



The SeatWeavers' Guild, Inc. ®

Keeping the Craft Alive

The Diversity of Chair Seat Weaving

July 25-27, 2014

Old Sturbridge Village

Sturbridge, MA

We hope that you will join us for the 7th Annual TSWG, Inc. ® gathering at Old Sturbridge Village in the great state of Massachusetts. Get ready for a weekend full of fun, learning, connecting with new and seeing old Seat Weaving friends.

Following is some important information for you.

Membership

You must be an active member of The Seatweaver's Guild, Inc.® in order to attend the gathering. **Our membership year begins July 1, 2014 and runs to June 30, 2015 so it's the perfect time to join.**

If you have any questions about your membership status please ask our membership chairperson, Suzan Diaz: LaSilla@optonline.net or 203-227-6704.

A membership form with mailing instructions is available on the guild website: www.SeatWeaversGuild.org

Registration

The gathering registration form with payment and mailing instructions is at: www.SeatWeaversGuild.org

The cost to attend the gathering is \$65 per person.

If you are a cottage, business or Corporate member you may bring an employee or co-worker at a reduced rate. Please ask Bill Morse for details: W_Morse@att.net

Registration includes a box lunch and buffet dinner on Saturday and also coffee breaks on Saturday and Sunday and all workshops. Lodging, other meals and incidental expenses are the responsibility of the attendee.

Lodging:

A block of rooms with a special rate of \$99-\$129 including breakfast has been reserved at:

Old Sturbridge Inn & Reeder Family Lodges

371 Main Street
Sturbridge, MA 01566

Reservations may be arranged by calling: **508-347-5056**

You must identify your self as part of our group using code: **SEATW**

Call today for your room. You must make your reservations by July 10 for the special rate.

Should you be making a decision last minute or the room block is full, don't worry, just search Sturbridge MA and you will find many, many other hotels, motels, B&B's and campgrounds in the area.

P.S. We will be extended a half price Discounted Admission to Old Sturbridge Village for the weekend.

The Journey

Carol & Ray DeFrancesco of H.H. Perkins in North Haven CT welcome and invite you to stop in for an open house along your way.

Take a break from your long trip on Friday, July 25. Come on in and meet Caryl & Ray and their fabulous staff and tour the warehouse. It is a perfect chance to get an update on the materials situation.

HH Perkins Company

370 State Street

North Haven, CT

800-462-6660

Directions can be found on the HH Perkins website at: www.hhperkins.com

Yale University Art Gallery

Check out the Yale University Art Gallery on your way.

Artgallery.yale.edu

I understand there is a beautiful furniture display there.

Chair Display

We encourage you to bring some of your work to display at our:

“Diversity of Seat Weaving Display”

A special space has been reserved for the weekend and we will have a printer available to print up cards describing your pieces. The public will be able to wander around this space throughout the weekend.

We would also love to have some members demonstrating weaving techniques over the weekend, so bring the work you need to finish!

This space will be available when you arrive on Friday until 2pm on Sunday.

The Member Workshops

We are offering a wide variety of workshops in Shaker Tape, Fiber Rush, Blind Caning, Danish Cord Weaving, Porch Weave and Splint and traditional 7 step hole to hole caning and weaving with Raffia.

These will be hands on workshops so please bring an item to work on and your own materials.

In addition we will offer some demo workshops such as finishing tips techniques, and the art of disassembling Hitchcock, Windsor and Thonet chairs and putting them back together correctly. Also we will have what promises to be a very lively discussion on the state of materials with an emphasis on the use of some of the new synthetic material now available.

We welcome your input. Would you like to learn about another technique? Would you like to teach another technique?

Just give me a call or email and we can put it on the schedule: Suzan Diaz: 203-227-6704. LaSilla@optonline.net

Seat Weaving Raffle

Please bring or send an item pertaining to the art of Seat Weaving for our weekend giveaway. It could be a book, a special tool, furniture polish you like, just about anything and everything.

Questions? Contact Cindy Olotka: colotka@yahoo.com.

Library

Nancy Rafal has graciously agreed to put together a weekend library of books, materials, and media materials pertaining to Seat Weaving. Let her know if there anything you would be willing to bring and have them on display for the weekend. Mrsticket@gmail.com

Tools and Tips

We always have a session on Sunday relating to tools and tips, sort of a Seat Weaver's show and tell. Please bring a special tool or tip to share with the group. We are always pleasantly surprised by some of the wonderful things Seat Weavers make and find to get the job done better.

We will set up a Tools & Tips Display for the weekend so bring your items on Friday when you arrive. There will be a printer to print descriptions.

Public Workshop

TSWG will host a 2-3 hour public workshop on Sunday between 11am-2pm. We will be teaching Shaker Tape Weaving on a footstool. There will be a materials fee, instruction by TSWG Members.

Please let me know if you are willing to help teach.

Suzan Diaz: 203-227-6707, LaSilla@optonline.net

Impossible Projects

Have you got an impossible chair that you have no idea how to do? Bring it with you, we are always up for a challenge and someone in the group will know how to help you.

Please keep an eye on the TSWG website for updates.

Looking forward to seeing all of you there from all of us at:

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