



AKS Newsletter

What's happening in the World of Braiding

New for 2018 - Expanded Online Learning Center
Featuring On Demand and Instructor Led classes

For Additional Information, Visit the AKS Website

AKS Gathering 2018 News & Information

Mark your calendars!

The AKS Gathering 2017 was a huge success and the team has been very busy finalizing plans for 2018. This unique event is designed specifically for kumihimo enthusiasts. It is a place to learn new techniques, to reinforce the basics, and to meet and enjoy the camaraderie of others with the same interests.

When: October 26, 27 & 28, 2018

Where: Tampa, Florida

[Read more](#)



Member Spotlight

Meet Carolyn Haushalter

Many members know Carolyn as a generous and knowledgeable teacher from her popular AKS Braid About class, where students spent 3 months making braids from Jacqui Carey's book 'The Book of Braids' and also her AKS Braider's Dozen class: Variations on Edo Yatsu. In college Carolyn studied the culture, language, and history of Japan, however she did not learn about kumihimo until 2005. Amazed that this art is so complex and adaptable, and yet

still is largely unknown, she continues to be inspired by the endless possibilities of Japanese braiding.

[Link to full article.](#)

Upcoming AKS Regional Workshop

Rosalie Neilson to Teach in Fort Myers, Florida



AKS Presents our First Regional Workshop *** Featuring Rosalie Neilson ***

When: January 20, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: Fort Myers, Florida

Class Fee: \$65 + \$20 to be paid to instructor for the class handout
Rosalie will have silk for sale or students can bring their own



Rosalie will be reprising her popular AKS Gathering Class, 16-Element Braiding on the Marudai. It is geared for students who are comfortable with 8-element braids, or just beginning to explore 16-element braids. Participants will create a sampler braid using two colors of silk. The sampler will include the following braids: Oimatsu, Naiki, Tsukushi, 3 variations of Mitake Gumi, and Kongō Gumi.

This class is open to AKS members only. However, if you join AKS today, you are eligible to participate! [Join now.](#)

Registration - class size is limited: A Lottery registration will open at noon on December 15, 2017 and close at noon on December 22, 2017. Lottery winners will be notified by December 23, 2017.

[Register here.](#)

Featured Learning Article

Tips for Photographing Jewelry

Deborah Mutter considers herself a fairly competent outdoor photographer but when she tried to photograph her jewelry, she was disappointed with the results. In this informative article she shares what she has learned about overcoming the challenges of small scale photography. She shares excellent tips and advice on tools and equipment.

[Link to full article](#)



Upcoming Shows

2018 Bead and Button Show



This year, in addition to two sessions of Adrienne Gaskell's Kumihimo Master Class, there is a record number of more than 15 3-hour or 1-day kumihimo classes. In addition to Adrienne, AKS members Bob Galivan, Rebecca Combs and Cheryl Focht will be teaching! Class browsing is available online beginning December 13th, 2017 and registration begins January 9th 2018. [Read More](#)

Convergence 2018



Registration for Convergence, the international conference for fiber arts sponsored by the Handweavers Guild of America, began on December 6, 2018. Several kumihimo classes, including a beginning course on the madurai will be taught. [Read More.](#)

Fun Stuff

Hira Kara 16 Snake Braid

Claudia Wollny has designed a stunning braid that looks like a snake! With a simple twist of two elements in the north/south positions, you can alternate colors on the left and right. Here's Claudia's [tutorial](#). Claudia also has great tutorials on tama handling and using the madurai.



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