

**Weavers' Guild of Springfield
2017-2018 Programs**

September 9, AM

**Summer Wrap Up
Introduction to Study Group: Mary Atwater Recipe Book
Presented by: Susan Wright**

September 9, PM

**Master Weaver Presentation
Presented by: Leslie Craine**

October 14, AM

**Black Ash Splint Baskets
Presented by: JoAnn Catsos**

JoAnn Kelly Catsos is an award winning traditional black ash splint basketmaker and teacher from western MA. JoAnn's PowerPoint presentation will show all steps of their basket making process- harvesting the tree, pounding the log to make splints, making the mold to weave over and (finally) making a classic Shaker cat head. Then see a variety of black ash splint baskets, both new and antique, and the tools needed to make them.

October 14, PM

**Evaluating Yarns
Presented by: Debbie Kaplan**

Yarns are a weaver's raw materials. A project can be successful or not depending on the yarns we use. We will be discussing yarns in terms of type of fiber included and construction characteristics, with the woven end use in mind. Participants may bring up to 3 yarns to be evaluated. Emphasis will be on natural fibers.

November 4, All Day

**Constructing a Fabric Pincushion
Presented by: Susan Wright**

In the workshop we will make pincushions out of wool and embellish them with embroidery and/or beads. You can use your own handwoven fabric or commercial fabric. The pin cushions will be filled with crushed walnut shells to give them weight so they stay on the top of your loom to hold your needles for hemstitching. Each person should be able to make two pincushions on the workshop. Each person should bring two squares of fabric for the base and scissors. Materials fee \$15, which includes pattern booklet and most materials. All other materials will be supplied. Specific details will be supplied closer to the date.

December 2, Full Day

Holiday Party & Craft: Doris Koziol

January 6, AM

Cotton

Presented by: Laura Freeman

Laura will present information about cotton: history of the use of this fiber, growing, preparing, etc. No materials fee.

January 6, PM

More about Cotton: DVD

February 3, AM

Borders

Presented by: Loris Epps

Loris will provide instruction on creating borders for your handwoven projects.

February 3, PM

Designing, Weaving, and Submitting Handwovens

Presented by: Ruth Buchman

Ruth will discuss her submissions to weaving shows and publications with a focus on design, execution, and the submission process. She will bring submitted items she still owns and discuss why she no longer owns others. Bring your questions – this presentation will be guided in part by the group's interests. No materials fee.

March 3, AM

8 Shaft Overshot

Presented by: Anita Thompson

Anita has been weaving for over 16 years and earned her Master Weavers Certificate from Hill Institute in 2009. Her pieces have won many awards and have been featured in *Handwoven* magazine. Anita enjoys exploring many different weave structures, but Independent Block Multi-Shaft Overshot is her favorite. She lives in Goshen and enjoys traveling, playing bridge and spending time with her daughter, Megan. \$2 materials fee for the handout.

March 3, PM

Supplemental Warps

Presented by: Pam Engberg

In this session we will look at some woven examples of Supplementary Warp patterns and look at how to transform a draft which uses *pattern and tabby wefts on a plain warp* into a draft which uses a *single weft on a pattern and tabby warp*. We will discuss several ways in which the warps can be wound and tensioned and how the design might affect which is most appropriate. . A sample loom will be available for weavers to try.

April 7, AM

Basic Felting Technique

Presented by: Sue McFarland

Basic Felting Technique with Sue McFarland, a hand weaver and fiber artist for over twenty-five years, will focus on the creation of fabric and objects from unspun sheep wool. This felting workshop will cover the techniques used to make flat felt, beads, ropes, and felting around a form. Participants are asked to bring an old bath towel, a one gallon zip lock bag and wear comfortable clothing that can get a little wet. Materials fee payable to the guild: \$10.

April 7, PM

Study Group

May 5, All Day

Pot luck & year wrap up