

New York Threads

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW
YORK GUILD OF HANDWEAVERS

Next Meeting - Saturday, September 28, 11a-3p



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Handwoven Textiles with Laura Adburgham

Laura Adburgham is a multi-award-winning weaver whose work spans across art, craft and design.

Inspired by intricate structures and irregular details found within the natural world, designs are developed through a circular working approach between expressive drawing, haptic model making and sampling on the loom.

Syncopated patterns and architectonic geometrics create striking visual effects, exploiting the potential of material properties and woven techniques. Starting with natural yarns such as linen, wool, paper and silk, every stage is done by hand, from setting up the loom to applying finishing techniques.

Sponsored by the Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust, her Master's project resulted in a series of craft-based artworks. These reflect on perceptions of textiles by challenging conventional boundaries and technical limitations of the doobby loom.

Her collaboration with the UAL Bio-Inspired Textiles research project explores how biological structures can inform sustainable textile design. Focusing on auxetic and cellular structures, she has developed a series of woven prototypes that offer adaptive properties.

Laura will be coming to us via Zoom from England.

Meeting Details

School of Visual Arts
132 West 21st Street,
Room 418F
NY, NY

Hybrid Meeting

11 am- Social Hour + Help
12 pm- Show + Tell
1 pm- Program

Zoom Link

The Zoom link for this meeting will be sent to members one week prior to meeting.



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Member News

Share Your Work at Show & Tell

To share your project at the meeting:

1. Select one item and take 2–3 photos (jpg, png) of it. One over-all photo plus close-up(s).

2. Label photos with first and last name and permission to share on social media.

3. Email to NYGH.info@gmail.com
Deadline: Midnight, Sep 26, 2024

Assembled photos will be shared in a slide show in which each project owner shares their experiences in turn. Those at the meeting have the advantage of examining the work in person.

When sharing, remember to use these talking points are: • Weave structure • Fiber(s) • Number of shafts • What did you learn?



Tips from the Guild

Check the newsletter each month for a weaving question!

This month's question is from Guild President **Carol Steuer**:

What is a non-weaving item that you use as a weaving tool?

Submit your answer to NYGH.editor@gmail.com by October 1 to see your answer here!



Sally Kong has been a guild member since 2023/2024 year. Below is a link to her website and her instagram. The two-minute video on her webpage is fascinating!

www.sallykong.com

[Instagram: @sallylab](https://www.instagram.com/@sallylab)

Welcome New Members!

Leslie Ardison	Camille Li
Ed Beliveau	Katherine Manfre
Anjuli Bernstein	Ruben Marroquin
Paula Bernstein	MJ Marx
Donna Costa	Lauren Nicholas
Drew Csillag	June Reich
Lee Daly	Danaleah Schoenfuss
Maria Damon	Vicki Smith
Rachel Dana	Jude Tallant
Chelsea Danburg	Shawna Tang
Michelle Dearolf	Sydney Thompson
Kathy Easterson	Greta Tristram
Barbara Fornoff	Minna White
Alyssa Greene-Crow	Shellie Winkler
Maria Hughes	Betty Wong
Frederique Joseph-Lowery	Raegan Wood
Jane Kaufman	Natalie Zadrozna
Tina Kiethas	

Member News



Guild Members in Print!

The Fall 2024 issue of *Shuttle, Spindle, and Dyepot* includes TWO guild members' articles!

Check out **Thomas Victor's** *A Solution to Shaft Envy* on page 19.

Check out **Lin Qiping's** *The Subversive Cloth: Weaving in Sonya Clark's Exhibition* on page 25.

Congratulations to Thomas and Lin on the publication of your articles!

HGA's Textiles and Tea

The Guild is also hosting the September 24 broadcast of HGA's program Textiles and Tea with NYGH member **Andrea Alexander**. The host is NYGH's membership coordinator **Katy Clements**!

[Register here.](#)

Check back next month for a link to the video after it has aired!



September 24, 2024: Andrea Alexander with guest host Katy P. Clements
generously sponsored by the [New York Guild of Handweavers](#)

Andrea Alexander is a passionate creator with a love for science, textiles, and sharing her creative adventures. Growing up in a city known for its aquarium, Andrea was enchanted by ocean life, which inspired her to earn a BS in Marine Biology and pursue a career in exotic animal care and science education. Eventually, she felt an irresistible pull toward a more creative career and transitioned to the Fashion Institute of Technology's Textile and Surface Design program. At FIT, she honed her skills in weaving, screen printing, painting, dyeing, and computer-aided design, blending her scientific knowledge with a whimsical, artistic flair to create bold and sophisticated designs inspired by the natural wonders that have always fascinated her. Andrea has documented her entire educational journey on YouTube aiming to share and spread her joy for textiles with others.

Fiber News

A Night of Fiber and Good

The Guild is sponsoring this fantastic event from Intertwine Arts, a non-profit textile organization!

The mission of Intertwine Arts is to inspire creativity, joy, and self-confidence through free-form weaving for people of all ages with disabilities or chronic illness.

Their annual fundraiser enables them to create fantastic programming to bring weaving to even more of the communities that they serve.



Find out more about this organization at their website:

www.intertwinearts.org

To enable us to fund our increasing number of programs we are holding our annual fundraising event...



WOVEN TOGETHER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024
THE CAELUM GALLERY, CHELSEA
5:30PM - 8:30PM.



The event will include one-of-a-kind fiber artworks for sale, a fun fashion show with garments created by our artists, distinctive auction items, food, drink, music, and more!



Free Virtual Lecture from MAFA



How String Changed the World: An Exploration of Fiber, Culture and Human Ingenuity - Sep 24, 7-8:30 pm

Discover why humans first twisted fibers into thread and how this invention revolutionized early cultures. Track the history of flax, wool, silk and cotton in the ancient world, view textiles through Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, and explore how string and textiles are woven into language and identity. To conclude, participants will be invited to weave some conversational threads of their own based on a favorite textile of their choosing.

[Register Here](#)

Fiber News

Galactic Garden: New Woven Artworks by Robin Kang

August 20 - November 11, 2024

Mon-Sat: 10am-8pm | Sun: 11am-7pm

Winter Garden Gallery, Brookfield Place

230 Vesey Street, New York, NY



“Galactic Garden” by Robin Kang celebrates the fusion of organic wisdom from ancient civilizations and electronic futurism. Inspired by her travels to the Amazon rainforest, where she studied indigenous textile techniques and medicinal plant technologies, “Galactic Garden” merges the traditional craft of weaving with modern computational methods. This integration envisions a harmonious coexistence between technological advancements and ecology.



Exhibition Tour & Artist Discussion Event

September 17th, 2024 | 5:30-7:30pm | Winter Garden Gallery

From Robin: Join me for an intimate exhibition tour and discussion as part of New York Textile Month. We'll delve into the inspirations behind "Galactic Garden," exploring how digital weaving techniques and plant technology converged following my travels to the Amazon Rainforest. Afterwards, we can enjoy drinks and snacks at Hudson Eats.

[Event Details](#)

MidAtlantic Fiber Association Programming

Check out these amazing fall classes from MAFA!

- **September 26 - October 10:** [Blending and Spinning for Super Socks](#), Michelle Boyd
- **October 1 - 22:** [Four-Shaft Double Weave - Part 1](#), Lisa Graves
- **October 23 + 24:** [Using Pick Up Sticks](#), Deborah Jarchow
- **October 30 - November 20:** [Introduction to Sprang](#): Part 1 Flat Warp, Carol James
- **November 2:** [Creating Carded Blends](#), Alanna Wilcox
- **November 9 + 10:** [Square, Triangle and Rectangle Bias Weaving](#), Florencia Campos
- **November 12 + 19:** [Four-Shaft Double Weave - Part 2](#), Lisa Graves



Fannie's Finds

Guild Member **Fannie Lee** is excited to share with all of us a curated list of exciting fiber events each month! Let her know at the next meeting if you went to one of these shows!



New York Textile Month

Exciting galleries, workshops, and exhibits all month long!

Check out the whole month's calendar here:

[NYTM Calendar](#)

Fannie Recommends: (All dates are 2024 unless noted)

Manhattan Events

- [Robin Kang's Galactic Garden](#), Brookfield Place, Aug 20-Nov 11
- [Sonya Clark: We Are Each Other](#), Museum of Art and Design, Mar 23-Sep 22
- [Craft Front and Center](#), Museum of Art and Design, Jun 1-April 30, 2025

Brooklyn Events

- [Toast Circle Pop-up](#), Toast Brooklyn, Sep 2-29
- [Towards the Path of Totality](#), Textile Arts Center, Sep 5-19
- [Tentacular Threads](#), Exhibition at 75 19th St. Brooklyn, Sep 5-19
- [Crossroads: Textile Intersections](#), Mary Jaeger Studio, Sep 22-Oct 10

Queens Events

- [Welcome Stranger, Tempest Gallery](#), Sep 6-28

Additional details about these events and more found on the [NYTM Calendar](#)

Exhibit: Ways of Seeing

September 21-29

Browngrotta
276 Ridgefield Rd
Wilton, CT



[Click for more information](#)

Exhibit: Lee Shin Ja

August 22-September 28

Tina Kim Gallery
525 West 21 St.
New York, NY



[Click for more information](#)

Fall Fiber Conferences and Festivals

HGA's Spinning and Weaving Week (virtual)

October 7-13

[Click here for more information](#)



New York Sheep & Wool Festival (in person)

October 19-20

<https://sheepandwool.com/>



Thousand Island Arts Center Weaving History Conference (virtual)

October 21-23

[Click here for schedule + registration](#)



Annual Financial Update

The Guild's bylaws state that a financial summary is to be published in the September Newsletter. On the spreadsheet on the right, you can see the Guild's financial summary of the last fiscal year.

NYGH Financial Summary - Fiscal Year 2023

USD\$

Note: FY is 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2024

Revenue	
Membership Fees and Loom Rentals	\$ 4,250
Other Revenue	\$ 98
Total Revenue	\$ 4,348
Expenses	
Programming Expenses	\$ 1,610
Admin. Expenses	\$ 1,064
Technology Expenses	\$ 673
Other Expenses	\$ 436
Total Expenses	\$ 3,783
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$ 565
Cash & Equiv. Balance	\$ 19,235

New York Guild of Handweavers Information

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2024-2025 Programs

September 28, 2024
HandwovenTextiles
with Laura Adburgham

October 26, 2024
Unweaving
with Tia Keobounpheng

December 7, 2024
Holiday Craft Party

January 25, 2025
Weave with Me
with Michelle Driver

February 22, 2025
A Wee Scottish Textile Tour
with Sally Orgren

March 29, 2025
Weaving an Object for the Viewer's Mind
with Jacqueline Qiu

April 26, 2025
Textile Art
with Ruben Marroquin

May 24, 2025
My Production Weaving Journey
with Tina Bliss

Thank you for weaving with us!

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