



# WOODLAND Weavers & Spinners Guild

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Newsletter

Next Meeting

December 5  
7:00 p.m.

## Christmas Potluck

Trinity Congregational  
Church  
2725 4 Mile Rd NW  
(1-96 to Walker Exit)

**Bring Food!  
Bring Gifts!  
Bring Fun!**



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## Christmas Potluck

Christmas Potluck, 7:00 p.m., Dec. 5,  
Trinity Congregational Church

Try to bring food to share in the following categories (although, if you have a favorite you always like to bring, go for it!):

- A-C—Desserts,
- D-L—Main dishes,
- M-S—Salads,
- T-Z—Hors d'oeuvres,

Remember to bring an appropriate serving spoon or fork. Place settings will be furnished.

If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift valued at about \$10.

—Virginia Bullock, Hospitality

## From the President

I'm being pulled in three directions these days: by my obligations at work, by my obligations to my family, and by my obligations to maintaining a home. These obligations require most of my attention every day, and I am happy to fulfill these obligations to the best of my ability. This leaves little time to pursue *my interests*. For the next five weeks, time must be devoted to "the holidays." Where will those extra hours come from? Preparation for the holidays will certainly reduce the few hours I can currently devote to *my interests*.

Well, I have developed patience over the years. And I know that come January

I will have more time to devote to *my interests*. In the meantime, I am planning projects in my mind; I have looked at old issues of "Handwoven" magazine for ideas, and am often surprised when I find an article I don't remember reading before; as I look through those catalogues that arrive in my mailbox almost every day, I am inspired by colors, patterns and textures; I have read and re-read the workshops and seminars to be offered at Convergence 2006; and; I have looked at my stash of yarn and considered possible combinations. Even though I cannot devote large blocks of time to my (overdue) twill/overshot project, I do work on it for a few minutes every few days. I have decided on my next project for the Rigid Heddle Study Group, and I will wind that warp as soon as the Thanksgiving guests leave town.

What it all comes down to is time management. The "holidays" are a busy time for most of us - whether we're hosting or we are the guests. Fitting the many social obligations and cooking and shopping into our already-busy lives that are full of family, worship, work, and home maintenance obligations requires careful budgeting of the 24 hours we are given each day. We must eat that big holiday elephant one bite at a time.

So by January 1, having celebrated, and honored, and shared, and given, I'll be oh-so ready to devote some of those shopping, eating, partying, honoring, and sharing hours to *my interests* - with a vengeance!

Thank you for participating in the Woodland Weavers and Spinners Guild - for sharing yourselves and your skills. You are a warm and talented group of individuals - I feel blessed to be a part of this group.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah!

—Jackie Fisher

# Workshop Details

Jochen Ditterich's Workshop on Bound Weave will be held at the *Ronald McDonald House*, January 28 from 9:00 to 3:00. It is a one day workshop and would be good for anyone wishing to learn about it for the first time or *relearn* forgotten skills. There are openings for four more people. Cost will be \$20 and will include lunch. Interested in joining us, contact Linda at 363-0622 or Lgb1242@aol.com.

JoAnne Bachelder's Towel Study Workshop (—March 3-5) has openings for three more people. This is a 3 day workshop and will cost \$85. I do need to find a location to have this workshop. If you know or can suggest some places to contact, please let me know. Contact me at the above e-mail and phone number. Thank you.

### Other workshops:

Our Dyeing Days with Bryan (Schneider-Thomas)  
—March 18, 2006

Coming up in Sept-Oct. of 2006 a weaving workshop with Norma Smayda. Topic: Weave A Summer-Winter Sampler. Norma will be our guest speaker for the October 2, 2006 Guild Meeting.

—Linda Blue

## A Spinning Christmas!

The Spinning Study Group will meet at Diane VanderPol's house at 7:30 p.m. on December 19. In addition to the usual meeting we will have a little Christmas party! Bring a simple treat (sweet or savory). Diane will provide beverages. Happy Holidays!

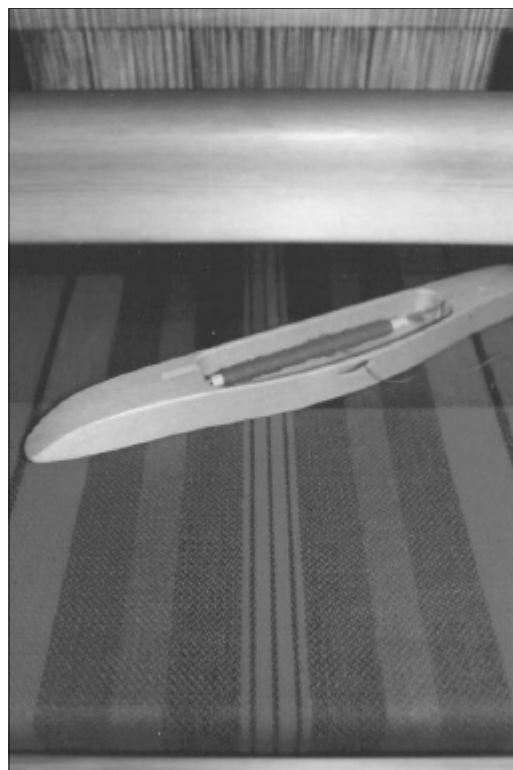
## A Weaving Christmas?

I am looking to purchase a used inexpensive floor loom - any type. I prefer 4 shafts, but 8 or more is ok. Willing to pick-up within lower Michigan.

—Lena Brown

<http://www.LenaBrown.com>

<http://stores.ebay.com/LenaBrown-Designs>



Geary Jones,  
November speaker.

## Woodland Weavers and Spinners Guild Minutes for November 7, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Jackie Fisher. Several new members and visitors were introduced.

**Convergence Update:** MLH/ Convergence coordinator Nancy Peck gave a power point presentation on Convergence. She also gave an update on Convergence plans. Sandy Bowles, HGA Convergence chair thanked Woodland Weavers for their participation in the Convergence kick-off, held in August at the Grand Rapids Children's Museum. She shared that the Convergence Board and local Convergence participants were very impressed with the demonstrations, displays, and banners provided by WWS to the Children's Museum. A special thanks was given to Brenda Terry for her work in coordinating this effort.

**Program:** Mary Ellen Gedris introduced Grand Rapids tapestry artist Geary Jones, who spoke on *My Thirty Year Obsession (or Learning to Weave the Hard Way)*. Mr. Jones shared slides of his work and told some of his experiences in studying art.

**50/50:** Tonight's winner was Mary Ellen Gedris.

**Secretary's Report:** It was moved by Anema, seconded by Pulver, to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Julie Daniels reported a balance of \$4463.98 in checking. Donations totaling \$148 have been received towards Convergence prize money. Donations are still being accepted.

**Goodie Bags:** Brenda Terry reported that the committee is working on bookmark prototypes to be included in the Convergence goodie bags. A sample should be available soon.

**Workshops:** Chair Linda Blue reminded the group that sign-up sheets for upcoming workshops are on the back table. Checks for workshops need to be turned in at least 3 weeks prior to the workshop. She also announced that 16 people attended the October mini-retreat at the CRC Conference grounds. Thank you to Julie Daniels and Diane VanderPol for writing up their reflections on the day. It was suggested that another mini-retreat be scheduled, possibly at Camp Henry on Kimball Lake in Newaygo.

**Show & Tell:** Participants in Show & Tell included Liz Oppewal, Diane VanderPol, Joni Rosen, Linda Blue, Barb Van Dyke, Lynne Swets, Julie Daniels, Brenda Terry, Jackie Fisher, Sally La France, Betty Christians.

**Sales:** Julie Daniels reported that the guild rented a booth at Sunshine Church, but we did not sell well. We will continue to look for another sale venue.

**MLH:** Rep Cathy McCarthy reported that \$5510 has been pledged from local guilds towards Convergence prize money!

### **Study Groups:**

**Clothing:** Mary Ippel will schedule the next meeting when several members have their yardage woven.

**Spinning:** The last meeting was held at City Knitting, a new yarn shop in East Town. Diane VanderPol announced that Fiberfest is publishing in interim magazine, which should be in your mailbox soon.

### **New Business:**

A new video has been purchased for the video library. It was decided that the January Guild meeting will be held on January 9 rather than January 2. The group was reminded that the December meeting is a Holiday Potluck. If you choose to participate, there will be a gift exchange, with a suggested \$10.00 limit.

### **Announcements:**

Pris Lynch announced that the American Tapestry Alliance will meet after Convergence. She has information on the small format tapestry show. Contact her for more information. Bob Meyering was contacted by Mark McKittrick regarding 12 cartons of alpaca - cleaned, sorted, not carded. Contact Bob for more information.

—Virginia Bullock, substituting for Suzanne Devries-Zimmerman

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2230 Edgewood SE  
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### Weaving a Life

Cascading colors moving thru time  
The Master Weaver sets the rhythm sublime  
Over and under around and through  
Making the fabric of life anew.

### Threads

My life is a delicate thread  
woven into the cloth of the universe  
Each thread is placed just so  
By the Master Weaver of life.

Beth Colman

<http://www.creativespirits.net/beth/bethspage.htm>