



The Conference of Northern California Handweavers, Inc. was founded in 1953 to further the art and appreciation of the craft of handweaving. Today, the member Guilds of CNCH, located throughout Northern California and Northern Nevada, embrace all fiber arts associated with weaving. Our membership includes weavers, handspinners, dyers, basketmakers, felters, and surface design artisans.

Our focus is to promote the education and the appreciation of the fiber arts. We sponsor an annual conference, which alternates each year between a workshop-only event without vendors in odd-numbered years and a larger event in even numbered years featuring speakers and teachers, special exhibits, seminars, workshops and a commercial marketplace.

Our 2012 Conference will be a full conference, and will be held in Oakland, California May 18-20, 2012. Lectures and short workshops will be held Saturday and Sunday, morning and afternoon. Our location, the Oakland Convention Center, is easily accessible from all parts of the San Francisco Bay Area, both by car and by public transit.

We would like to invite you to submit proposal(s) for 3 and/or 6 hour lectures and/or short workshops. Our goal is to serve all levels, so we are hoping to be able to offer a range of classes for beginners through advanced students. If you have taught at CNCH in the past, we encourage you to propose topics other than those previously taught, and are particularly interested in what excites you today.

Your proposal must include the following information for each lecture and/or short workshop that you would like to teach:

- Lecture or short workshop title,
- Full description of the lecture or short workshop, and whether it can be presented in a 3- or 6-hour time block (or both),
- Class level and prerequisites for students (e.g., understanding of block weaves, able to spin a consistent yarn, etc.),
- Maximum number of participants for each class,
- Maximum number of total hours you would like to teach over the 2 days (standard will be 9),
- Facilities and equipment requirements (e.g., projector, access to water, etc.) and
- A digital image illustrating the technique, if appropriate

In addition, please provide:

- Biographical information (maximum 50 words),
- A digital photo of you for our registration and program books, and
- Fee Schedule including travel estimate

We will respond to your proposal by February 2, 2011.

Please send proposals to Nancy Alegria, cnch2012programs@gmail.com by December 1, 2010. We look forward to hearing from you very soon.