



Fall Meeting – October 13 2018

**Kirkwood Community College
Linn County Regional Center
1770 Boyson Road
Hiawatha, Iowa 52233**



Hosted by the Cedar Rapids Area Fiber Artists

Registration and Vendors open at 9am

Registration Fee of \$25, payable at the door --- Lunch is on your own

We are fortunate and excited to have

[Carol Leigh of Hillcreek Fiber Studio](http://hillcreekfiberstudio.com)

hillcreekfiberstudio.com

as our guest speaker doing a discussion and demo of two of her books

In the morning

**“Continuous Strand Weaving Method Techniques and Projects
for Triangle, Square, and Rectangle Frame Looms”**

Carol will be working on the big triangle loom showing her techniques and will have samples of what you can make with these looms and technique.

There will be a Fashion Show of her hand woven garments

In the afternoon

“Nature Provides Dyes for Rainbows”

Carol will be showing how to work with natural dyes to create colors on several types of fibers. She will have samples of her dye work on display as well.

Carol and her husband, Dennis Kaiser, will also have a vendor booth where they will have looms, books, kits and various other items for sale. They will be available to answer any questions you might have.

Snacks and beverages provided

Several local restaurants for lunch

Schedule

7:00 am – Vendor Set Up

9:00 am – Attendee Sign in and Vendor shopping

Check in for Popular Choice entries:

Items can be woven, knit, crocheted, felted, sewn, etc.

The categories for Popular Choice are:

1. Heads – Hands - Feet
2. Sweaters – Shrugs – Ponchos - Jackets
3. Shawls - Wraps
4. Scarves – Cowls
5. Home (pillows, decorations, kitchen, ornaments, towels, throws etc.)
6. Bags
7. Handspun Yarn

10:00 am – Conference begins with Welcome message and Announcements

10:00am to 11:30am – **Carol Leigh – Continuous Strand Weaving Method**

11:30 – 1:00 - Break for lunch - See “Nearby Restaurants Flyer” for lunch options

Vendor shopping

Voting for Popular Choice

11:30 – 12:30 IA Federation Officer Meeting

1:00 – 2:00 - IA Federation Membership Meeting – Popular Choice Awards – Door Prize Drawings

2:00 to 3:30 – **Carol Leigh – Nature Provides Dyes for Rainbows**

3:30 to 5:00 - Vendor shopping

5:00pm – Vendor Break down

Travel directions to Kirkwood Community College, Linn County Regional Center 1770 Boyson Road, Hiawatha, Iowa 52233

- 1) The meeting location is easily accessible off of Interstate 380. It is located just north of Cedar Rapids in Hiawatha.
 - If you are going North on I380, go through Cedar Rapids and into Hiawatha. Take the **Boyson Road** exit and turn left (West).
 - If you are going South on I380, as you get into Hiawatha (before entering Cedar Rapids), take the **Boyson Road** exit and turn right (West).
- 2) Go past the car dealerships on the right, and continue a few (3 or 4) blocks West on Boyson Road.
- 3) The Kirkwood Regional Center is on the right. There is a blue sign that says “Kirkwood Regional Center Linn County” in the front of the building, and parking is in the back. The entrance is in the back as well.

If you get to the intersection with Miller Road, you’ve gone a little too far. .

Vendors

Fiber Curios, Kim Specht, Lamb Lane, Plum Creek Fiber Folk, R Rabbit's Fiber Studio, Ristow's, Sunrise Suris, 3 Gals Baskets and Yarn Geek

Nearby Restaurants in Hiawatha, Iowa

Right across the street from the meeting facility

Lucky Penny – Sports bar – casual dining
1705 Boyson Rd, Hiawatha, IA 52233

Karma Coffee Shop – Sandwiches, salads, soups – Vegan and GF options
1725 Boyson Rd, Hiawatha, IA 52233

Less than a mile away from the meeting facility

Oscar's Restaurant – Family Dining
768 N Center Point Rd, Hiawatha, IA 52233

Culvers of Hiawatha – Burgers, Shakes, Assorted sandwiches and drinks
1005 N Center Point Rd, Hiawatha, IA 52233

Pita'z Mediterranean and American Cuisine
1057 N Center Point Rd, Hiawatha, IA 52233

Tomaso's Pizza – several different varieties of pizza and beverages
1061 N Center Point Rd, Hiawatha, IA 52233

Roasters Coffee Shop – coffee, tea, pastries, cookies
1059 N Center Point Rd, Hiawatha, IA 52233

Plan ahead: Spring 2019 Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners

The Little Sioux Spinners and Weavers Guild, in Northwest Iowa, is hosting the Spring 2019 meeting at the Nature Center in Pocahontas on April 27, 2019. Our speaker is Anastasia Williams, owner of Garden Wool and Dye, from Elk Point, SD. She is a hand-dyer who uses natural sources, such as plants, flowers and insects to obtain the colors. The morning program will be about the importance of ethics and sustainability when choosing fibers. The afternoon will be a "Yarn Tasting", where we will learn about natural dyeing and each attendee will receive mini skeins to "test" and feel the difference of these dyes while knitting. Watch the Facebook page for more news.

UNCOMMON THREADS

Midwest Weavers' Conference 2019 - Grinnell, Iowa - June 20-22, 2019

Planning for the 2019 Midwest Weavers Association conference in Grinnell continues. The final roster of instructors has been posted to the [MWA website](#) and our Facebook page, [MWA 2019: Uncommon Threads](#). We think we have some great classes planned for weavers and spinners.

There are still many opportunities to participate in planning and hosting this conference. If you would like to volunteer, contact any of our committee members: Cathy Willoughby, Linda Bergquist, Vicki Tardy, Bev Pennell, Lucy Hanson, Sue Fairchild, Lois Lembke or our MWA liaison, Betty Huttner.

Save the date! June 20-22, 2019. Pre-conference June 17-19



The Northeast Iowa Weavers and Spinners Guild will host an open house and sale on
Saturday, October 27, 10:00-4:00 and
Sunday, October 28, 12:00-4:00
at the guild's Fiber Arts Studio, 3257 W. 4th St., Waterloo, IA. There will be
SHOPPING, REFRESHMENTS, and DEMONSTRATIONS

Browse an assortment of items made by the Guild's fiber artists, such as rugs, scarves, table runners, hats, and bags as well as locally produced yarn and fiber.



IowaStateFair

Go to the Iowa State Fair [Competition Results](#) for the ribbon winners in this year's spinning, weaving, knitting and other fabric and threads categories. Thanks to our members for entering the fair contests and keeping the fiber arts alive in Iowa.



Have you met our new Vice President?

Barbara Zumdom of Lamb Lane farm lives in Southeast Iowa in Fort Madison. She was raised in a family of sheep producers and has been involved in the sheep industry for 60 years. She started her spinning flock in 1978 and loves to experiment with different wools and breeds. Currently she and her husband run a flock of 70 Blueface Leicester, Romney and Teeswaters crosses.

From Our President:

A lot has been going on since the Spring Federation meeting. Officers stepped into new roles and paperwork and archives have been transferred.

One of the most pressing items on my mind is our Constitution and Bylaws. As I read through them I found items that needed to be updated. We developed a committee at the Spring meeting to review these items and I have asked that the updated document be included in the newsletter. Please take time to review the proposed changes and provide me with any additional feedback so we will be able to vote on these at the Fall meeting.



I am looking forward to getting to meet each of the guilds during the coming years so that I can see what other groups are doing and share experiences with everyone. Guild presidents please check your groups listing on the website and make sure it is correct. If any information is incorrect please speak with me at the meeting so we can get this updated. If there is anything that you would like to have me assist you with let me know as I am here to help you promote the fiber arts that we all love and enjoy.

Mary McCusker

All new text is indicated in bold type, underlined, and has asterisks before and after the changed information. Deleted text is ~~crossed out~~.

Constitution and Bylaws

Article I NAME

The name of this organization shall be Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners.

Article II PURPOSE

Section 1 To encourage co-operation between individuals and organized groups focused on weaving, spinning and related fiber arts in the State of Iowa.

Section 2 To help all Iowa fiber artisans achieve a high standard of their craft.

Section 3 To promote exhibits and programs stimulating public interest in the arts and crafts of weaving, spinning and related fiber arts.

Article III MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any individual interested in weaving, spinning and related fiber arts.

Article IV ~~DUES~~ ****Financial Policy****

Section 1 ~~Dues for members shall be \$4.00 for a lifetime.~~ ****Dues are paid once for a lifetime membership.****

Section 2 Dues may be increased upon recommendation of the Executive Board by two thirds vote of members present at any regular meeting without amending the bylaws.

Section 3 \$150 is to be held by Treasurer for general Federation expenses. Any amount over this shall be designated as a "cushion fund" to be used by a host guild to defray any loss they may sustain in presenting a regular Federation meeting. (****A cushion fund is**** not intended to subsidize speaker costs.)

Section 4 A reasonable registration program fee may be determined by the sponsoring guild.
****Section 5 In case of emergency, the Executive Board is authorized to spend an amount not to exceed \$250 for the benefit of the Federation.**** (moved from VII.2)

Article IV MEETINGS

****Section 1**** There shall be a Federation meeting in the spring and fall of each year.

****Section 2**** The exact date is to be determined by the host guild.

****Section 3**** All Federation Meetings will be held within the State of Iowa.

****Section 4 A Parliamentarian may be appointed for any meeting and will rule on matters according to Robert's Rules of Order.**** (moved from VII.3)

Article IV OFFICERS AND DUTIES ****EXECUTIVE BOARD****

Section 1 Elected officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

****Section 2 Other voting Board members may be appointed as necessary to conduct proper business of the Federation.****

Section 2 ****3**** A Nominating Committee shall report at a spring meeting with a slate of candidates consenting to serve if elected. Nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 3 ****4**** New officers shall take office immediately after the meeting and serve for two years.

Section 4 ****5**** A vacancy of the President's office shall be filled by the Vice President. Other vacancies shall be filled by election at the next meeting.

Section 5 ****6**** Duties of all officers shall be the same as those usually set out in Robert's Rules of Order.

****Section 7 The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers, immediate past president, when possible, and one member from each guild or locality represented in the Federation.**** (from VII.2)

****Section 8 The membership list containing all contact information for each member shall be available to the elected officers, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The elected officers may share the contact information with the chair of any standing or ad hoc committee if necessary for the committee to perform their duties for the Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners.****

Article VII COMMITTEES

Necessary ****standing and ad hoc**** committees shall be appointed by the President.

Article VIII AMENDING BYLAWS These bylaws may be amended at any meeting by two

thirds vote of those present provided a written copy has been sent to all members at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

Article IX DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Federation all funds in the Treasury shall be given to the scholarship fund of the Midwest Weavers Conference.

**The Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners
Executive Board Meeting
Johnson County Fairgrounds
Iowa City, Iowa**

April 14, 2018

Members Present:

Stephanie Van Housen	Secretary	CG IC
Vicki Tardy		CG IC
Linda Ryden		Valley
Willie Offerman		Des Moines
Cindy Griese		Des Moines
Mary McCusker		NEIA
Sheryl Streeper	Treasurer	Gateway
Diane Davison		NEIA
Rebecca Roush	President	NEIA
Kathy Barth		
Daisy Murfty		

The board meeting was called to order at 12:39PM.

The nominating Committee of Karen Agee and Sue Rinkleff and Ellen Sakornbut will present a slate for President - Mary McCusker; VP - Barbara Zumdom; Treasurer- Glenn Davison; Secretary - Rebecca Roush at the Spring Members meeting later in the day. The new slate, if elected, is to start Fall 2018.

Discussion was had and it was agreed to return Newsletter Editor to the secretary duties as described in the Roberts Rules of Order.

Discussion was had about Social Media and it was agreed to continue working as a subcommittee with Mary McCusker (President), Rebecca Roush (Secretary) and Stephanie Van Housen (Social Media) to increase our presence on the web. It was agreed to call for additional help on the Communications Committee (Facebook, Blog, Ravelry, and Newsletter) in the general meeting.

Discussion was had re: Treasurer's Report as in Newsletter, to accept and file for audit using the forms as developed.

Vicki T made a short presentation about progress on Midwest Weavers Conference 2019.

Discussion was had about reviewing and updating the by-laws. Mary M made a motion to call for a committee of at least 2-3 volunteers, seconded Vicki T with unanimous approval. The timing would need to be such that the proposed changes go to the board by August 1, and to the general membership by Sept 1 for a vote at the Fall Meeting (members need to see 1 month prior to the fall meeting). Mary McCusker agreed to lead the committee.

Discussion about use of the email list concluded the email list should only be used by officers and this should be added into the by-laws.

Discussion about State Fair entries, Iowa Sheep and Wool.

Motion to close the meeting by Daisy Murfthy.

Respectfully Submitted-
Stephanie Van Housen

The Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners
Member Meeting
Johnson County Fairgrounds
Iowa City, Iowa

April 14, 2018

Rebecca Roush, President, called the meeting to order at 1:24PM at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Iowa City.

Grace Tully called a motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2017 meeting and vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report was presented as listed in Newsletter. Grace motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report and the vote was unanimous.

Rebecca reported that 8 new members joined at the Spring meeting.

The Nominating Committee, composed of Ellen Sakornbut, Sue Rinkleff and Karen Agee, presented a slate of officers:

President: Mary McCusker
VP: Barbara ZumDome
Treasurer: Glenn Davison
Secretary: Rebecca Roush

There were no nominations from the floor. Vicki Tardy moved we vote by acclamation for this slate and the motion/slate was unanimously approved.

Members were informed of the return to the Roberts Rules of Order for assignment of Officer duties.

There was a call for volunteers to the Social Media and Communications Committee and Brenda Suckow of Decorah volunteered.

There was a call for volunteers for the committee to clean up and review the by-laws- Mary McCusker and Karen Agee agreed to this task.

Announcements included the Fall Federation meeting in Hiawatha on October 13, with Carol Leigh as the speaker and a single-strand weaving activity.

Winners of the Viewer's Choice awards went to:

Handspun Yarn -Julianna Waechter
Handspun/Handwoven -Vicki Tardy
Handspun: Handknit- Rebecca Roush
Handwoven/Commercial Yarn - Diane Davidson

Check out photos of the winners and their entries on the [Iowa Federation Facebook page](#).

Respectfully Submitted
Stephanie Van Housen
Secretary

**Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners
Treasurer's Report
August 2018**

Checking account balance on 2-24-2018 **\$6224.74**

EXPENSES

Copy Works	\$ 41.73
Maquoketa Postal Service (stamps)	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
-	\$ 91.73

Spring Fed. Meeting Expenses 2018

Fee for Speaker	\$300.00 (Joan Ruan)
Half of air travel	\$274.00
Half of baggage fee	\$ 25.00
Speaker Meals	\$ 40.00
<u>Total pd to speaker</u>	\$639.00
Facility Fee	\$600.00
Food	\$648.77
Supplies	\$1267.29

Total Spring 2018 meeting expense **\$1906.29**

TOTAL EXPENSES **(\$1998.02)**

INCOME

Spring 2018 Meeting income

Meeting attendance	\$1605.00
9 new members	\$ 72.00

Total Spring meeting income **\$1677.00**

TOTAL INCOME **\$1677.00**

Ending Checking Account Balance as of August 29, 2018 **\$5903.72**

Certificate of Deposit value on 2/14/2018	\$3197.50
• Interest 5/14/18	\$3.90
• Interest 8/14/18	N/A

Certificate of Deposit value on 5/14/2018 **\$3201.40**

Total balance of all accounts: **\$9105.12**

Respectfully submitted by Iowa Federation Treasurer Glenn Davison

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No group in your area? Start a new one!!! Please contact Mary McCusker to make changes to this list.

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