



Fiber Footnotes

**Foothill Fibers Guild
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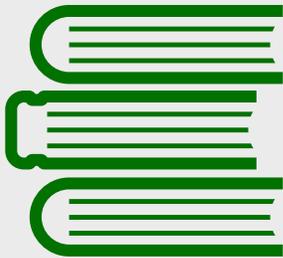
Nzuri Textiles founder and textile designer Eno Jonah has a life long love for carefully made textiles. Her passion is hand-made and original - including both vintage and modern. She finds inspiration from many sources. She believes that each piece should tell a story. Join us on November 24th at 6:30 p.m. to hear and see her textile story.

<https://nzuritextiles.com>



Guild Library

The library budget is more modest this year, but we still have enough for something special. Perhaps there is a new book out that seems a bit extravagant for an individual purchase in "these unprecedented circumstances" (sigh).



A couple of weaving books have been suggested. What about other subjects or techniques? Please e-mail your ideas to library@foothillfibersguild.org.

The guild library materials and equipment remain available for check-out. Suggestions are always welcome.

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New Gallery

Check out Auburn's new Persimmon Art Gallery and see our own Beth Leydon's felted fiber art. persimmonartgallery.com

December 15: FFG Holiday Party

By Ingrid Knox

In a normal year, our December meeting is a chance to get together to share a meal, a holiday beverage and maybe a game or two. This year, the Guild won't be getting together in person but we are planning a video conference so we can meet virtually.

The Board is planning a fun meeting. We will use this as a chance to showcase all of our work. We are asking you to submit pictures of your work for a Show & Tell segment. Donna Johnson will collect your pictures and put them together as a slideshow. She will share the pictures and each person will be called on to describe their work. Send her your pictures any time before Friday December 11th. Donna's email address is: web@foothillfibersguild.org. We think there may be a fun prize for a randomly selected participant so organize your photos now.

Also, back by popular demand, we will be playing Bingo. I know, how can we do this? I will be sending everyone a Bingo card. You can print it out or follow along on a tablet while the words or phrases are called out during our meeting. Check your email box for the December meeting announcement, your Bingo card and a Guild Challenge for 2021. (Check out Jeanne's President's message for more on the challenge.)

Hope to see you virtually – Tuesday December 15th at 6:30 p.m.!



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January 26: Suzanne Bryan Brioche Knitting

Suzanne Bryan is a TKGGA Master Hand Knitter, knitting designer and excellent knitting instructor, with hundreds of YouTube videos covering all aspects of knitting, from beginning to advanced, at her channel *Knitting with Suzanne Bryan*. She will be demonstrating single and two color brioche flat and in the round, syncopated, increases and decreases, and Italian cast on and bind off. All in one hour! Phew!!



This program sounds delicious!

February 23: Robyn Spady Weaving TNT: Dynamite Tips ‘n Technique for Every Weaver

Robyn is a dynamic weaving instructor, who has been weaving for over 50 years, and received her HGA Certificate of Excellence in Handweaving in 2004. She is also the founder and editor of Heddlecraft magazine.

Her program description says it all: Would you like to learn a great method for repairing a broken warp end, tracking your treadling while you weave, making your own repair heddles, or just make weaving easier and more pleasurable? This gizmo and gadget centric presentation looks and feels like an interactive show-and-tell and will introduce over 36 offbeat tools, techniques, or tricks to assist weavers in all phases of weaving.

Robyn will provide a written summary after the program, so no need to take notes!



President's Note

Hello Guild Members,

It's November – how did we get here? The year has flown by and what a year it has been. We have so far survived a pandemic, fire, and multiple power outages. Personally, I am looking forward to 2021.

The guild board has decided that for now all Guild meetings will be held virtually over Zoom. This allows us to get some amazing presenters that don't have to travel to Nevada City. Karen Wcislo, our program coordinator has done a great job getting some top-notch presenters – you can read about them in this newsletter.

For 2021, we have a new guild challenge – **COLOR**. Thanks to Lindsey Cleveland for the idea. The original thought was that everyone would write down a color, put it in a hat and then randomly you would pick 3 colors. You would then use these three colors in a project of your choice. You could use any fiber method – knitting, crocheting, felting, spinning, weaving or any other idea that you come up with. Since we are not getting together in-person, we will use a random color picker to make the choices. Ingrid Knox will be sending you an individual email with your three colors. I am hoping that in the spirit of new year, you will create something unique using those three colors. Photos of the finished product should be sent to Donna Johnson at web@foothillfibersguild.org by June 1st. We'll share the results at our virtual June picnic meeting in 2021.

Here's to the end of the year 2020!

Jeanne

Fiber Note

Popular Science: Spies once used knitting to send coded messages—and so can you!

Follow the link below to learn how to stitch secret messages into your next project. It is an easy and fun way to add creativity and intrigue with yarn.

https://www.popsci.com/story/diy/secret-code-messages-knitting/?utm_medium=syndication&utm_source=googlenews

Submitted by Lindsey Cleveland

Workshops

Brioche Knitting

Are you interested in a Brioche knitting workshop via Zoom in early 2021? If there is enough interest, it is possible to host a Brioche knitting workshop with Suzanne Bryan, Master Knitter and our January Guild meeting presenter. Please contact me with your interest and, since I am just beginning to work on putting this together, let me know your preferences about timing, cost, other details.

Donna Johnson
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Membership

Welcome

Our newest member, Carol Pepper-Kittredge, joined us at our November 10th special meeting. Welcome, Carol! Thanks for jumping right in with us via Zoom.

Do you have a neighbor that might like to join our Guild? Invite them to the next meeting. The first one is free!

Happy Anniversary FFG...

The September meeting and Guild's 40th Anniversary celebration was a great success, all things considered. The 17 members in attendance approved the budget for 2020-2021. Sue Vogt shared a history of the Guild and her fond memories of the early years. The nine projects shared for Show & Tell were outstanding and Donna Johnson did a fabulous job highlighting them.



Third Time's a Charm...

After being rescheduled due to a pandemic and a widespread power outage, we were finally treated to an evening of Kimberlee Brown's ethereal mountainscapes at our October meeting in November. Kimberlee shared her work, process and fiber journey via Zoom. It wasn't quite as satisfying as seeing them in person, but they were gorgeous, nonetheless.



Guild Calendar of Events			
November 24	Guild Meeting	Via Zoom	6:30 p.m.
December 12	Weaving Study Group	Via Zoom	11:00 a.m.
December 12	Newsletter Deadline	newsletter@foothillfibers.org	
December 15	Guild Meeting & Party	Via Zoom	6:30 p.m.
January 9	Weaving Study Group	Via Zoom	11:00 a.m.
January 9	Newsletter Deadline	newsletter@foothillfibers.org	
January 26	Guild Meeting	Via Zoom	6:30 p.m.

The Foothill Fibers Guild...

...USUALLY meets at the Nevada County Library Community Room, 980 Helling Way, Nevada City, on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for socializing. Guests are welcome to attend one meeting before joining to “look us over” and see all the wonderful things we are doing. Social Saturday for spinning and other fiber fun is the second Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m., also normally at the library. (No gathering in August as we are all usually volunteering at the Nevada County Fair.)

Membership entitles you to all regular meetings, bimonthly newsletter, membership in the Facebook group, access to the Members Only sections of the guild website, sharing of information, fiber sources, and most of all, fun with other fiber enthusiasts!

Annual dues are \$35 for adults and \$15 for minors. Scholarships and financial assistance are also available. To join us in all of our fantastic fiber fun, please contact Ingrid Knox at 530-265-6461.

All guild members are invited to contribute to the newsletter. Any fiber-arts-related content is welcome: classified ads for equipment, fibers, livestock, etc.; trip reports from workshops or interesting fiber companies outside the area; musings, amusing or otherwise, on fiber experiences; cartoons, photos, book reviews, etc.

The newsletter is published in odd-numbered months. The deadline is the second Saturday of that month. Email contributions to: newsletter@foothillfibersguild.org.