

MAWS

Montana Association of Weavers and Spinners

Spring 2019

President's Message Changes!

Welcome to spring and some new board members!

Our hardworking newsletter editor/secretary Tracey Delaney, moved out of the state last year, so the board decided to fill her positions separately. Jamie Stevens from Billings agreed to be secretary and Kammy Johnson from Helena to be newsletter editor. Subsequently, Kammy's work and ranch commitments increased, so she resigned from the position. Tammy Jordan, from Lincoln, has agreed to take on the newsletter position and will get out her first edition early in May.

Jamie's first interest in weaving was when she was 15 years old and a volunteer at Children's Hospital in San Diego. She has tried many handcrafts, but nothing captured her soul like weaving. She keeps a table loom at the Loomery in Laurel where she works each Thursday with "just about the greatest group of weavers there is." Her floor loom is in her studio at home. She weaves just about everything, except rugs, and her favorite weave structure is shadow weave. After she retired, she turned her passion into a business called: Lazuli of Lenore. She is the Vice President of the Billings Weavers Guild.

Tammy is a member of the Billings Prairie Handspinners Guild, Helena and Great Falls Weavers & Spinners Guilds, and has started "The Lincoln Fiber Circle," which meets the second Saturday of each month, September through May at the Lewis & Clark Library, Lincoln Branch. She has two years editing the Montana Ducks Unlimited newsletter and keeps an active web presence with her business, Goldieknots Montana, which specializes in Montana grown, locally processed yarn and spinning fiber. When she is not in her studio creating or on the road teaching fiber-related classes, she spends time with her dogs, sheep, horse, and other barnyard critters.

Former President Susan Lohmuller's husband died suddenly March 1st, and Susan felt it was in the best interest of MAWS that she resign. I agreed to complete her term, which will end at the conference in 2020. I had been on the board as the Handweavers Guild of America (HGA) representative but was informed that HGA was not going to have state reps anymore. I then briefly acted as the Alpine Weavers and Spinners Guild Member at Large, but now that I am president, Ann Keenan will return to that position. I have held several offices in the Alpine Weavers and Spinners Guild, including guild president and conference president of the 2016 MAWS *Fibers on the Flathead* conference. I have been involved with the MAWS board since 2014.

Much appreciation for the exemplary work and commitment of our outgoing officers. Susan's service on the board began in 2006, when she chaired the MAWS conference in Bozeman. She held a variety of positions: HGA Representative, Member-at-Large, and President (since 2016). One of her lasting contributions was re-vamping the Living Treasure program, including honoring all of the previous recipients at each conference. We will miss Susan and hope we see her involved again at some point in the future. Tracey brought a high degree of publishing professionalism to MAWS with her tremendous newsletters since 2010. We wish her well in her life in her new home.

I assure you that taking on the job of president has been made less daunting because Annette Cade and the Helena Guild have such a strong plan for the 2020 Visions of Fiber Conference. After that, there will not be another conference until the Billings guilds host the ANWG Conference in 2023, followed by a 2024 MAWS conference in Missoula. Ruth Terry has been appointed chair of the ANWG conference and is working with contacts in that organization. A tentative steering committee and time chart are already being drafted.

I hope to see many of you at the Daryl Lancaster "Weave a Wardrobe" workshop in Helena. What an opportunity!
Joan Goldstein, MAWS President since April 13, 2019

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Daryl Lancaster 2- day workshop - Weave a Wardrobe!



ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME

Saturday, June 1, 2019
9AM – 4PM

Sunday, June 02, 2019
9AM – 4PM

Held at: Carroll College, 1601 N Benton Avenue,
Helena, Montana, 59625

Cost: \$25 for both days. Handout Fee: \$20

Register online at:

<https://HWSGhwsg7.eventbee.com/event?eid=173974632>

or mail a \$25 check to: Helena Weavers and
Spinners Guild
c/o Dawn Ahlert
PO Box 429
McAllister, MT 59740

Hold onto your seats, this is a whirlwind tour of creating great garments from handwoven cloth. Starting with design inspiration, sett choices, sampling and finishing the cloth, we will then move onto fitting garments, making a muslin, and then cover basic sewing techniques for handwoven fabrics. The second day will cover creative seam and edge finishes for handwoven fabrics and some terrific closures.

Daryl Lancaster, a handweaver and fiber artist known for her handwoven garments, has been sewing for more than 45 years. She gives lectures and workshops to guilds, conferences, and craft centers all over the United States. The former Features Editor for Handwoven Magazine, she frequently contributes to various weaving publications.

www.daryllancaster.com

Students may bring garments for evaluation.

Unlimited enrollment – Lecture format.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Overnight rooms available at Carroll College in suite style residence hall for \$30.00 per night with a one-time linen fee of \$8.00. The suites allow a shared living space, a small cooking space and a private bath with two vanities located in suite hallway. Each room locks individually within the suite. Most suites are 4 bedrooms but we have a few that are two bedrooms. We also have rooms specifically outfitted for handicapped access. Fees paid directly to Carroll College upon arrival.

Please email info@HelenaWeaversandSpinners.org if you are interested in staying at the college.

DINING:

Carroll College will be serving in their dining room:

Breakfast - \$8.03, Lunch - \$9.46, Dinner - \$10.93.

Please email info@HelenaWeaversandSpinners.org if you are interested in meals at the college.

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Newsletter Editor Note:

Welcome to a brand new MAWS Newsletter! I'm both honored, and a little nervous with such big shoes to fill, to take over as your newsletter editor! Hopefully, you'll be as excited to read your newsletters as I am to put it all together for you!

To help make sure the newsletter is full of content, photos, fun, and events, please make sure you add my email to your address book and guild mailing lists, and forward me all of your information and photos from your guilds and events going on!

Some of you may already know me, but for those of you that don't, my name is Tammy Jordan. I got my start in spinning about ten years ago when I moved to Montana. I'm a current member, past Secretary and Co-Chair for the Prairie Handspinners Guild in Billings, MT, a member of the Helena Spinners & Weavers, Great Falls Spinning Guild, and have recently started a new fiber guild called the Lincoln Fiber Circle in my new hometown of Lincoln, MT! (If you're ever coming through on the 2nd Saturday of the month, feel free to stop in and join us for some small-town guild fun). We meet from 11-1 at the Lewis & Clark Library – Lincoln Branch from May to September!

So, without further ado, here's your Winter/Spring MAWS Newsletter!

~Tammy



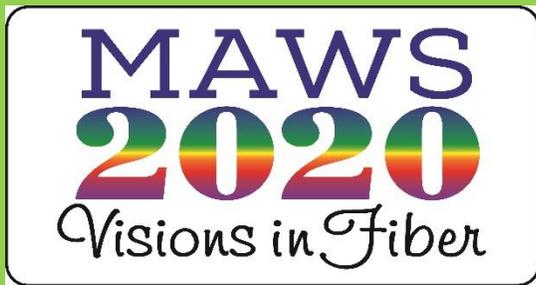
**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS: July 1,
2019**

Email articles and information to Tammy
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Or snail mail: P.O. Box 396; Lincoln, MT 59639
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**Keep up with us via Facebook and
our website at:**

<https://www.montanaweavespin.org>
and

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/608100442583206/>



MAWS Conference 2020 Update

**Conference June 25-28, 2020
Post Conference Workshops June 28 – 30, 2020
Carroll College, Helena Montana**

WEAVERS!! SPINNERS!! FIBER ARTISTS!!

Maws 2020 is on the Horizon...Currently it is A VISION, soon to become a reality! The members of the Helena Guild want to remind fellow MAWS members that Your Participation is what makes the conference shows so extra special!

GUILD BOOTH DISPLAYS!!

Each Guild is encouraged to present a display of their work that is VISIONARY! Display space will be available to each Guild to present a group project or educational guided study. Ribbons will be given in several categories.

OPEN SHOW!!

Start planning now to enter something in this exhibit! It is always a highlight of the conference. Categories will be announced this summer, but you can be assured that your creation will have a place in this show!! Make your piece the epitome of Perfect 2020 Vision! Ribbons and Prizes will be awarded based on the juror's recommendations. MAWS members can submit up to three pieces in the OPEN SHOW.

FASHION SHOW!!

Starting with Daryl Lancaster's 2-day workshop June 1-2, 2019, members will have a head start on creating some of the most dazzling fashions MAWS has ever seen!! Start planning now for a show stopping handwoven and/or handspun garment or accessory for the FASHION SHOW!! Awards will be given based on People's Choice voting. WE are counting on YOU to make this the best Fashion Show ever!

IDEAS???

The 2020 Crew is open to any ideas that you feel would enhance the conference.....so let us know!! We will explore possibilities for new **VISIONS IN FIBER!!** Keep in touch and send ideas through the MAWS or Helena Weavers' and Spinners' Guild websites!
THINK MAWS 2020 -----THINK HELENA-----
THINK JUNE 25-28, 2020-----THINK FUN!!!

HGA Executive Director Talk Update – Ruth Terry

Elizabeth Williamson, Executive Director of Handweavers Guild of America, the national fiber arts guild will be visiting on Sunday, May 19, 2019 to provide a talk and power point presentation about HGA and what the organization does followed by a question and answer session after her talk. The presentation is being sponsored by the Billings Weavers Guild and will take place at 1:30 p.m. at the Mount Olive Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall; 2336 St. Johns Avenue, Billings Montana. For more information, please contact Ruth Terry at: terrynmt@me.com.

Order of Rotation for MAWS Conferences:

Helena – 2020

Billings – 2023

Missoula – 2024

Great Falls – 2026

Alpine – 2028

Bozeman – 2030

**MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF WEAVERS AND
SPINNERS MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
4/13/19**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Linda Shelhamer acting in the stead of Susan Lohmuller who recently resigned as Board President. Present were: Barb French, Joan Goldstein, Anita Krueger, Dawn Ahlert, Linda Shelhamer, Annette Cade, Sharon Shroeder, Molly McKinnon, Ruth Terry and Jaime Stevens. Bonnie Tarses was a guest. Board members introduced themselves and gave a brief summary of their fiber arts histories.

MINUTES:

Joan read the minutes of the previous meeting and corrections were offered regarding the attendees. Anita MOVED and Sharon SECONDED to approve the amended minutes. All Aye. None Nay. Motion carried.

HELENA CONFERENCE:

The conference will be held from 6/25 to 6/28/2020 with post conference classes from 6/28 - 6/30/2020. Annette did not present a printed report but gave a summary of the current plans. 20 proposals for instructors were received – mostly weavers. More spinning and dyeing teachers will be recruited. Conference classes will be held on Friday and Saturday. There will be a social hour and registration that day. On Sunday there will be a brunch in conjunction with the fashion show. The MAWS general membership meeting may be held on Sunday, either before or after the show. The post conference classes will begin at 1:00 pm on Sunday and continue for the following two days. Most activities will be on the Carroll College campus, but some will be off campus at Montana City schools.

The budget for teachers is \$15,000. Housing will be in Carroll College dormitories which consist of pods of four individual bedrooms and a common area. Approximately 75 attendees are expected. The cost is estimated to be between \$375 and \$400. The current plan is to offer payment in two installments.

The board discussed options for software and associated costs. The theme - Fiber Vision 2020 – and the logo were discussed. Annette presented the idea of banners. The cost for plastic banners is \$35 each and feather banners are \$50. Joan MOVED and Molly SECONDED to pay \$200 toward the cost of banners. All Aye. None Nay. Motion carried.

The board discussed the registration forms. Registration for the conference itself will be separate from registration for guild booths, the open show and the fashion show. Barb asked for small gifts for the goodie bags. Annette said there would be a need for volunteers and suggested

appointing a volunteer coordinator. Members will make suggestions at the next meeting. Registration will probably close between 5/1 and 6/1. Late registration for classes only will be accepted at an additional cost. The registration web site will be up in March. Linda has a spreadsheet of all MAWS members and will forward it to the Helena guild.

COMMITTEE TO AMEND BY-LAWS:

The By-laws need to be amended to include a board vice president and to separate the secretary and newsletter editor positions. Molly, Sharon and Joan agreed to form a committee to review and recommend changes to the By-laws and submit them for board approval. Upon board approval the changes will be submitted to the general membership at the Helena conference. All new positions will be officially filled at that time. HGA has eliminated the state representative positions so that board position will be eliminated as well. Changes to the policy handbook will also be considered. There was a short discussion of the duties of the Vice President.

ELECTION OF NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Kammy Johnson has resigned as newsletter editor. Linda spoke to Tammy Jordan who agreed to take on the position. She has had two years' experience editing the Montana Ducks Unlimited newsletter. The first one will be brief, but ideally should be out by May. Dawn MOVED and Annette SECONDED to appoint Tammy as the newsletter editor. After discussion of content and time frame. All Aye. None Nay. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:

With the resignation of Susan Lohmuller, the board presidency is vacant. Barb was asked to consider but declined. There was a discussion of basic duties which include publishing meeting agendas and running the meetings. Annette NOMINATED Joan Goldstein and Sharon SECONDED the nomination. All Aye. None Nay. Motion carried.

ANWG UPDATE

Ruth has been in contact with Linda Gettman, chair of the 2021 conference regarding using their documents as templates for the 2023 conference. The current timeline is four years. She will develop a list of necessary committees and put out a statewide call for people to chair them. There was a discussion of possible venues and the need to decide on one as soon as possible. This should go into the next newsletter and on the web site. Ruth volunteered to attend guild meetings around the state for this purpose. Ruth mentioned that the Oregon conference had co-chairs. The board discussed a possible co-chair and supervision by the MAWS and ANWG boards.

CONFERENCE LIABILITY INSURANCE:

Carroll College carries their own liability insurance and the Helena guild has obtained it for the conference. It will be coordinated with Carroll College. The board then discussed the merits of MAWS taking on the responsibility for future conferences. Joan MOVED that each conference obtain its own insurance. Molly SECONDED the motion. All Aye. None Nay. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on 10/26 in Montana City. Meeting minutes to be corrected & accepted at the next board meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

*Dues policy for MAWS
Guilds are encouraged to
have the date that their dues
are due be October 1st so that
MAWS dues could be sent to*

Treasurer’s Reports

MAWS Account Balances as of 4/9/2019

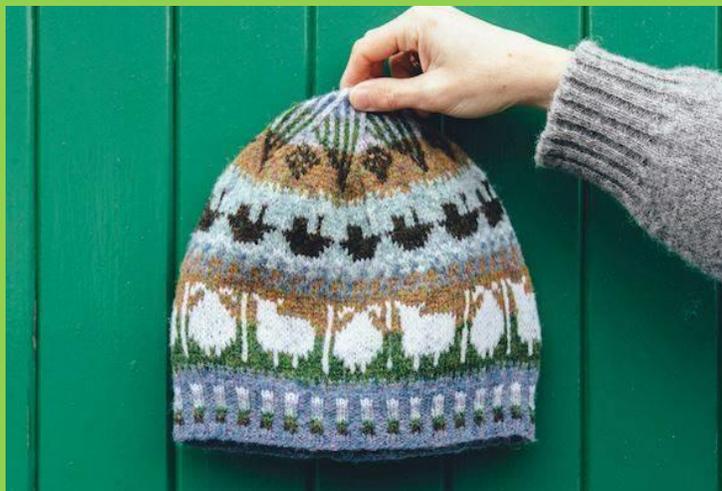
Bank Accounts	
Morgan Stanley	\$19,276.19
S1 Savings	\$ 0
S90 Checking	\$ 0
Total Bank Accounts:	\$19,276.19
Overall total:	\$19,276.19

Income/Expense Comparison by Category

	Year Ended 4/9/2018	Year Ended 4/9/2019
<u>INCOME</u>		
Conference Share	\$0	\$3173
Donation	\$750	\$350
Dues	\$2830	\$2790
Misc. Income	\$20	\$20
SB Dividend	\$116	\$177
TOTAL INCOME	\$3716	\$6460
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
ANWG DUES	\$35	\$35
Board: Lunch	\$0	\$212
Board: Travel	\$102	\$121
Grants Guild Workshops	\$0	\$250
Grants Conference	\$0	\$1000
Living Treasure Gifts	\$0	\$228
Misc. Expenses	\$20	\$120
Newsletter Expense: Postage	\$78	\$75
Newsletter Expense: Printing	\$173	\$134
Scholarships Conference	\$0	\$450
Stipend: Newsletter Editor	\$700	\$525
Stipend: Treasurer	\$250	\$250
Stipend: Web	\$200	\$300
Unrealized Gain / Loss	\$10	-\$121
Website / Web Hosting	\$155	\$180
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1723	\$3759
OVERALL	\$1993	\$2701

Montana Association of Weavers & Spinners (MAWS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Membership runs from November 1st to December 31st. Annual dues are \$10 and include your newsletter subscription. To join MAWS, please send dues to: Linda Shelhamer, 446 Tabriz Drive, Billings, MT 59105. She can be reached at 406-259-9160 or by emailing shara@bresnan.net.

Montana Roadside Beanie Knit-Along



This KAL kicks off on May 18th at the Crazy Mountain Fiber Fest in Big Timber, MT and at the Yarn Bar in Billings, MT. The KAL ends on September 27th, but don't worry, you can join in anytime! The closing of the KAL coincides with the opening of the Prairie Handspinners Fiber Fest in Billings. We will have a display of any completed KAL items at the Fiber Fest, but we welcome anyone who wants to participate in the KAL whether they want to display or not. Along with this special display will be prizes at the festival too!

We'll also have a KAL time at the Copper K Fiber Festival in Whitehall, MT in July, as well as the Eureka Fiber Fest in August. You're also welcome to cast on at either of these get-togethers if you'd like! (see the upcoming events section for exact dates and more info)

The pattern this year is the Shetland Wool Week Roadside Beanie and you can get your free copy at: <https://www.shetlandwoolweek.com/free-knitting-pattern/>

To keep up on discussion and see what everyone is up to, please join the Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mtfiberfestkal/>

Welcome to the Montana Fiber Fest KAL! We'll have fun making the Roadside Beanie together, a colorwork hat. Or, make it into a cowl or modify as needed – we even have crocheters making their own versions! There will be prizes and fun too!

Classifieds:

Do you have a fiber-related item to sell? As a member of MAWS you are able to post your items for sale. (Non-members will be required to pay a fee of \$10 per classified ad along with one photo). Please send the information, along with any photos to Sharon Schroeder. Items will be posted for 60 days. Also, please let Sharon know if your items sell so we can keep the website and newsletter content page current. We appreciate your cooperation!

FOR SALE: Tapestry Loom for Sale - \$100 includes book with instructions. Weaving width about 28" and max length 32". All proceeds benefit Missoula Weavers Guild. Reply to: missoulaweaversguild@gmail.com or call Dona Fisher, 406-381-6444.

FOR SALE: Betty Roberts First Generation Spinning Wheel - 1984. Black Walnut, Double wheel with skeining board and 4 extra bobbins. Wheel sizes: 14" and 28". Double action treadle. A sweet, quiet, smooth wheel. I must sell as I do not have any children or nieces to pass this gorgeous wheel onto. \$1,450. Contact Connie Myers (509) 238-3023 or cell (509) 919-0419 for text. (Posted 4/12/2019).

LOOKING FOR SPINNER: Hello, my name is Renee, and I am looking for someone to spin my cat hair. The hair is clean and ready to go. This is a very special project to me. I can deliver the hair to you, I live in Butte. I will pay whatever you think it's worth. You may reach me at 406.491.4976

FOR SALE: 43" Glimakra weaving loom, 10 shafts, 12 treadles. Approx. 1000 new Texsolve heddles. All new Texsolve tie-ups. Lease sticks, rattle, shaft holders, shaft pins and a Glimakra bench. Located in Sandpoint, ID \$2900 OBO Contact Cherri phone/text 406-450-9881 or email at eagle9881@gmail.com(Updated 2/11/2019)

FOR SALE: Glimakra Standard 4 harness Countermarche Loom, 63" width, bench, leaded beater bar, 6 dent steel reed, 10 dent stainless steel reed, 800 heddles, warping sticks.

Sells new \$6400. Asking \$2200. Excellent condition. Contact Lynnette at: mtlynnette@gmail.com (Posted 1/12/2019)

Upcoming Events

Daryl Lancaster Workshop

June 1-2 at Carroll College, Helena, MT Read more about the workshop on page XX of this newsletter or visit the event ticket page to get signed up at: <https://HWSGhwsq7.eventbee.com/event?eid=173974632>

Crazy Mountain Fiber Festival

May 18, 2019. Big Timber, MT. To learn more about the festival please visit their website at: <http://www.bigtimber.com/crazymountainfiberfest>

Montana Roadside Beanie Knit-A-Long Kick-Off

May 18, 1029. Throughout the state of Montana. Follow along on Facebook to see all the locations for the kick-off! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mtfiberfestkal/>

Grazing Hills Fiber Festival

July 13-14, 2019. Viola, ID. To learn more about the festival and to sign up for classes, please visit their Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ghfiberfest/> or their website at: <https://ghfiberfest.com/>

Copper K Fiber Festival

July 20-21, 2019. Whitehall, MT. To learn more about the festival and to sign up for classes, please visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1405060639801056/> or their website at: <https://www.ranchingtraditionfiber.com/copper-k-fiber-fest>

Eureka Fiber Fest

August 2-4, 2019. Eureka, MT. To learn more about the festival and to sign up for classes, please visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/fiberfesteureka/> or their website at: <http://www.eurekafiberfest.org/>

Prairie Handspinners Fiber Festival

September 27-28, 2019. Billings, MT. To learn more about the festival and to sign up for classes, please visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/phsfiberfest/> or their website at: <http://prairiehandspinnersfiberfest.com/>

Guild News, Happenings, and Information

To see what happening or to get in contact with a guild near you, please visit our website for contact information and specific guild happenings at:

<https://www.montanaweavespin.org/guilds-grants>

Please note: Ads are free for members. Outside entities can place 1/4 page paid ads for \$15 per issue.

Our newsletter reaches over 300 fiber artists. Contact Tammy Jordan: goldieknotsmt@gmail.com.