



**Eight enterprising women started *The Greater Vancouver Weavers' & Spinners' Guild* in 1935. Today, we have over one hundred fifty members.**

Interesting monthly programs, workshops and study groups are arranged to appeal to beginners as well as more advanced weavers, spinners, dyers, basket makers and other fibre artists. The guild promotes and supports weaving and spinning in the Greater Vancouver area by sponsoring lectures, workshops, shows and exhibitions as well as producing a website and informative newsletter five times annually.

Members may take advantage of the Scholarship fund and also make use of a variety of rental equipment and our library. Our extensive textile library contains over 900 books and periodicals.

New members and guests are graciously welcome. The Guild meets monthly at the Aberthau Community Centre, alternating afternoon and evening meetings.

The current membership fee is \$30.

For general inquires, [Info@gvwsG.com](mailto:Info@gvwsG.com)

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## **Welcome to the *Greater Vancouver Weavers' & Spinners' Guild.***

As a new member, we hope that this will be the beginning of a long and rewarding affiliation. We trust you will become an enthusiastic participant in many aspects of the Guild's activities.

Returning members, we value your long-standing participation and hope your experience with the Guild continues to support your weaving and spinning endeavours.

Your active membership in the Guild allows access to the following:

- Guild library
- Rental of weaving and spinning equipment
- Application for scholarship
- Attendance at workshops and seminars
- Guild newsletter, published five times annually
- Guild website with links to members' fibre related websites and/or blogs
- Special interest groups
- Interchange of ideas and information with others interested in spinning and weaving.

This information is designed to acquaint you with some of the aforementioned aspects of your membership. We encourage you to take the time to read the accompanying information.

If you have any questions, please get in touch through the email Contact.

## **education Committee**

The Education committee develops and coordinates opportunities for learning to weave and spin by negotiating with organizations to provide suitable facilities for weaving lessons and identifying instructors who are members of the Guild. The goal is to promote weaving instruction within the larger community.

contact      Education Chair      Education@gvwsg.com

## **interest groups**

Small interest groups meet on a regular basis at areas around the Lower Mainland to share ideas, work through themed projects and encourage members to explore a specific topic in fibre arts.

The Spinning Group meets every fourth Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Contact      Spinninggroup@gvwsg.com

Intoweave Challenge Group meets every 2 or 3 months depending on participants schedules for a potluck lunch, show n' tell, and support for latest challenge. Weaving challenges have a relaxed completion dates. Location of the meeting changes from session to session. If you wish to join or visit for a meeting

Contact      Intoweave@gvwsg.com

Block Weave study group meets about every 4-6 weeks at the home of Linda Knowles on Thursdays at 1pm. Meeting dates are decided by the group for the next meeting. We share information about different block weaves and show samples of what we have done.

Contact      BlockWeave@gvwsg.com

There are have also been groups for Tapestry Weaving, Design, Warp Painting, Shadow Weave, Basket Weaving and Collapse Weave.

Participation may be limited due to space in participants' homes. Members are encouraged to start new interest groups. See the newsletter for date, time and location of upcoming meetings.

Questions about any of the Interest Groups can be directed through Contact Us on the website.      www.gvwsg.com

*Or    General Inquiries      Info@gvwsg.com*

## **library**

The GVWSG has an extensive library of over 900 titles, including instructional videos and the latest magazines. Please refer to the on-line library catalogue to search for reference materials to support your project(s) or for inspiration!

Borrowing privileges are extended to all members. A reasonable number of books or periodicals may be taken out and kept for two months. Books and other items may be mailed to out-of-town members upon request. This is done at the member's expense both ways for postage and insurance. Please contact the Library Chairperson for details.

*Library Hours:*      Daytime Thursday Meetings      11:30 to 12:20  
                                 Evening Thursday Meetings      6: 30 - 7: 20 pm

The library is also open during the break at most meetings between the business meeting and the program.

*Fines:* Overdue fines are charged at a rate of \$1 per item per month.

*Library Chair*                      Library@gvwsg.com

## **local discounts** (click to link each vendor below)

10% discount will be given on presentation of your current membership card at the following shops and online stores (some restrictions apply):

88 Stitches	<a href="http://88stitches.com/">http://88stitches.com/</a>
Baaad Anna's	<a href="https://baaadannas.wordpress.com/">https://baaadannas.wordpress.com/</a>
Langley Yarns & Crafts	<a href="http://www.langleyyarns.com/">http://www.langleyyarns.com/</a>
Maiwa Supply	<a href="http://www.maiwa.com/stores/supply/supply.html">http://www.maiwa.com/stores/supply/supply.html</a>
Silk Weaving Studio	<a href="http://www.silkweavingstudio.com/">http://www.silkweavingstudio.com/</a>
SweetGeorgia Yarn	<a href="http://www.sweetgeorgiayarns.com/">http://www.sweetgeorgiayarns.com/</a>
Three Bags Full	<a href="http://threebagsfull.ca/">http://threebagsfull.ca/</a>
Urban Yarns (2 locations)	<a href="http://www.urbanyarns.com/">http://www.urbanyarns.com/</a>
Wet Coast Wools Ltd.	<a href="http://wetcoastwools.com/">http://wetcoastwools.com/</a>

## **mentor program**

The mentor coordinates volunteer mentors to offer advice and help to novice and intermediate weavers and spinners who would like to have an experienced weaver and/or spinner to call upon. The mentor can offer advice and guidance with a problem with a current or planned project but does not provide beginning weaving lessons.

Questions about the Mentor program can be directed to [Mentor@gvwsg.com](mailto:Mentor@gvwsg.com)

## **newsletter**

The *Greater Vancouver Weavers' and Spinners' Guild Newsletter* is published five times a year in September, November, January, March and May. Articles should be emailed to the Editor by the 1st day of those months. Commercial advertisements should be emailed [Advert@gvwsg.com](mailto:Advert@gvwsg.com)

Questions about the Guild newsletter can be directed to [Newsletter@gvwsg.com](mailto:Newsletter@gvwsg.com)

## **notices & announcements: Weavers' News**

Email notices and announcements are sent to members by email the week before a meeting and when there is a message that is urgent or when there are a number of messages.

We do not send out attachments with Weavers' News.

If you would like to send a message via Weavers' News, please type up your information in an e-mail and send it to [WeaversNews@gvwsg.com](mailto:WeaversNews@gvwsg.com)

## **programs**

At our regular monthly meetings, we try to keep our business as short as possible in order to allow time for the programs and for Show & Tell, where the members are encouraged to bring their latest fibre projects and acquisitions for sharing. Guest speakers are invited for a short program following the daytime business meeting and before the evening business meeting. Suggestions for possible speakers are always welcome.

Questions about the programs can be directed to [Programs@gvwsg.com](mailto:Programs@gvwsg.com)

## **scholarship fund**

Active members of the Greater Vancouver Weavers' & Spinners' Guild are eligible to apply for the Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is available as a non-repayable grant i.e. bursary or award. Recipients' experience in textiles and fibre arts may range from limited to high levels of expertise. Formal application for scholarship or bursary may be made at any time in writing. See more details on the Memorial Scholarship Fund page on the Guild website.

Contact the *Scholarship Fund Chair* Scholarship@gvwsq.com

## **rentals: weaving & spinning equipment**

For a list of all our available rental equipment, please visit the guild website. Rentals may be arranged at the meetings, by phone or email. In order to rent equipment, the damage deposit must be paid by cheque to the treasurer and will be returned to the member when the equipment is returned in its original condition. Please pay when renting and a receipt will be issued. *There are no refunds*, it is up to you to renew your rent if you did not have a chance to use the equipment. You will be advised where and when to pick up and return equipment. When receiving equipment, please check to see that all the pieces are there. If anything is missing or damaged, please let the Rental person know. Members are expected to reimburse the Guild for lost or damaged equipment. Only members will be allowed to rent Guild equipment. Equipment may be rented for 1-3 months and for further extension if there is not a wait list.

Equipment Rental Contact: Rentals@gvwsq.com

## **website**

The GVWSG website <http://www.gvwsq.com> gives members access to information about upcoming guild programs, workshops, events and more.

Questions about the website can be directed to the *Website Chair*  
Website@gvwsq.com

## **workshops**

Each year, the Guild endeavours to hold a number of workshops for both the beginner and intermediate levels in spinning, weaving, basketry and other fibre-related topics. Look for registration for workshops to be offered in our newsletter, on the website, during meetings or contact the Workshop Committee for current offerings

*Workshops Chair*

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