

## Weavers Guild of Springfield Programs for 2019-2020 Year

*Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Springfield Elks Lodge, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield, MA 01108*

### September 7, 2019

**AM Program:** Summer Wrap-Up and Decide Guild Challenge/Study Group for 2019-2020 Year

**PM Program:** Twisted Mysteries Angora – Spinner and Angora enthusiast Jenny Atkins will discuss her journey into the world of angora fiber, her rabbits, her spinning business and she will bring a furry friend. The properties of angora will be discussed and samples of weaving with angora yarn will be shown.

### October 12, 2019

**All Day Workshop:** Twined Rope Bowl Workshop – we will spend the day making a twined rope bowl. Simple in finish and classic in shape you will want to make more of these bowls once you learn the technique. This workshop will require a materials fee but all other supplies you will already have on hand. Instructor: Susan Wright

### November 2, 2019

**AM Program:** Doctor in Homespun – the story of Mary Phylinda Dole, a country doctor and weaver who studied at Hill Institute and lived and worked in New England in the late 1800's and early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The presentation will be by Loris Epps and Susan Wright and will be the second time Loris and Susan have presented this topic, which they first presented at the Weaving History Conference in Clayton, NY in 2017. This will be a fascinating insight into what it took to become a female doctor in the 1800's and the challenges involved in practicing as a country doctor. This is the story of a pioneering woman who enjoyed two significant and meaningful careers - in medicine and weaving

**PM Program:** Refugee Artisans of Worcester (RAW) The Refugee Artisans of Worcester is a non-profit project founded in Worcester, MA that seeks to empower craftspeople from the city's various refugee communities toward greater economic self-sufficiency and continued pride in their heritage. Ellen Ferrante, one of the founders, will give a talk about the project accompanied by some of the participating artisans who will share their work.

### December 7, 2019

**Holiday Party:** Bring a wrapped gift and join us for our annual craft creation project, pot-luck and gift exchange.

### January 4, 2020

**AM Program:** Modern Quiltmaker Timna Tarr – Timna Tarr comes from a long line of quiltmakers but did not begin quilt making until after studying art history in college. She bought her first long arm quilting machine in 2001 and began quilting clients quilts shortly thereafter. Timna's nationally award-winning quilts are in private

and corporate collections and have been seen in numerous exhibits, quilting magazines and books. She is an in-demand teacher and speaker throughout the US and is a member of two local guilds – Hands Across the Valley Quilters Guild and the Northampton Modern Quilt Guild. Timna will talk about her artistic journey, her process and show us her inspiring work. Get ready for a colorful treat.

**PM Program:** Bending Sticks: The Sculpture of Patrick Dougherty – We will view a documentary about the unusual career of Patrick Dougherty. In a career spanning four continents and three decades, the internationally acclaimed environmental artist has created over two hundred majestic sculptures out of nothing more than saplings. Weaving together and bending these sticks he creates unusual and poetic structures. The film will detail his creative process, inspirations and his thoughts about the temporary nature of his work.

### **February 1, 2020**

**AM Program:** Jewish Papercuts and Tapestries - A Mother-Daughter Collaboration - Tapestry weaver, Tamar Shadur, will present an illustrated talk about her collaboration with her mother, renowned Jewish papercut artist and scholar, Yehudit Shadur, in the production of finely woven biblical tapestries based on her mother's magnificent papercut designs. Tamar will bring a few tapestries and tools of her trade, as well as books and publications to share.

**PM Program:** Recycle! Making a rug or basket from basic household tools with Loris Epps. It is easy, simple, and a chance to use recycle fabric to make a trivet or a basket. The tools - a toothbrush. Members will need to bring approximately 1/2 pound of fabric per square foot is needed. (One pound of cotton fabric is approximately 4 yards.) Fee is \$5.00 for printed instruction and the tool.

### **March 7, 2020**

**AM Program:** Emily Gwynn, Weaver – Trunk Show – Emily Gwynn weaves on Swedish style looms using many different techniques and tools. Her business, Hands To Work, creates heirloom quality functional textiles that enhance the beauty of any home. Emily is a graduate of the apprentice program at Vav Stuga in Shelburne Falls where she studied under Becky Ashenden. Hands To Work Textiles has grown out of her experiences there and elsewhere.

**PM Program:** Loom Told Tales – Ute Bargman - Many weavers have wondered how the Sassanian textiles of the 6th & 7th centuries were woven. A book on Islamic textiles finally opened the door and the loom will tell the tale. Supplies required: your eyes, ears and your interest in odd developments!

### **April 4, 2020**

**AM Program:** Making a Fabric Covered Journal with Loris Epps – The demonstration will include how to make a fabric covered journal from handwoven fabric. Following the demonstration, everyone will have the chance to make a covered book from scratch. (Material provided will be cardboard pieces, glue, ribbon). Members will need to bring scissors, spring type clothespins, and a 1/2 yard of cotton fabric. Printed instructions for both will be available. \$3 material fee.

**PM Program:** Guild Challenge or Study Group Wrap-Up

### **May 9, 2020**

**Annual Meeting and Potluck Celebration** – Guild members will recap the year's events and celebrate together