, materials, etc. Also—fiber-related services and items made by members may be included.

Our member owned businesses are also welcome to place ads in the newsletter. Ads must be a reasonable length and must include asking price. **There is no charge.**

Please send the ads to the newsletter editor, (Wanda Ruger) either by e-mail (gfigssi89@yahoo.com) or regular mail (Wanda Ruger, 508 Inverness Ct., St. Simons Island, GA 31522) before the newsletter deadline.

Minutes from Monday, February 7, 2022 GIFG Meeting

Golden Isles Fiberarts Guild Minutes February 7, 2022

Called to order by Jeanne Cieszeski at 3:00pm. Welcome to Members and Guests: Debbie Brewster, Ginger Dorcas and Joyce Scribener all from Brunswick; Mary Wilmes, guest of Linda Mahoney; Patty Montgomery, Ainslie Carey and Leslie Celis. Leslie represents Glynn Visual Arts.

January 3, 2022 minutes were approved

Business update:

Treasurer's report: \$2422.12

Docent Schedule, Glenna Humphries stated that all slots have been filled

Facebook: Louise Eaton stated we had 486 hits this month.

Historian: Jeanine Gehringer announced a newly approved committee chaired by Audrey Stewart.

This committee will determine how to move forward in keeping new information and how to handle old paperwork/records.

Hospitality: Linda Mahoney, flowers were delivered to Mary Langlais on the death of her father

Website: Wanda Ruger reported the Directory is current and going forward will be online

Nominating Committee a third member for committee is needed. Lainey Addressi volunteered.

Show & Tell:

Faye George- quilt

Linda Mahoney-purse and bracelet

Cathe McEnerney-needlepoint wallet

Marion Kennedy-Phone holder and child's cap

Debbie Brewster-felted toys

Ginger Dorcas-woven Swedish rug, Handmade Santa

Joyce Scribener-clothesline basket

Future workshop discussion, it was discussed that Cathe McEnerney will hold a workshop on a Counted Needlepoint Ornament. Information on location (Library), costs, date, would be sent by email.

Program: Kelly Mills is a volunteer with Our Journey, Inc., a grass-root organization created in 2010 serving women and vulnerable children in Njoro, Kenya. Ms. Mills talked about her work in Kenya along with her husband and teenage sons. Her presentation included slides of the new school, gardens that supplement school lunches, and sewing classes (where the women make the school uniforms, apparel, backpacks, purses and more). The goal of Our Journey is empowerment efforts to aid these deserving women and children. More can be learned about Our Journey, Inc on their Facebook page (look for the heart that says "MaMa Maureen". GIFG member, Teddi Martin, serves on Our Journey board of directors.

Meeting was dismissed at 4:10pm

Respectfully submitted

Faye George

Quilt Raffle winner

Madeleine Briers, she bought the ticket from Liz Lee , she is a quilter and lives in Sea Palms West.



Be sure to look up our website: **goldenislesfiberartsguild.com**

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