



# Sacajawea Fiber Arts Guild Newsletter

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**November, 2023**

## **Next Meeting: December 7**

**La Favorites, 204 S Pacific Avenue, Kelso**

4:00 p.m. Social Time  
4:30 p.m. Business Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Program: Karin Finch presents: Japanese fabric gift wrapping  
5:30 p.m. Snacks—Please bring a favorite holiday treat with the recipe to share!  
6:00 p.m. Show & Share



## **Program Notes**

Happy Holidays!

Our December 7th Guild meeting is also our Holiday Party!

To get into a festive spirit, we would love to have everyone bring a favorite holiday treat with the recipe to share.

Just a quick click of your phone camera and you can have new recipe to share with your family!

The guild meeting is also our Craft night. This month is 'Less is more' Furoshiki, a traditional Japanese fabric gift wrapping technique.



It's so versatile, no cutting or wasted paper, and the wrap itself can be part of your gift. I gave a preview at the October meeting of various fabrics you can use.

It was suggested by a member, who is quilter, that if you want Christmas print, look for light weight, cheaper, quilting fabric.

Amazon has some nice fabric options and you can also use square scarves you might already have, at least to practice with.

Suggested sizes are: 20"x20" for a basic basket, 28"x28" for a basic carry wrap or 2 wine bottles, and 45"x45" for a shoulder or shopping bag.

Tip: Fabric needs to be able to be tied in a square knot pretty easily.

The book I am learning from is "**Furoshiki Fabric Wraps**" by Pixieladies.

I found it through the Fort Vancouver Library and was able to check it out online, to my iPad.

I will have a handout for the 3 basic wraps, extra squares of fabric, and the book available, to see other ideas.

Let's share some yummy treats and ideas for embellishing our fabric wrapped gifts!

Karin Finch



## Just Shuttling Along

The Holiday Season is here, and I am receiving a flood of emails and catalogs from every fiber arts company I have explored in the past. The sales offers are tempting, but we are lucky to be able to shop at our local yarn shop – La Favorites.

Kathy Hawkins recently gave me a tour of the shop, pointing out some of the treasures she has for sale. Ken Hawkins Handcrafted Woodworks has a beautiful display in the store. Yes, Kathy's husband is a talented guy. His yarn bowls immediately caught my eye, and they are exquisite! Each one is a unique and beautiful work of art. In addition to yarn bowls, Ken has created scarf rings, yarn butlers, spindles and (in time for Christmas) Chinese checker boards. How fun is that!

After seeing the rigid heddle loom program at our October meeting, I strolled over to the Ashford display. Hm-m, am I ready to add another loom to the collection Don and I have amassed? After watching Betty and Suzi's demonstration last month, it is tempting. And, for those who may not know, Kathy Hawkins directly orders products from several companies – Ashford being one of them. If you are considering purchasing a loom or spinning wheel from Ashford, check with Kathy Hawkins first to see if she can order the item for you. Kathy also has connections with companies that offer specialty sets of knitting needles. Check out her catalogs from Knitters Pride, The Mindful Collection and Lantern Moon Handcrafted.

As always, my La Favorites tour took me to the White Oak Alpacas (Karin Finch's) yarn display. There are new yarns to select from since I last shopped. Karin provides the store with rovings, yarns in natural colors, and I found a delightful assortment of pastel-dyed yarns, which look cheery and perfect for knitting a baby blanket.

Sam Loftin is selling her felted gnomes. She has been bringing them to Show 'n Share at our Guild meetings. Her display is on the front table of the shop. I am excited to see that we can now purchase the cute little fellers. Sam has quite the imagination in coming up with different characters. They are definitely a fun gift idea for Christmas.

Something new I haven't seen before -- Kathy Hawkins is making and selling project bags. She has some on display and plans on expanding her selection once she retires at the end of this school year. How many more days, Kathy, until that Big Day? I am excited for you.

Well, the next several weeks will be flying by, so I need to start getting serious about shopping. If we all start now, we can finish early and then enjoy the final days leading up to Christmas. Doesn't that sound like a good plan!

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving, and I'll see you on December 7 for our Guild Craft Day. The craft project will be fun, and I'm looking forward to sampling the holiday cookies!

Marla



# Minutes of October 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm. Seventeen members and one guest were present.

The September meeting minutes were approved as distributed in the guild newsletter.

The treasurer reported \$3145.27 in the checking account and \$1010.12 in the scholarship account.

## Old Business

The guild banners were completed and on display at the meeting.

The Longview Public Library demo day is Nov. 18 on the lower floor auditorium. Setup will start at 10:30 and the demo will end at 3 pm. Members should wear nametags and bring display items.

## New Business

Karin Finch will present the December program, which is Furoshiki, fabric gift wrapping.

Members should bring a book or gift to wrap. The wrap can be purchased on Amazon or pieces of scarf or fabric can be used.

## Committee Reports

ANWG offers study grants of \$600 to guilds for program presentations. In addition, the website contains a slideshow from the June workshop.

The next ANWG conference is in Yakima on June 16-21, 2025. Our members can also join two study groups. One is weaving and the other is tapestry weaving.

Ardice and Kristen are working on a checkout system for the guild library. Digital versus paper checkout systems were discussed. There are free digital systems.

## Announcements:

There is a Longbeach, WA fiber arts conference, Columbia Pacific Fiber Arts, on Nov. 10-11.

There is a Red Alder conference in February in Tacoma.

Jean and Kristen presented a proposal for the guild website. Susan moved the guild pay \$12 for a website name, and Kathy Leigh moved to approve \$96 for a one-year subscription for an advanced version of wordpress.com, to develop a website having the options desired. Both motions were seconded and carried.

The website name will be -----  
sacajaweafiberguild.org.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32.

*Jean Watson for Joy Winther, Secretary.*



# Show and Share



Carol Bern with her Japanese bag



Marla Imsland with her painted silk scarf



Sam Loftin with her cobweb wet-felted scarf



Kristen Buchanan with her hand spun  
yarn

## Scenes from the Longview Library Demonstration Day





