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Happy New Year!

Because of the annual holiday shuffle, today is the first day I've been able to get a newsletter out to you, our loyal members. And this will be a poor excuse for a newsletter....not very large and not very "meaty." Just some brief announcements that came my way.

January program notes

OKC Meeting: Thursday, January 12 from 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.

The meeting will be at Belle Isle Library, 5501 N. Villa.

The program will be presented by Linda Temple and is entitled The History of Weaving. This program will give a lightning quick tour of 29,000 years of textile history in a 30 minute slide show. Archeological evidence of textile production has been found from as early as 27,000 BC, and many of the materials, techniques, and forms used in ancient times remain in use today. As Mary Schoeser writes in World Textiles, A Concise History, "Such continuity makes textiles unique among all artifacts. Because the making of textiles often involves the creation of the 'ingredients', they are extremely complex and revealing of human ingenuity....It can be argued that as indicators of cultural mechanisms, textiles offer insights into the greatest range of developments, embracing not only technology, agriculture and trade, but also ritual, tribute, language, art and personal identity." Join us for this quick review of the history of weaving, and count yourself, as a textile artist, one of those continuing an ancient and essential human tradition.

January Meetings

Oklahoma City

Date: Thurs., January 12

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Belle Isle Library

Tulsa:

Date: Tues. January 10

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: B Sew Inn

Tulsa Meeting: Tuesday, January 10 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at B Sew Inn, 51st and Sheridan

The program will feature local paper and book artist Milissa Burkhart. Milissa has shown and sold her works in numerous venues and has taught classes in this art at Philbrook Museum.

From Sue Moss Sullivan comes this link for yarn painting

<http://www.fastcodesign.com/1665653/insanely-realistic-portrait-paintings-are-entirely-hand-stitched> A feast for the creative eye!

From Lynn Lucas, this link for info about Convergence 2012

www.weavespindye.org More on that event in February newsletter.



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FAO Membership Dues run from September - August each year. Dues are \$20; please make checks payable to Fiber Artists of Oklahoma and mail to Barbara Klein, 6904 N. Grove Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73132. For questions call 405-728-2200.

We Are On The Web!

<http://www.fiberartistsok.org>

<http://fiberartistok.org/blog/>

ABOUT US:

Fiber Artists of Oklahoma (FAO) is made up of individuals interested in sharing knowledge and promoting appreciation of all aspects of fiber art, including weaving, spinning, embroidery, basketry, felting, papermaking, dyeing, rug hooking, lace-making, beading and quilting. Skill levels of members range from novice to expert, with some members experimenting as hobbyists, and others working as professionals.

Members of FAO participate in various activities during the year to encourage, support, and inform persons interested in fiber art. The organization promotes Fiberworks, a major juried fiber art show featuring Oklahoma artists. Held each year, Fiberworks is now a

nationally respected fiber show.

Fiber Artists of Oklahoma was formerly the Handweavers League of Oklahoma, the name chosen in 1976 by a group of hand weavers who first met in Norman, Oklahoma. Officers were elected, by-laws were written and the first newsletter was published. In 1984 the group began meeting in Oklahoma City and became a statewide organization. A Certificate of Incorporation to become a non-profit [501(c)(3)] group was filed and approved in 1985. In 1978, the organization initiated Fiberworks, a major juried fiber art show that has been held each year since. The Handweavers League was renamed Fiber Artists of Oklahoma in 2006 to better reflect the broader focus of the organization. A Tulsa group was formed in 2008.

Fiber Artists of Oklahoma meets in Oklahoma City the second Thursday from September through November and January through June. All meetings with the exception of the June Potluck dinner meeting are at the Belle Isle Library, 5501 N. Villa, Okla. City at 7:00pm and in Tulsa the second Tuesday of each month at B-Sew-Inn, the Farm Shopping Center at 51st and Sheridan, Tulsa at 6:00pm unless otherwise notified. Tulsa meetings are held year round except December..