

# PACIFIC TEXTILE ARTS

## NEWSLETTER

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### THIS IS NEWSLETTER #75

It seems like yesterday that I sought help using our brand new Mac computer in order to begin our first newsletter. I was alone in our just finished home in Fort Bragg. Skip was still working at Lawrence Berkeley Lab and I had to call him to be reminded how to turn that mysterious contraction on. Then I had to call and ask how to turn it off! After I became skilled with those challenges, I began, with the help of Roberta Brockschmidt, to construct our first report to you all. Roberta would stand behind me and say "You don't have to do that" as I continually tried to erase a mistake instead of just highlighting it and writing over it. Oh, that was a pretty painful learning curve. But thanks to and with the help of Roberta, we were on our way to connecting with our friends and supporters with quarterly newsletter reports. I also received the very generous help of Doreen Real who was an old hand at newsletters and who gave me so many suggestions about how to get started with it all.

Well, it seems to me that 75 is a good round number at which to begin a new era. Our website, ably maintained by NormaLee Andres, and our great Constant Contact coverage of our events brought to you by Karen Inwood, both do such a great job of keeping our happenings announced to you, that we have decided to limit this newsletter to one a year as a reminder of the time for membership renewal. For the sake of our budget, this newsletter will be sent to you by postal service in black and white to

avoid color printing. A self-addressed envelope will accompany it as has been our custom from the beginning. I will definitely miss writing to you more often but the timing seems right and will allow me to work toward a retrospective gallery exhibit of my own scheduled for May of 2020. If you are not yet on the internet listing for Constant Contact, now is the time to check that box off on our current renewal form within this newsletter. Karen and Normalee do a fantastic job of keeping everyone informed of our latest events as soon as they receive the word from Lolli Jacobsen who is constantly updating class list information along with gallery and lecture notices. We will post a color version of that yearly newsletter so that we can share all the colorful things that happen in our inviting spaces. For this edition to come to you in color, go to our website at: [pacifictextilearts.org](http://pacifictextilearts.org) and there will be a link to the color version on the home page. And...not to be forgotten....you can find out about our activities on Facebook, thoughtfully maintained by board member, Jenny Henderson.

As some of you may remember, we acquired our main classroom and our library building as a gift from the local Fort Bragg School District. They came in the form of well used old portable buildings, one single wide and one double wide. After installing them on our grounds, it became clear that it would be necessary to completely rebuild the south sides of both of these buildings which was capably done by Gregg Tregoning. We are now grappling with a current need to upgrade the roof of the Library.

#### *See Within*

*Adriane Nicolaisen's  
stunning exhibition of  
felted images inspired by the  
Central American huipil*

*Membership Renewal  
appeal*

*Latest class, gallery  
and program listings*

*A fond farewell to  
Lois Lancaster*



*The look and feel  
at  
Pacific Textile Arts*

(continued from page 1) From an upstairs window in the main building, we are seeing a constant puddle of water forming on the west end of the roof. Needless to say, this is frightening to us because that building houses our precious collection of textile related books. Do we need to build a more steeply graded roof over the old one? Stay tuned.

## BOOKS AROUND

We are serious believers in recycling. Every year we conduct our huge Fiber Fair which involves our selling surplus items as well as hosting individual member sales.....all having to do with textiles. This event which takes place in early October, is the highlight of the year for serious collectors of things to do with textiles. We often have several looms to sell, fabric samples and collections, non-loom devices, yarn and fiber. Among the most sought after items are the books which have been given to us over the year from estates, collectors with surplus titles and people who have outgrown certain types of books. We maintain a collection of our main building year. So, if you are particular type of book come have a look Along with books, at \$4 per pound, fib but often some Al- occasional articles types of household textiles. There are also almost always some spinning related items such as wheels and carders.



So if you are planning a visit to the coast, don't forget to come by and check out all the possibilities. We are open Wednesday mornings, Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. You can also arrange for a private showing by calling one of our board members.

## LOIS LANCASTER

A FOND FAREWELL

Last week I was notified of the death of a very dear friend from my earlier life. Pat Charley notified me by phone message but sadly forgot to leave her contact information. Both Pat and I were fellow graduate students with Lois Lancaster in the mid seventies. We were in Ed Rossbach's last graduate class at U.C. Berkeley in Visual Design. At the time, I had one child in middle school and two in high school. So I was not free to socialize with fellow members of that class as much as others. But I did develop a warm relationship with both Pat and Lois. Lois was definitely the glue that held many of us together. She had traveled and studied in many parts of Asia, particularly South Korea. Her husband was a professor at Cal with a specialty in Asia. Her special knowledge of Asian arts and culture played a lasting roll in her artistic work. She was a generous supporter of

Pacific Textile Arts and visited us several time over the years. Unfortunately I was unable to find an obituary for Lois, but you can read about and view some of her work, usually in paper, textile and art bookmaking by going to:

[loismlancaster.com](http://loismlancaster.com)

I will always remember my visits to her home in Stinson Beach, California. Please contact our Facebook page if you have more information regarding her obituary. Thank you.

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

COMING TO PTARTS SOON

If you search on the internet for "Little Free Library" you will be introduced to a laudable activity occurring all around the U.S. in both cities and all sorts of rural locations. It involves a movement consisting of individuals and groups placing a small structure in front of their buildings which features a miniature house with a sign saying "Little Free Library." They are truly appealing to come upon as you drive along a street or roadway. The idea is to place books inside these little structures which you are willing to give to anyone who happens to come along and decide they would like to have one of these books. Naturally, such people are encouraged to add a book to this collection to keep the supply going. Well, the good news is that Pacific Textile Arts is very close to introducing a Little Free Library to our front garden. We have noticed several other such libraries here in Fort Bragg. When I participate in the Manchester yearly bird count down the coast with my friend Art Morley, we concentrate on an area mostly consisting of Irish Beach. Several years ago as we were finding our way toward where there were some birds, we suddenly came upon what was for me, my first roadside Tiny Free Library. We've been going back to check on it every year since. It was a thrill to me to discover that Lolli Jacobsen suggested we do this at PTArts and Normalee's partner, Emory Smith, with help from his friend Ed, donated the construction. Thank you so much. The stand for it is already made and nicely placed at the front of our garden.



PEDESTAL AWAITING OUR OWN LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

So, take a look each time you drive by our front garden, and one of these days you'll be seeing our own little library in the the shape of our front building. What a treat it is going to be to see who stops there....who takes a book and who donates a book. Thank you so much Emory for making this happen.

SCENES FROM PTARTS GALLERY



EIGHT STUNNING FELT CONSTRUCTIONS BY ADRIANE NICOLAISEN FROM HER RECENT  
GALLERY EXHIBITION AT PTARTS  
TO VIEW THESE WORKS OF ART INSPIRED BY THE HUIPIL OF CENTRAL AMERICA IN COLOR GO TO:  
[PACIFICTEXTILEARTS.ORG](http://PACIFICTEXTILEARTS.ORG)

## EVENTS AND CLASSES

**www.pacifictextilearts.org** is an educational Non-profit existing to support, share and celebrate the fiber arts. Located at 450 Alger St., Fort Bragg, California. We house a gallery (monthly exhibits), library (books available on loan to members), demonstration studios, tapestry studio, sales room (books, yarns, equipment, textiles for sale), meeting space (monthly programs), and classrooms around a covered courtyard. Open Wednesdays 10:30 to noon, Thursdays 1:30 to 3:20, Saturday 11 to 1:00. For additional hours, call Jackie 964-5279, Nancy 964-1082, Elaine 357-0549 or Lolli 964-4819  
January – December membership \$15

### Ongoing:

**Program Series:** 4th Saturday 10 am sharing, networking; 11 am program with guest artists Sept.-May. Dec. Holiday party. Free to PTArts members. Everyone welcome, donations appreciated.

**First Friday Gallery Receptions:** First Fridays 5-8pm.

**Guest House Museum,** Main Street, Fort Bragg, weavers from PTArts demonstrating rag rug weaving on the historical Finn loom in the museum. Contact Karen Inwood (wminwood@mcn.org)

**Constant Contact:** Free monthly newsletter. Contact Karen Inwood (wminwood@mcn.org)

### Groups meeting at Pacific Textile Arts:

**Spinning Group:** Thursday 1:30 - 3:30 Contact Ann Brezina (annscat@gmail.com)

**Calligraphy Group:** Thursdays 1:30 - 4:30 Contact (jdetrick@mcn.org)

**Weaving Group:** contact Adriane Nicolaisen (adriane@mcn.org)

**Rug Study Group:** Contact Rick Sapinski: (cobbmtn9@gmail.com) Meets 3-4 times a year

**Mendocino Coast Mushroom Club:** Contact Nancy Denison (nancy.denison@mcn.org)

### Calendar of Events: 2019

April 5-30 Gallery Exhibit: **Just for Fun** Mickie McCormic

Gather to share 10am. Program 11 to noon. Free to PTArts members. All welcome, donations welcome.

April 7 (Sun) class. **Surface Design on Eggs** with Mickie McCormic. 1-5 (4hours) Tuition \$38 Register on-line or send non-refundable deposit to Pacific Textile Arts 450 Alger St. Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Mickie McCormic. Gather to share 10 am. Program 11 to noon. Free to PTArts members. All welcome.

April 27-28: Class. **Making Cloth Dolls with recycled Fabric or Handmade Felt** with Mickie McCormic. 1:30 to 4:30 Saturday (after program) and 9:30 to 4:30 Sunday. Tuition \$125.

May 3 - 28: Gallery Exhibit: Ann Brezina **Spinning Wheels & Handspun Yarns** First Friday opening 5-8

May 3: Program: **Dyeing With Mushrooms** with Alissa Allen 5:30 In the classroom

May 4-5: Class. **Mushroom Dyeing** with Alissa Allen Tuition \$280 Co-sponsored with Mendocino Coast Mushroom Club

May 10: Special program: **Lisa Grey** 7pm Free to PTArts members and students in any of her classes. Anyone interested is welcome. Donations appreciated.

May 11-12 or 10-11 **Spectacular Soy Wax Resist** with Lisa Grey 9:30 to 4:30 daily with lunch break Tuition \$200

Register on-line or send \$50 deposit to Pacific Textile Arts, 450 Alger St. Fort Bragg, CA 95437

May 14 (Tues.) Class **Playful Painting Razzle-Dazzle** with Lisa Grey 9:30- 4:30 Tuition: \$100 Register on-line or send \$50 non-refundable deposit.

May 15-16: (Weds. Thurs.) **Prolific Printing Extravaganza** with Lisa Grey 9:30- 4:30 Tuition \$200

May 18-19 (Sat. Sun.) Class **Altering The Surface: Collage** With Lisa Grey 9:30 to 4:30 daily with lunch break. Tuition \$200 Register on-line or send \$50 non-refundable deposit to Pacific Textile Arts.

May 25: Program **Spinning Wheels & Spinning with Ann Brezina** Gather to share 10:00 Program 11 to noon

June 1, 2 & 8, 9 Class **Rag Rug Weaving** with Jo Britton 9:30-4:30 daily with lunch break. Both weekends with open studio for students to weave during the week in between. Tuition \$400 Register on-line or send \$50, deposit

June 7-30 Gallery Exhibit: **Brave New Rag** - recycled material weavings by Jo Britton First Friday opening 5-8

June 15: **PTArts Members visit to John Marshall's studio in Covelo.** Car pool from PTArts at 10am. Bag lunch at John's

July 5-30: Gallery Exhibit **Art Under Foot** - rugs by Nancy Kennedy First Friday opening 5-8

July 27-30 : class: **Rug Weaving \_ Emphasis on Hems and Cardwoven Selvages** with Nancy Kennedy 9:30-4:30 with one hour for lunch. Tuition \$400 with \$40 materials fee for pre-measured linen warp chains, the wool for weft and selvages, and the weaving cards. Register on-line or send \$50. non-refundable deposit.

Aug. 2-31: Gallery Exhibit First Friday opening 5-8

Aug. 3: **PTArts at Art in The Gardens** (Coast Botanical Gardens)

Aug 5-? class **Weaving Magic Strands** with Sue Luna 9:30 to 4:30 daily with one hour lunch break. Tuition to be announced.

Sept -30 Gallery Exhibit **Wedge Weave** featuring with by Deborah Corsini and others First Friday opening 5-8

Sept. 28 Program **Wedge Weave**- Deborah Corsini Gather to share 10:00 Program 11:00

Sept 28 - Oct. 1 : Class **Quirky Tapestry: Exploring The Eccentric Wedge Weave** with Deborah Corsini Sat. Sept. 28 1:30 -4:30 Sunday & Monday Sept 29-30 9:30-4:30 daily with lunch break Tuesday Oct. 1 1:30 to 12:30 Tuition \$350 Register on-line or send \$50 non-refundable deposit to Pacific Textile Arts.

Oct. 4-29 Gallery Exhibit **THE BEST OF FIBER FAIR PREVIEW SHOW**

**Oct. 5 FIBER FAIR AND TEXTILE BAZAAR -New and used Textile Treasures, Artists' booths and textile Rummage**

**Dec 6-14 Gallery Exhibit MEMBERS HOLIDAY SHOW / SALE FIRST FRIDAY OPENING 5-8**



*Our hand-made Pacific Textile Arts Sign  
Standing Again*

## SORRY WE'RE LATE

We apologize for the delayed delivery of this last quarterly newsletter and membership reminder. We know that some of you have diligently sent in your renewal already. And we thank you heartily for that.

We are constantly touched by the number of people who have supported us from our beginning and through our last twenty years. We hope you'll take notice of all the worthy things we do with the funds you send us. The handicap ramp and paved parking space at the front of our property is just one of those things we are proud to have accomplished. The much needed new kitchen counters and back porch entry steps made possible by Art Morley delight us and make things easier every day.

We are currently seeking suggestions and estimates regarding a fix for the sometimes very muddy driveway and side parking. We have already talked about the puddles forming at the west end of our library roof. That situation may unfortunately require the building of a new roof with a steeper pitch. The replacing of insulation around our outer doors seems to have been added to the list.

These needs sometimes seem formidable. But when we think of the condition of this half-acre piece of land with its condemned house at the front, we can't help but feel really grateful and proud of what we all have accomplished. It wouldn't have happened without your yearly generosity and support. A thousand thanks to you all.

# PLEASE JOIN PACIFIC TEXTILE ARTS TODAY

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PTARTS MEMBERSHIP (\$15) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL ADDRESS

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## PACIFIC TEXTILE ARTS

### **Book Alert!**

**Be watching for the announcement of a new book by the Larochettes  
They are just completing the final phases of publication for  
a new book on tapestry. It promises to be a great one.**

*I would like to send a special thanks to Elaine Todd and Nancy Denison  
for very necessary and appreciated proof-reading*

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