

NOBO Meeting May 21st, 2014

Presentation

Margaret introduced Chelsea who gave the guild a presentation on IKAT dyeing.

Chelsea introduced the guild to IKAT using a **slide set** which covered the following topics:

Slide Set

- ➡ History
 - ➡ A technique for dyeing warp and/or weft to create patterns
- ➡ Weft Ikat
- ➡ Warp Ikat
- ➡ Double Ikat
 - ➡ The IKAT technique is applicable for use on wefts, warps or both with **both** being named as **Double IKAT**

Q? *Would the warp have to be on the loom.*

A. The loom would have to be threaded twice if you wanted to dye the warp.

- ➡ Patterning
 - ➡ Geometric repetitive shapes are most common
 - ➡ Figural patterns also known as e-kausari
- ➡ Samples of completed cloth

Demonstration of Binding

Chelsea demonstrated an example of preparing a warp section for dyeing. The section is separated from the main warp chain and secured on a stand (pix). *The stand was for demonstration of the technique, in practice the sectioning would be done on the warping board or wheel.*

Chelsea recommended keeping the warp chain intact, **do NOT cut it**, this allows the warp to be fine adjusted on the loom. (Ed. The best warping technique is back to front. Slide the loops on the back beam through the rod. Then the warp lengths under tension can be fine adjusted. Then the warps can be cut for threading through the heddles and the reed.)

Pictures

Business

New Members

The guild welcomed new member Pat. Pat is retired, and is taking classes with Margaret. Pat is also working on her own project during private lesson time at Antrim Handweaving Studio and Study.

Pat likes texture and colour, her first loom is an 8 shaft table loom. For Pat, it is part of a spiritual journey and spiritual practice.

Tip Jar

Eileen created a tip jar which is for members to send in weaving and related tips which will go into the jar.

Please email Eileen with your tips or write them up and deposit in the tip jar. The tip jar will be brought to every meeting.

Eileen introduced and demonstrated the first tip, Palettes Pro which is on iTunes store.

Existing images are imported to the tool, the colours are identified and saved as a palette which can be edited to remove or modify colours in the palette.

The tool is available here:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/palettes/id297157708?mt=8>

Keeper of the Linens

A new officer role was introduced.

Toss the plastic and use hand woven napkins and table clothes. The **Keeper of the Linens** will take care of the linens, launder as necessary and bring them to meetings. The linens will be used for the **show and share** table.

An example is the Boston Guild asked members to find a favourite mug and then weave a place mat for it.

Library

Terry discussed maintenance of the library and introduced **Librarythingy** to the guild as a means of keeping track of the library. The site is much more specific than the tables used on the NoBo site for example a feature of Librarythingy is that it will do a look up by ISBN and when available add in a picture of the books cover.

Guild members were requested the members to review librarythingy and if there is consensus Terry with help from Ted can migrate the library to that site.

<https://www.librarything.com/>

Library Fee

A proposal to drop the library fee was adopted. The original purpose was for an acquisition of books that has now been paid for.

The guild also voted to remove the protection on the library and magazine pages.

Georgetown Library

The articles from the Georgetown Library will be recovered at the end of May. Betsy will assist Kathie and Diane, items will be safe guarded and returned to the owners at the June guild meeting.

New Business

New Location

A poll of members provided 4 options. The results were:

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| Option 1. Move to Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm | - Votes | 3 |
| 2. Stay in Byfield | - Votes | 13 |
| 3. Either | - Votes | 5 |
| 4. Combination of location | - Votes | 8 |

The majority of people want to stay but a willingness to move for special presentations.

Future Programmes

Margaret outlined the programmes for the next few months.

July and August

No meetings but there was a suggestion to use the Newburyport Panera for a casual meeting same day and time as a regular meeting.

September Members in the Spotlight

This is an opportunity for 6 members to come in to the meeting and take 10 minutes to describe the pieces, the loom and likes and preferences.

October

There will be a presentation by **Barbara Parry** author of *Adventures in Yarn Farming*

Donation to Byfield Friends

Last year the Guild donated \$150 in August. It was agreed that this year the donation would be \$100 in September.

Meeting starting time will be 6:30pm. Margaret will continue to book the library for the guild.

Other

Next Sunday June 1st bring "something" to Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm.

Show and Share

The meeting concluded with a show and share.

Anonymous showed a sample of a block weave using Ripsmatta. This was woven as a sample at the end of a 7 yard warp for 6 dish towels. The warp is 10/2 cotton at 20EPI, the weft is alternate 10/2 cotton and sewing thread at 18PPI.

Pictures from the meeting

Chelsea demonstrating binding technique



Chelsea showing the binding fixture



Ripsmatta sample

