

PACIFIC TEXTILE ARTS

NEWSLETTER

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What a Good Year!

It is such a pleasure to enter our circular driveway at Pacific Textile Arts. Last year we found ourselves a little tired of the muddy condition that prevailed during the wet months. So we finally voted to have the situation improved. We engaged Gary Swanson Trucking and Paving to take a look at our situation and propose a solution. He suggested a particular road rock in order to maintain a properly draining roadway for the whole length of our entry. So far it has turned out to be a good fix. Such a pleasure to have it well graded and to get out of ones car without stepping on slippery mud.

Our Program series has been particularly interesting and very well attended this year and our gallery exhibits have been attracting larger groups of visitors each month. Of particular interest to many was the month when the calligraphers who meet here every Thursday shared their exquisite works of art. Our productive board member, Mickie McCormic presented a most entertaining show of her felted jewelry as well as other clever creations. Adriane Nicolaisen shared some of her fabulous felted garments and wall pieces earlier this year. She also gave a jaw dropping slide show this month featuring architecture and textiles from her recent tour of the Silk Road. Through the month of January our gallery has been showing many of her gorgeous purchases while on that trip. These are just a few of the many exhibits we have been treated to in 2019.

Classes have gone well over this year and it is particularly gratifying that we have had so much interest in our weaving classes. In recent years there has been a concern that not enough young people are entering this realm. We have definite evidence to the contrary lately, much to our delight. As many of you know, our immediate neighbor on Alger Street is the Mendocino College Fine Woodworkers program which is attended by a wide range of ages. It is a world renowned program so we are pleased to meet and visit with students of all ages from all parts of the world. Lately some of them have taken particular interest in our evening weaving

classes and we've developed a mutually beneficial arrangement whereby some of these students who have entered our volunteer pool are able to attend classes at a reduced rate in return for helping us with some of our many needs. That's especially helpful when our needs involve carpentry or other skill they bring to the fore.

We are told that our good friends, the Larochettes have just about completed their long promised tapestry book and that it will probably be published in May. We certainly look forward to a book tour visit from them and if we're lucky we might

have a class with them as well. We're crossing our fingers and will let you know as soon as possible.

A long time member of PTArts who just happens to be my daughter, has just published her first novel and her mother is super proud to tell you about it. See page 6.



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Membership reminder

Sites from PTArts

Announcing another wonderful class in felted jewelry by Mickie McCormic

Classes and Gallery Exhibits

Program Series

Sights from Adriane's tour of the Silk Road

Discussion of our library needs

Images from Adriane Nicolaisen's Silk Road Tour

FELTING BEADS AND MAKING JEWELRY



Mickie McCormic is going to treat us to another of her very satisfying classes in which one can learn to make all kinds of small felted balls and other shapes which can then be transformed into delightful jewelry. Mickie comes very well prepared with all the items one needs to get the job done in a shorter time than one would imagine. Below is her class description:

This workshop will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3, from 12:30 to 4:30, for a total of 8 hours. It will include wet felting – working with wool roving to produce felted beads – and then, on the second day, embellishing your beads with embroidery if you wish, and using them in necklaces and bracelets. The workshop will also discuss dyeing felt beads, and making beads by cutting and sewing hand-made felt. The workshop fee is \$96. A variety of colored wool roving, a written handbook, and tools will be provided through a materials fee of \$6. There will be some vintage beads provided as well, but participants are encouraged to bring their stash of miscellaneous beads to string with their felted beads. To sign up, come in to PTArts or go to www.pacifictextilearts.org.

BOOKBINDING ONCE A YEAR

We are ever so fortunate to have Judy Detrick living in our area. Pacific Textile Arts: info@pacfjudy is a fabulous bookbinder and Calligrapher. She oversees a calligraphy group at PTArts once a week in the large classroom. And she has been teaching a wonderful bookbinding class in Jackie Wollenberg's Henhouse Studio once a year. Over the years, she has shared many different book sewing techniques with us as well as a number of binding methods using a variety of cover materials. Beside teaching these classes, Judy has mounted a number of bookbinding and calligraphy exhibits for us in the PTArts gallery. There has been a great deal of interest shown by local gallery watchers as well as visitors from out of this area. If you are interested in joining us for one of these classes, keep an eye on our website (pacifictextilearts.org). You may also contact Judy, or Jackie or for information regarding future classes.

Jackie Wollenberg: 707/964-5279 or jwoll@mcn.org
Judy Detrick: 707/964-9276 or jdetrick@mcn.org

KNIT LACE BY SUZANNE DA ROSA FEBRUARY IN PTARTS GALLERY

An exploration of 19th Century Knitted Lace. Featuring Mendocino Art Center Artist in Residence and Master Lace Knitter Suzanne da Rosa who is documenting and recreating knitted lace patterns from the earliest published knitting books.



FEBRUARY PROGRAM SERIES
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
MEET TO SHARE 10:00 AM
PROGRAM, 11:00 AM

Suzanne will discuss the earliest lace knitting and bring her collection of 19th Century knitted pieces to view. All are welcome. Donations happily accepted.

TWO INTEREST GROUPS - JUST A REMINDER FOR THIS YEAR

A dedicated group of spinners gather every Thursday in the PTArts gallery from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Ann Brezina helps everyone with their special concerns. There is nothing Ann doesn't have a solution for. All are welcome to a couple of hours of fiber friendship in the warm gallery. Bring a wheel or spindle. For more information, contact Ann Brezina. (annscat@gmail.com)

Kumihimo (Japanese braiding) is the subject every Monday morning at the home of Jackie Wollenberg. Some of us are new to the subject and others have been learning from Rodrick Owen of England and Makiko Tada of Japan for many years. We certainly don't know all the answers to the questions that arise but between us we work out many of the obstacles we often face. Jackie will be in Oaxaco for the month of February so we will begin braiding again in March. Call before coming for directions and to make sure it's happening. 707-964-5279.

SCENES FROM ADRIANE NICOLAISEN'S SILK ROAD TRIP



Scenes from Pacific Textile Arts



View of our new rocked entry

Our little free Library

PTArts gallery entry

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 - 3:20, Saturday 11 to 1:00. For additional hours, call Nancy 964-1082, Elaine 357-0549 or Lolli 964-4819 January – December membership \$15

Program Series: Usually 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. Check website calendar for announcements.

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)

Kumihimo Study Group Mondays 10-2 (bring lunch) at Jackie Wollenberg's 964-5279

Calendar of Events:

Feb. 7-29 Gallery Exhibit **KNIT LACE by Suzanne da Rosa** First Friday opening 5-8 pm

Feb. 10-April 13 Class. Monday nights 6-9 pm. **LEARN TO WEAVE with Janice Sullivan.** Tuition \$280 includes some materials. Some work exchange scholarships available. Class is full, waiting list being taken for an afternoon class in June & July.

Feb. 22 Program **SUZANNE DA ROSA MASTER LACER KNITTER** Gather to share 10 am. Program 11 to noon. Free to PTArts members. All welcome. Donations appreciated.

March 6-30 Gallery Exhibit **JANICE SULLIVAN WEAVINGS** First Friday opening 5-8 pm

March 28 Program **Janice Sullivan WEAVER** Gather to share 10 am. Program 11 to noon. Free to PTArts members. All welcome. Donations appreciated.

April 3-25 Gallery Exhibit **TEXTILE TREASURES FROM CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA curated by Mickie McCormic** First Friday opening 5-8 pm See above for additional open hours.

April 25 Program **TIAHUANACO TEXTILES Mickie McCormic** Gather to share 10 am. Talk & images 11 to noon.

May 1-30 Gallery Exhibit To be announced

May 2-3 Class **FELTING BEADS AND MAKING JEWELRY with Mickie McCormic** 12:30 to 4:30 each day

May 23 Program: To be announced

June 5-27 Gallery Exhibit **JACKIE WOLLENBERG RETROSPECTIVE** First Friday opening 5-8

July 3-31 Gallery Exhibit: To be announced

August 7-29 Gallery Exhibit to be announced First Friday opening 5-8 pm

Sept. 4-26 Gallery Exhibit **SUSAN WOOD COATS** First Friday opening 5-8 pm

Sept. 26 Program **THE JOURNEY OF AN IDEA Susan Wood** Gather to share 10 am Program 11 to noon.

Oct. 2-31 Gallery Exhibit **THE BEST OF FIBER FAIR Preview Show & Sale** First Friday opening 5-8 Cash, Check, Charge

Oct. 3 (Sat) **FIBER FAIR AND TEXTILE BAZAAR - New and used Textile Treasures, Artists Booths and Textile Rummage** 10am to 4 pm. Many free items at 3:30

Oct. 24 Program: To be announced.

Nov. 21 Program **GAIL PORCELAN ART QUILTS** First Friday opening 5-8

Dec4-26 Gallery Exhibit **MEMBERS HOLIDAY SHOW/SALE** First Friday opening 5-8

Dec. 19 **MEMBERS HOLIDAY POTLUCK** 11:30 am in the classroom



PACIFIC TEXTILE ARTS

Pacific Textile Arts at 450 Alger Street has become a warm and welcoming place to congregate. We hope you will join us at some of our Saturday Programs, classes, study groups and First Friday openings for our gallery exhibits. You may view this newsletter in color by going to our website and clicking on the link for newsletter #76C. If you haven't already renewed your membership, we hope you will take the time to send in the enclosed envelope. We are so grateful for your support.

PLEASE JOIN PACIFIC TEXTILE ARTS TODAY

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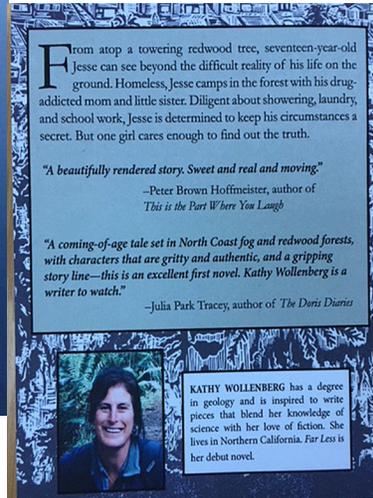
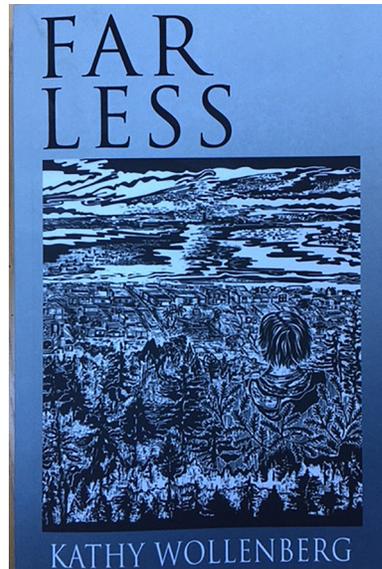
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