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## Past President Letter

### Dates to Remember

June 28, 2024 -  
September 5, 2024  
[Interplay Exhibition](#)

July 6-9, 2024  
CW Seminars 2024  
Wichita, KS

July 2024  
Complexity 2024  
1307 N Rock Rd,  
Wichita, KS



Interlacements - Brenda Gibson

It is a sad time for me as my final job on the Board of Directors (BOD) is fast coming to a close. For two years, beginning in 2020, I served as your president and then for the last two years, as your immediate past president.

This has been a very interesting and worthwhile time for me. Please know that I did not come to the presidency job with a lot of board experience for Complex Weavers. I'd been active as a registration chairperson for one year when *Seminars* was in Florida and served as chair for both *Off the Runway* and the *MarketPlace* at *Seminars* in St Charles, Illinois.

In my job as an elementary teacher, I served in many capacities, like chair of the curriculum committee, chair of the computer technology committee, and president, vice president, and secretary for the teachers association. Furthermore, I had experience of president, secretary, sale chairperson, and several other jobs in my local weavers guild. I served as secretary and president for Michigan League of Handweavers and additionally served as their conference and workshops registration chairperson for twelve years. 2004 to 2006 found me as co-chair of the effort to bring *Convergence* to Grand Rapids, Michigan, until I resigned after two years because it conflicted with my teaching job. That day of resignation, was a very sad day for me!

It was my belief that if I was going to be in those kind of groups, it was my duty to also serve in leadership positions, and help out where, or when, needed.

It was with that in mind when asked to serve as president of Complex Weavers, I asked them to wait a couple of days for an answer. After talking with my spouse, I took on that very important leadership role. There were several learning curves for this position, but it was a wonderful experience for me. First of all, I met the amazing people on the BOD. They are very dedicated to making CW work for its members, and they give a lot of themselves, and their time, to get CW BOD to function as smoothly, as possible. They were very willing to assist me whenever asked to do so. For the Annual Meeting, during Covid, I was in the hospital a couple of days before the meeting with a heart issue.



Cathy McCarthy

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## Past Present Letter, continued

The Board went into overdrive, with the two former presidents on the Board taking over to run that meeting. You all were in very good hands!

I look back with extreme fondness. The immediate past president before me was very helpful! Other members also gave advice when asked, and stepped up to the plate when extra things came along. It was a lot of fun for me to see the Board of Directors function so well together.

I am sharing this with you so you can realize that you all have skills above and beyond weaving, and those skills can come into play very nicely should you ever be approached to do a job for CW. CW does need quite a few members' assistance to keep our organization, and *Seminars*, running smoothly. And, just like happened to me, you will increase your weaving friendships, understand more of the functioning of CW, and walk away with a bit of sadness, as well as a great feeling to have had the opportunity to serve CW!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your president, and immediate past president.

Sincerely,  
Cathy McCarthy

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## Final Notes from a Reluctant Seminars Chair.

This is it!!! The last report before *CW Seminars 2024*.

YOU ONLY HAVE A FEW MORE DAYS TO REGISTER!!! And *CW Seminars* are such an incredible deal this year. In addition to the fun, community and learning you get from in person seminars, you get an all access pass to the Weavers Handshake; 3 collections of recordings of the seminar. It is an amazing value.



If you're registered, you should have gotten a confirmation letter by now. If you haven't, let me know ASAP.  
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We hope you are finishing up and/or packing up pieces for the Off The Runway exhibit and the Fashion Show. And if you have something for the Poster Session, and haven't already, get in touch with Suzannah Day ([smisle@gmail.com](mailto:smisle@gmail.com)).

Are you getting your shopping lists ready for the MarketPlace? There will be gorgeous handpainted yarns from Janet Stollnitz of Spring Looms, Treenway Silk and Teresa Ruch. Ivy DeHart will have her innovations for handpainting yarns, Virginia Postrel will have her wonderful book *Fabric of Civilization*. I bet she'll even autograph a copy for you! More books (and pins) from Complex Weavers and we will have the chance to see the amazing pieces from Mahota Textiles in person and acquire a few for ourselves. Plus surprises you can't live without on the Silent Auction table and the Sandra Hutton towel table.

Meals have been carefully planned to give everyone lots of options. I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to having someone else do the cooking (and dishes!) for a few days. And while it will be warm outside as we are in our seminars, the Arkansas River is a lovely spot for a walk in the morning.

So be sure to get plenty of rest, take your Fish Oil or whatever to be ready to LEARN.

See you in Wichita!!!

Michele Belson  
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## Sneak Peek at CW Seminars' Weavers Handshake Offerings + Early Bird Discount!

**Weavers Handshake** is Complex Weavers' new online learning platform. For the first offering, 14 sessions from *CW Seminars 2024* will be recorded and published for on-demand viewing this fall/spring (depending on hemisphere).

### Pre-sales

**All-access passes and three different class bundles will be available for pre-sale July 9, 2024, at the close of CW Seminars in Wichita.** The online programming will be offered at no additional charge to those registered for *CW Seminars 2024*.



### Member Coupon Code

CW members not attending *Seminars* in person should check their email July 9 for a link to the Weavers Handshake site, PLUS a **\$25(US) coupon code** on July 9. Make sure to locate your member coupon code in your email **BEFORE** making a purchase. Coupons cannot be applied after a purchase is complete. Also be aware purchases from some locations may be charged sales tax.

### Content Preview

**Bundle 1:** View September 1—September 30 – \$150 US (\$125 US with member coupon)

Linda Schultz – Tessellations are Cool!

Lynn Smetko – Polychrome Summer and Winter

Denise Kovnat – Weaving Outside the Box: Creating Dimensional Cloth

Laura Carlson Steger and Norma Smayda – Pattern Play with Bertha Gray Hayes (BGH)

Giovanna Imperia – Exploring the Design Possibilities of Wire

**Bundle 2:** View October 1—October 31 – \$150 US (\$125 US with member coupon)

Brenda Gibson – Joining the Dots – Double Two-Tie Unit Weave Threading System

Sara Nordling – Theo Moorman Explored

Vila Cox – Diversified Plain Weave

Jannie Taylor – Designing Polychrome Taqueté in Weavepoint

Giovanna Imperia – Fabric that Moves – Creating exciting textiles with elastic yarns.

**Bundle 3:** View November 1—November 30 – \$125 US (\$100 US with member coupon)

Linda Schultz – Double Two-Tie in Parallel

Sara Nordling – Exploring Gradients

Gay McGeary – The Legacy of Star Work Coverlets

Beth Ross Johnson – Shifting Ikat in the Warp and Weft

**All-Access Pass** (all three packs): View each bundle as it comes online – \$325 US (\$300 US with member coupon).

### Special early-bird discount!

Buy before July 31 to get the All-Access Pass at the limited-time price of \$300 US (\$275 US with member coupon).

Look for full details on how to purchase bundles on the CW website starting July 9. Until then, follow CW on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) (@complex\_weavers) for spotlights on participating Seminars Leaders and the broad range of topics being presented this year. Please feel free to share these posts and all Weavers Handshake news with your weaving communities.

But keep that coupon code to yourself. That's a benefit only available to you as a CW member.

Liz Croft

CW Online Offerings (CWO) Chair

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## Bid on Towels Woven by Sandy Hutton and Friends!!

This year's Silent Auction at *Seminars* will include a "Friends of Sandy Hutton" towel auction to raise funds for the Sandra Hutton Complexity Award Fund. The inaugural presentation of this award will be at this year's Complexity, and we plan to continue the award into the future.

Some of Sandy's friends have generously donated hand towels for this auction. Some were ones that Sandy wove and gave to them as gifts and others they wove themselves. Please come see Sandy's towels and bid generously on your favorites!



Of course, you can also donate to the Sandra Hutton Complexity Award fund on the [CW website](#).

Hope to see you in Wichita!

Ginger Kaldenbach

Chair, Sandra Hutton Complexity Award Fund Committee

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## Sandra Rude Grant...Start Planning Now!

Have you wanted to study weaving a little more in depth?

Sandra Rude and her husband, Mike, set up a memorial grant of up to \$1000 annually, to assist Complex Weavers' members further their in-depth study of weaving.

Start thinking and planning a study for 2025. Check out [CW Website](#) or [Facebook](#) and learn more about how to apply for this grant! It will be fun for CW members to learn about your in-depth study.



Additional information about applying for this grant will be found in the fall and early winter 2024 CW Newsletters! I encourage you to apply for this grant. If you have specific questions, please contact Karen Donde at [president@complex-weavers.org](mailto:president@complex-weavers.org).



Letting Go - Robert Breitzmann



## CW Emails Not Reaching You?

The recent tightening of spam and junk email filters industry-wide is wreaking havoc with CW's bulk emails, our primary member-communication tool. We will soon implement a different bulk email system that we expect will improve delivery rates. Thank you for your patience, and, at least for now, please check your junk folders for CW messages.



## Kudos to CW Members

Congratulations to the following Complex Weavers members who are Accepted Artists for *Limitless Prairies*, HGA's 2024 Yardage Exhibit.

Teresa Edmisten  
Kristina Nichols  
Joan Namkoong

Congrats also to Denise Kovnat, chosen as the show's juror.

Congratulations also to the following Complex Weavers members whose work has been accepted for HGA's *Explorers of Wind, Wagons, and Wheat Exhibit*.

Laurie Carlson Steger with Norma Smayda  
Laura Herriott  
Kathleen Remsa  
Rebecca Smith  
Melodie Usher  
Deborah Zeitler

### In Memoriam

**Antonia (Tony) Kormos** died June 13, 2024 at the age of 101. She was a very active weaver and a former member of Complex Weavers, She was a long-standing member of Weavers' Guild of Boston, earning the ratings of Apprentice (1971), Journeyman (1972) and Master weaver (1974). The story about her life, *Tony Kormos: Master Weaver of Distinction*, was published in the current HGA issue of *Shuttle Spindle and Dyepot Magazine*. Her Master Weaver hand-manipulated lace work will be included in the 2024 Complexity exhibition in Wichita, KS, this summer.



### REMINDER! CW Annual Membership Meeting

July 9, 2024  
12:30 pm CDT

Complex Weavers will hold its 2024 Annual Membership Meeting at 12:30 pm CDT, July 9, 2024, during the farewell lunch at *CW Seminars* in Wichita, KS. This will be an in-person presentation and a Zoom session or those not about to attend in person.

If you plan to attend virtually, please register beforehand using this link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjUIduGrqDooEtRoTPojQjv6Hp3aokEFUfEK>.

Are you on social media? Look for us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) (@complex\_weavers).