

WOODLAND Weavers & Spinners Guild

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December 2006

Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

December 4, 2006
7:00 p.m.

Holiday Season Potluck Dinner

We meet at
Trinity Congregational Church
2725 4 Mile Rd NW
Grand Rapids, MI

NEW MEMBER

(add to your membership booklet)

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DECEMBER'S POTLUCK

What to bring for the potluck:
Last Name A through F: Appetizer
Last Name G through L: Salad
Last Name M through R: Entrée
Last name S through Z: Dessert

If you have a favorite dish that doesn't fit into the above scheme, bring it.

Also, if you'd like to receive a gift, you need to bring a gift. It can be anything, but something connected with fiber is always nice. If you buy something, I think we usually suggest between \$3.00–5.00, or maybe it's \$5.00–8.00. Whatever, wrap it nicely, and we'll do an exchange.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

With the flurry of end-of-year and holiday activities, it's often hard to find the time to relax, sit down, and take part in our creative pursuits. Or perhaps, you are using your artistic and fiber outlets to create memorable holiday gifts, and you're spending lots of time weaving, knitting, felting, dyeing, etc., in order to complete projects! Is all fiber time feast or famine?

Have you ever noticed that during the busiest, stressful times, weeks have passed by and you haven't been at the loom, or sat down to sew, knit, or endeavor other creative projects? I remember (not-so-fondly) the "sky-is-falling" Y2K preparations in late 1999; I didn't touch my knitting for months, being too busy at work as the Y2K coordinator. The New Year and new millennium that year saw a few new resolutions: quit some bad habits, exercise more, and find more "me" time. One of the first things I did was to re-read all the

1999 magazines I had thrown into an expanding pile during that year's rush. It was a great, belated gift! There were several of my favorite fiber-related magazines, which although not current, were new to me.

Are your artistic and fiber activities enhanced by the holidays, with greater time spent creating gifts, items to sell at holiday art and/or craft shows? Have you participated in any sewing, weaving, knitting, or other for charity? What are the ways you use your fiber pursuits at this time of year? The possibilities are endless! With the new year around the corner, if you haven't been able to find fiber time as much as you would have hoped, a resolution to participate more in your creative activities may help you find more time!

Thank you Woodland Weavers and Spinners for all your work this year!

Happy Holidays, everyone!

—Mary Ellen Gedris
with Rita Petteys

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the support and encouragement you have given me during my mother's illness and subsequent death. It has been a difficult period for our family. For me, coming to guild meetings provided a break from the real world -- having so much support and friendship from such kind people was a bonus.

The guild's contribution to the Hospice program that supported my mother for several years is appreciated by our family - as you know, your thoughtfulness will help give others the care they need. Thank you.

--Jackie Fisher

LOOM FOR SALE

I am working at the Franciscans and we have a loom we want to sell. It is a Cranbrook 60" weaving width, 10 treadles, 4 shafts. Any one can look at the loom at the Franciscan Center, but I do need to be there. It's a good deal for \$2000.

ANOTHER LOOM

For sale:

Beautiful cherry Norwood four shaft, six treadle, jack-type loom with 22" weaving width. This loom is one of the original Norwoods, made in Baldwin, MI, sometimes referred to as a "furniture loom" due to the rich color of the cherry wood. It is in great condition and provides a long weaving space between the beater and breast beam, allowing for a large shed. Priced to sell at \$550.00. Call Mary Ippel at 616-940-0997.

HUGE SALE!!!!

Downsizing My Studio -

Saturday, December 9, 2006
(snow date: 12/16/06) 10am-3pm
or by appointment, 269-857-5614

orjplynch99@comcast.net

LOOMS: 36" Cranbrook counter-march loom with bench, double back beam, tool tray, and 8 and 10 dent reeds - \$800.

15" Norwood cherry "Fireside" loom, folds and has 6, 8, 10, 12, and 15 dent reeds - \$300.

12" Mirrix with additional fine coils for bead weaving + bead-weaving video - \$150.

Schacht inkle loom - \$35.

Louet-10 single treadle spinning wheel - \$65. Table top LeClerc warping mill - \$70. Bond Knitting frame (Ultimate Knitting Machine)- \$60. Misc. shuttles, bobbin winders, metal and wood temples, Swedish wood swift, niddy noddies, and some yarn. Weaving, knitting and crocheting books and magazines - \$5/lb.

—Priscilla Lynch

668 Mason St, Saugatuck, MI

SPINNING GROUP DECEMBER MEETING

The Spinning Guild's Holiday meeting on Monday, December 18th, will be at Rebecca Kugele's house at 7:00 PM. Rebecca lives at

2900 Hall Street (just off from Lake Drive) in East Grand Rapids, 49506. If you would like to bring a dessert or appetizer, feel welcome to, but not obligated. Bring your wheel, your knitting, or just yourself and come welcome the Holidays with your spinning friends. Hope to see you there!

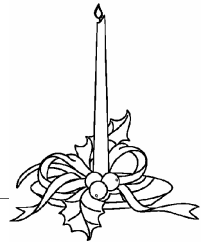
Rebecca's phone is 957-5187.

HOLIDAY SALES

The **Rogue River Artisans** have a sale on Dec. 2, from 9 am till 4 pm at the Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes, Lowell, MI. Jochen's Handwoven Scarves, Shawls, and Rugs will be featured along with items from 90 other artists. For more information call Jochen at 616-304-5337

UICA's 18th Annual Holiday Artists' Market on Friday/Saturday, Dec. 1 & 2.

Urban Inst. for Contemporary Arts
41 Sheldon Boulevard, SE
Grand Rapids MI 49503



WOODLAND WEAVERS AND SPINNERS GUILD

MINUTES: NOVEMBER 6, 2006

Mary Ellen Gedris called the meeting to order at 7:30. Arlene Tiemeyer introduced speaker Barbara Marr from Marr Haven Farm (www.marrhaven.com). The program topic was Needle Felting.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the October 2, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Julie Daniels announced that WWS currently shows a balance of \$2,882.17.

Program: December will be the annual Holiday Potluck with a gift exchange. Watch the newsletter for details

Workshops: Bryan Schneider-Thomas will host a dyeing workshop on March 24. Cost is \$20, due at least one week prior to the workshop.

Sales: Responses to the sales surveys are still being accepted. The sales committee will meet at 6:30 on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at Schuler's on Alpine. Those interested in serving on the sales committee should contact Ann.

Habitat for Humanity: More rugs are always welcome.

Hearts and Flowers: Mary Bartnick is home with a hand injury.

Study Groups:

Spinning Spinning group will meet at City Knitting on Nov. 20.

Drafting The drafting/weave structure study group will meet on Monday, November 27 at 6:30 PM at Schuler's Bookstore on Alpine. Mastering Weave Structures by Sharon Alderman will be the basic text. Anyone interested in joining should contact Ann Bont for details.

50/50: Congratulations to Bob Meyering and Tabitha Tiemeyer for being the evening's 50/50 winners!

Announcements: Volunteers are still needed to fill the positions of treasurer and nominations chair.

Show and Tell: Participants were Joni Rosen, Ann Bont, Jochen Ditterich, Betty Christians, Laurie Angell, Julie Daniels, Linda Blue, Cathy McCarthy, Liz Oppewal, Judi Pulver, Lynne Swets, Arlene Tiemeyer, Gabriela Minnhaar-Tomatis.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Ann Bont, secretary