

Handweavers Guild of The New River Valley

Anastasia Azure Workshop Information

The Education/Workshop committee proposes a Spring 2020 workshop with Anastasia Azure, an innovative artist with a focus on handwoven sculptures for interiors. Her geometric wall hangings can be found in residences, hotels, galleries, and museums. She also handcrafts dimensional jewelry.

About the Artist:

Anastasia Azure, handcrafts contemporary art exploring the elegance of geometry that provides a glimpse into our divine nature and place in the cosmos. Her artwork creates sophisticated serenity and beauty in a space. By adapting an ancient textile technique, she weaves hand-dyed nylon and wire on a traditional floor loom. Her sculptures are original, American innovation.

She completed her MFA in Textiles at the Rhode Island School of Design in 2011. Her background is in jewelry metal arts. First introduced to jewelry fabrication in high school, she trained at the Revere Academy of Jewelry Arts, San Francisco, graduating in 2001. While earning her BFA in 2005 from California College of the Arts, she discovered weaving's immense importance to her life's work.

Her art has won many awards, including three Niche Awards. Her sculpture, "Neutral Zenith", won 1st prize in Excellence in Fiber, 2018. Her sculptural bracelet, Egg Hunt is featured on the book cover of "500 Plastic Jewelry Designs" published by Lark Books. She exhibits nationally and internationally, and her work is collected by museums.



Weaving the Unexpected with Alternative Materials

Date: Friday, April 3 – Saturday, April 4, 2020 - 8:30am Arrival

Cost: \$195 Member \$220 Non-Member

Materials Fee Paid directly to Instructor: \$25 – see attachment

Location: New Horizons Healthcare, 3716 Melrose Ave NW, Roanoke, VA 24017

Maximum Number of Participants: 12



Workshop Description:

Tackle the challenge of loom weaving using unconventional materials such as plastics and wire. Each Participant will dress a loom with a fishing line warp and play with plastics and wire in the weft. Basic weave structures such as tabby and twill will allow for courageous experimentations with new materials. Finishing techniques will be covered. Projects may evolve into small sculptures or jewelry.

Workshop Level: Advanced Beginner- participants must be able to warp a loom independently and fully understand the basics of 4-shaft weaving.

To Register: Please complete this document and send your payment to Iva Bukkila at 1008 Poff School Road, Riner, VA. 24149

Note: Please review the Participant Tools and Materials list in advance since a few items must be purchased by each participant in advance.

