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President’s Message

This newsletter has all the information you need to participate in the 2023 Conference, whether you take a workshop, or come to just participate in the events. Please read over the newsletter carefully and if you have any questions, please contact us at:

registration@intermountainweavers.org

Your IWC Board has worked to keep costs as low as possible. We are happy to say that the cost for a three day workshop is \$420. This includes all the events. Also, guests can attend any of the events at no cost. If you are bringing guests to the conference, consider asking them to volunteer to help for a few hours on one day. The IWC Board relies on many volunteers to conduct the conference – we could not make the Conference happen without all of you!

We are still looking for a few board members for the 2023 conference. If you would like to be on the IWC Board, please contact us at:

volunteers@intermountainweavers.org.

Health Precautions

We will continue to monitor the latest guidelines and apply what will keep us all safe and healthy.

T-Shirts

We will be offering T-shirts with the IWC 2023 theme on it. In May of 2023, we will be sending out an email with the information on how to order the T-shirts. You will be able to choose from a selection of styles and colors. The T-shirts will be distributed at the Conference.

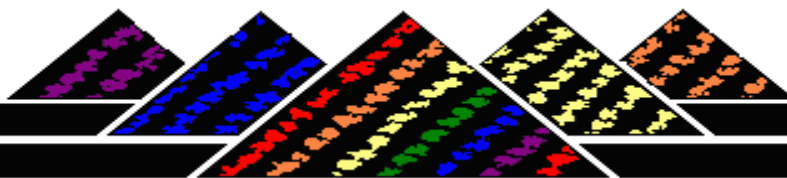
IWC Membership

Keep in mind that you need to be an IWC member to sign up for the classes. See the “Conference Registration” section for how to renew your membership.

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Vendors

If you know of anyone that would like to be a Vendor at the Conference, have them look at the Vendor page on the IWC web site.

In Closing

I am excited about the 2023 Conference – I sure miss old friends and I am looking forward to making new ones!

Nancy Crowley

IWC Board to ensure that selection for classes at the Intermountain Weavers Conferences is done consistently and fairly. The class selection process can be found at:

www.intermountainweavers.org/Class_Selection

This process treats all applications received by midnight on 1 Feb 2023 the same, whether online or by mail. We encourage you to register online if at all possible because it saves a lot of time for the registrar.

Important Dates

1 Feb 2023	Registration opens
1 Mar 2023	Payment due in full
1 Mar 2023	Last day to submit refund requests
2 Mar 2023	Class selection notification via email
1 May 2023	T-shirt orders available

Workshops

We have a great workshop lineup!

The workshop list, workshop images, and information about each workshop can be viewed and downloaded using the following link:

[Workshop Information](#)

Workshop information is also available on the Workshop page on the web site:

<https://www.intermountainweavers.org/workshops>

Class Selection Process

In order to make the selection of class participants fair to everyone, a policy has been adopted by the

Conference Registration

You have to be a current member of IWC to sign up for the 2023 Conference.

The IWC web site is where you go to manage your membership and register for the Conference. The cost for a three-day class is \$420 if you register by 2 Mar 2023.

Use your email address to log in to your member profile. To log in and see your profile, go to:

www.intermountainweavers.org

Click on the blue box with the icon of a person that is in the upper right corner of the web page. If it is your first time to log in or you have forgotten your password, click on “Reset your Password”.

Once you've logged in, you can go into your profile and update and verify your contact information. Please make sure that all of your information is correct and complete.

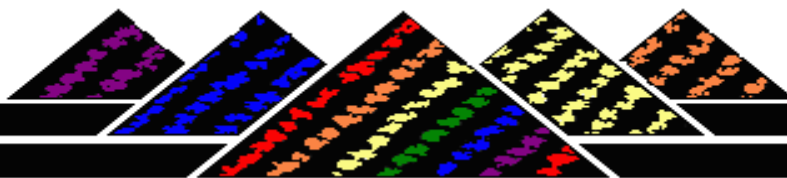
You can use the web site to update your membership so you are an active member for 2 more years. The membership period is for 2 years, and the membership expires at the end of the calendar year.

To update your membership, sign in as described in the “New Web Site” section. You can then pay online

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to update your membership. You can also mail in an application with a check using the paper form at:

<http://www.intermountainweavers.org/join-us>

Also use this page if you do not have an IWC membership.

The workshop, lodging, parking and meal sign-up will be available on 1 Feb 2023 on this web page:

<https://www.intermountainweavers.org/register>

There will also be an application on that page by 25 Jan 2023 that you can print out and mail in.

Anyone can attend the following events: opening night keynote speaker, vendor market, fashion show, and the exhibits. This means your guests and people in the Logan community can come and enjoy many of the activities.

Meals

Two meal package options will be offered:

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner for \$108
- Lunch and dinner for \$77

Breakfast is provided Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Lunch is provided Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Dinner is provided Thursday, Friday, Saturday

There are gluten free and vegetarian options for all meals. Gluten free choices cost an additional \$6. If you are staying at the University Inn, breakfast is provided at the Inn.

Breakfast and dinner will be at a University dining facility. There will be two seating times for breakfast: 7 am and 7:30 am. There will be two seating times for dinner: 5 pm and 5:30 pm. You will receive cards in your conference bag that will specify your seating time. Feel free to exchange your meal times with

someone else if you want to. The meals are served buffet style.

Breakfast will include bacon, sausage, eggs, a starch, biscuits and gravy, a specialty item (waffles, pancakes, b-fast sand, blintzes, parfait), cereal, pastries, fruit, milk, juice.

Dinner will include 1 entree, vegetables, starch, extra side, salad bar, deli bar, dessert, fruit, soda, milk, juices.

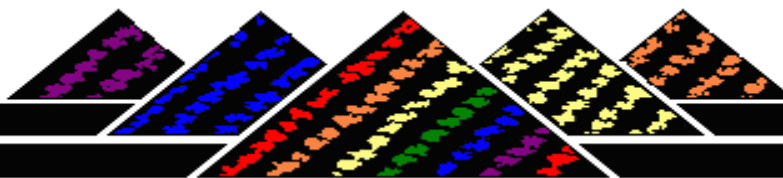
Lunch will be box lunches. You will select the sandwich you want for each day when you purchase the meal package. The lunches will include drinks and a cookie or fruit. You will pick up your box lunches at the Conference Center and eat them there, go outside and enjoy the campus, or visit the vendors and exhibits.

There will be a form to sign up for meals on the web site. The form allows you to sign up for one meal package. If you are bringing a guest, you will be able to use the form more than one time so you can sign up for more than one meal package.

Lodging

There will be three lodging options available at the 2023 Conference:

1. University dorms. The air-conditioned rooms have two single beds that are equipped with sheets, pillows and pillowcases. You need to provide towels, blankets, cooking supplies and utensils, and toiletries. There is a shared kitchen area with a refrigerator and microwave, and two bathrooms per suite. Each suite has three rooms with two beds and two rooms with one bed, but the University will only be renting the rooms with two beds. You will be able to sign up for the dorm rooms starting 1 Feb 2023 when registration opens.



When you sign up for a dorm room, you can select one bed or both beds in a room. You would select both beds in a room if you want to have a room to yourself, or if you have someone traveling with you. If you select one bed, you can specify the person you want to be in the other bed in the room. The dorm room cost is \$33 per bed per night.

2. The University Inn. The Inn is a hotel on campus that is near all of the Conference activities. There will be a link for signing up for a room at the Conference rate starting 1 Feb 2023 when registration opens. The Conference rate for the rooms is \$109 for the double rooms, and \$119 for the deluxe king rooms, plus 12.57% tax.
3. Local hotels. There are a lot of hotel options in Logan: [Logan hotel list](#)

USU is a dry campus so alcohol is not permitted in the dorms. However, alcohol is permitted in the rooms in the University Inn.

You can sign up for a dorm room on this page starting on 1 Feb 2023:

<https://www.intermountainweavers.org/register>

Parking

Parking is free if you are staying in the University Inn.

If you are staying in the dorms or off campus, you will need to purchase a parking pass. This pass gives you unlimited access in and out of the parking lot. The parking lot is near the dorms.

The parking pass is \$28.50 and is good for the entire time you are at the conference. This is a special rate for the Conference – the passes are normally \$10 per day.

You can purchase a parking pass on this page starting on 1 Feb 2023:

<https://www.intermountainweavers.org/register>

Golf Carts

All of the venues are within easy walking distance but for those needing assistance we will have golf carts available to travel to the venues, exhibits, and vendor hall. We will provide a phone number to call if you need golf cart transportation.

Loom Assistance

We are hiring 2 students to help with getting your looms into and out of the classrooms. They will be available on Thursday afternoon and Sunday from 4 pm to 6 pm. We will provide a phone number to call if you need assistance.

Loom Rental

If you would like to fly to the conference and rent a loom that you will warp on Thursday before the conference starts, please contact us **before** you sign up for a workshop to see if we can provide a loom for rent. Email us at:

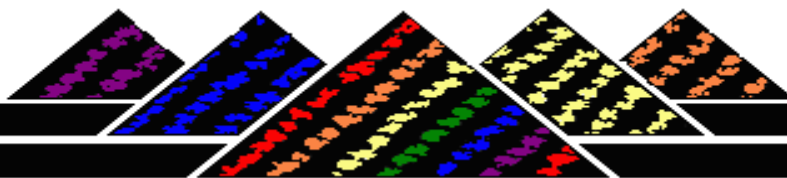
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Travel to Logan

If you fly into the Salt Lake International airport, you do not need to rent a car. There is a shuttle that will take you to the USU campus. You can see shuttle information here:

<https://saltlakeexpress.com/destination/logan-usu-ut/>

Select the Salt Lake Airport as the start and then Logan (USU) as the destination.



Raffle Baskets

Finally, it is time for these wonderful traditions we have all missed! The Raffle Baskets and Silent Auction are used to raise funds for the next IWC Conference. Tickets for the Raffle are \$1 each or \$5 for 6.

Examples of items to donate for the raffle and silent auction include: skeins of yarn, beads, silk remnants, roving, books, tools, handmade and handwoven items and gift certificates.

In order to make the process manageable, the baskets will be broken into two groups. The first group will be raffled off Friday evening before dinner, and the second group Saturday evening before the Fashion Show. The ticket numbers selected during the raffle process will be posted on a white board at the Registration Desk through Sunday. Baskets will be available for pickup at the Registration Desk Saturday and Sunday during the hours the registration desk is open.

If a basket is not picked up by noon on Sunday, another number will be pulled and the new number will be posted on the white board by the registration desk.

1.IWC asks that only new/unused items be donated for the raffle baskets. This is not a place to recycle your stash.

2.IWC asks that each guild limit their baskets to six or less. For each basket, provide a list of what is in the basket and the name of your guild/donor.

3.IWC will wrap each basket in clear plastic with the contents and guild/donor noted on each basket. The drawing day will be listed on the basket.

Silent Auction

IWC has a silent auction that consists of items from vendors, workshop leaders and members. Each

year, there are many great items up for auction. Please bring something to the Conference and give it to us at Registration. We really appreciate all you give!

Exhibits

We have two exhibits at IWC: the Celebration of Fiber and the Leaders and Board Show.

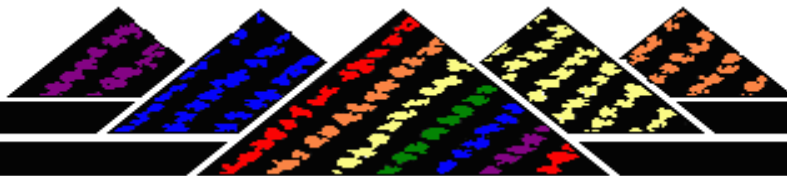
The Leader and Board Show showcases the work of the workshop leaders and the IWC board members.

The Celebration of Fiber is a non-juried exhibit of IWC members' work. We would like to encourage all IWC member attendees of the 2023 Conference to submit one or two pieces for this show. There will be several awards sponsored by various fiber organizations in addition to IWC—including the ever-popular People's Choice Award. IWC will be sponsoring the following cash awards:

- People's Choice Award: \$100 first place, \$50 second place, \$25 third place
- Functional wearable: \$100
- Functional non-wearable: \$100
- Non-functional: \$100
- Best Use of Handspun: \$100
- Best Work by a Novice: \$100
- Best Embodies Phoenix Rising from the Fiber: \$100 first place, \$50 second place, \$25 third place

The Conference theme for 2023 is "Phoenix Rising From the Fiber". Some of you may experiment with new fibers or apply a rediscovered technique to make it new. Some may want to perfect their tried-and-true techniques. This is your chance to show off your work whether it is functional or just fun.

Work must have been completed since the last Conference (July 2019). It is easy to enter—no pictures, no jurying. An online form will be available once registration opens on 1 Feb 2023 on this page:



[Celebration of Fiber Sign-Up](#)

A paper form will also be available at the Conference registration table. Bring your submission(s) with you to the registration table at the Conference, and please make note that hanging devices, mannequins or other display equipment will need to be provided along with specific instructions if desired.

Fashion Show

We are excited to extend a special invitation to all you fiber artists to participate in the upcoming Intermountain Weavers Conference Fashion Show.

This event is a highlight of Conferences and is anticipated by many. It's an opportunity to share the beautiful things you weave with the community and your friends. If your talent is dishtowels, ask a friend to model one or two. Table runners make great shawls and scarves. The options for creativity at this event are endless. This is a fun opportunity to create inside and outside of your comfort zone.

It is through sharing our creativity, our talent, and art that we build our guild organizations and fiber communities. These relationships last a lifetime.

We encourage all those interested in participating to begin planning their projects for the fashion show.

Now is the time to start creating so we can share with others the strides and accomplishments we experience as we work on our projects each day. Be inspired by the beauty of the fiber, nature, and the colors around you.

Market

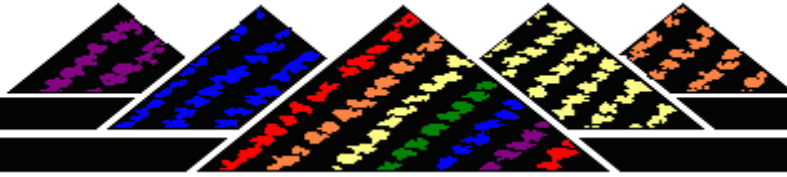
The IWC Market has always been an important component of the Intermountain Weavers Conference. As usual, we will have a variety of vendors and merchandise for fiber artists. We will post the selected vendors on our website.

Volunteers

IWC would not be possible without all the volunteers that make it happen. We need volunteers at the Conference to help with registration, exhibits, raffle baskets, the fashion show, the silent auction and the vendors. If you can volunteer, check the box on the application that says you can volunteer, and we will contact you to find a good fit. There are volunteer opportunities for people attending as guests, and people taking a class.



"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life"-Amy Poehler



Handweavers Guild of America (HGA)



Through the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. Grants program, we provide financial assistance for HGA Members to take non-accredited fiber art workshops and classes or to attend a fiber art regional Conference. We also offer financial assistance to those members teaching beginning weaving and spinning students.

HGA Grants

Silvio and Eugenia Petrini Grant

Established in 1994 to honor Silvio and Eugenia Petrini, longtime supporters of HGA and the fiber arts community, this fund makes a grant of \$300 per individual. The application is open to HGA members for study in a non-accredited fiber art program of any skill level.

Mearl K. Gable II Memorial Grant

Established in 2000 to honor Mearl K. Gable II, a generous supporter of the Weavers Guild of the North Shore, Inc. (WGNS) and the fiber art community, this fund awards grants in the amounts of \$100 or more per applicant. The application is open to all HGA members for study in a non-accredited fiber art program of any skill level (not including the Certificate

of Excellence program or any certified program) and may be used for research and studies connected with the fiber arts. Within six months of completing the studies, the recipient will be required to make a report to the WGNS either in person or by video, slides, notebook and samples, etc.

Teach-It-Forward Grant

Funded by the donations to HGA's Fiber Trust, this Grant awards \$500 each year. The application is open to HGA members who teach beginning weavers or spinners in a private studio, shop or school; who are bringing new people to the craft; and who have an innovative plan or proposal.

