



Western North Carolina Fiber and Handweavers Guild

2020 Guild Workshop

“Design Tips & Tools to Spice Up Your Weaving”
with Karen Donde



Saturday, March 14, 2020, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Jump start your weaving design skills in this two-part guild program and half-day workshop with Karen Donde.

The morning guild program, *open to all*, will encourage members and guests to venture beyond the weaving “recipe” to create their own weaving designs. After a brief historical perspective on modern weaving design, the presentation will help listeners identify their preferred weaving styles, explain design elements as they relate to weaving and present tools to help guide weaving design decisions about materials, color, proportion, pattern and scale. We’ll end with suggestions for finding inspiration and transforming it into a finished piece. While focused on weaving, many of the suggestions offered could be applied to any fiber art technique.

The experience continues with a half-day afternoon workshop where Karen will lead an interactive discussion helping participants develop design plans for using interesting yarns they have on hand to weave the cloth they want. We all have some “challenge” yarns that, despite how much we love them, remain on our shelves because we just do not know what to do with them. Armed with a few of these yarns, and exercises Karen will provide, participants should leave with one or more project ideas.

During the workshop, we will:

- Evaluate the qualities and properties of the yarns we’ve brought.
- Share ideas about the best project for them with other participants.
- Learn ways to combine stash yarns with other yarns.
- Get hands-on practice with color-mixing exercises, fiber identification & research, and drafting with graph paper or computer software.



Supplies to bring: A few yarns from your stash you are not sure how to use, pencil, pen, a few colored pencils or markers, graph paper, small calculator, scissors, scotch tape, color wheel.

Workshop fee: \$35.00 Non guild members \$40.00

Supply fee: \$8.00 /person to be paid to instructor - includes digital copy of design workbook for printing, exercise handouts and tools.

Register now to secure your spot! Contact MaryJo Lanik at (914) 548-0496 or icepondspinner@gmail.com.

Cash or check. Make your check out to WNCFHG, (please write *Workshop* on your check) mail to
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Please bring a bag lunch and beverage!

