



WOODLAND

Weavers & Spinners Guild

August 2007

Season 2006-07, No. 11

EVENTS:

Michigan Fiber Festival

August 17-18, 2007

Allegan Fairgrounds

Allegan, Michigan

Next Guild Meeting

Monday, September 10

7:00 PM

Trinity Congregational Church

2725 4 Mile Rd NW

Grand Rapids, MI

Michigan Fiber Festival

The sheep to shawl demo is Saturday from 10:00 AM to ? I am always in need of more volunteers. The more the merrier and the faster we will see beautiful results.

The list of people who have already signed up is: Kathy Bowler, Margaret Jager, Ginny Kuilema, Mary Ellen Gedris, Julia Daniels, DeDe Esque (from the spinning group), Mira Sosnowski.

Betty Christians has volunteered to warp the loom for us again. Oh, and of course Tabitha will be with me if she isn't off volunteering some other place. Anyone who can make it is greatly appreciated and is not expected to stay the whole time.

People may come when they can and leave when they have to but, this is a great opportunity for us to promote

the guild. In fact, it was at a Fiber Festival that I was introduced to the guild.

To those who are planning to come, I ask that you bring your wheel if you plan to spin and if you have carders either hand or otherwise please bring those also.

We are also in need of more weavers if there are those out there who would like to give us a hand.

I am putting in the mail this a.m. the tickets for those who signed up ahead of time. If someone has a problem or doesn't receive theirs by Thurs., please call me at 1-616-875-7100.

Help Wanted!

Webmaster (mistress?). Work at home! Educational and social organization wishes to establish and maintain a website. Hours and location flexible. Benefits include personal satisfaction and an easy way to contribute to your guild.

Mailing list coordinator. Textile Arts Market group seeks individual to enter mailing data and periodically update list. Job may involve printing mailing labels. Can be done at your convenience, in the comfort of your own home.

Postcard Designer. Use your creative talents! The sale committee is looking for someone to design an advertising postcard. Artistic talent helpful. No experience required.

If you have an interest in any of these positions, or questions, please contact Liz Oppewal or Julie Daniels.

Spinning Group

The spinning study group will meet at City Knitting at 7:30 on Monday evening, September 17. Anyone needing directions should contact Diane VanderPol at 940-2955 or dvpo@calvin.edu.

Dear WWS Friends,

Thank you for your many cards, notes, and words of comfort during Mom's illness and at the time of her death. It is wonderful to be part of such a thoughtful, caring group!

Ann Bont

Thanks to everyone for the gift certificate to City Knitting--it is a great knitting store and it is close to home.

On another note, I am having surgery this Thursday, and would appreciate it if you would keep me in your prayers. Thank you!

Mary Ellen Gedris

Upcoming Invitation

We have been asked to participate in the Mixed Greens Festival this fall at Blandford Nature Center. More details to follow in the September Newsletter

A Word from Jackie

Last year I talked to the guild about a project I was working on as part of a leadership development program in which I was participating. My plan was to teach developmentally disabled youth to weave. A number of people were excited about the possibility of

the project: a teacher of these students and the teacher's aides, the director of an agency that serves this population, the curator of the Muskegon Museum of Art, several volunteers who were willing to learn to wind a warp (and possibly to dress the loom), a volunteer who prepared 8 inkle looms, and a number of the students themselves.

Unfortunately, the parents did not allow their sons and daughters to sign up for the program. We considered several obstacles that might be preventing them from signing up their sons and daughters (transportation being the biggest) and in the fall offered another option: teaching them while they were at a weekend long camping experience. Well, once again, the parents did not sign up their sons and daughters. I left the offer with the teacher last September: if she ever wants me to come in and teach them to weave, I would be happy to do that. Well, it's nearly a year since I made the offer, and I have not heard from her. I am disappointed, but perhaps something will open up in the future.

In the meantime, thank you for considering assisting the program. Barb VanDyke and Inara Kalnaraups, thank you for contributing yarn and shuttles to the project. (They were not used, so I will bring them to the guild in September to return them to you.)

Jackie Fisher

Guild Meeting Minutes June 4, 2007

The business meeting was preceded by the annual year-end pot-luck supper and called to order by President Mary-ellen Gedris.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Julie Daniels reported a current balance of \$2308.91. Her year-end report shows income of \$5076.75, expenses of \$5279.80, with a net loss over the course of the year of \$203.05. Dues of \$30.00 for next year are due and should given to Jackie Fisher. Please fillout the membership form that was

in the newsletter and include that with your dues.

Nominating committee: Brenda Terry, Diane VanderPol, and Bob Meyering served as this year's nominating committee. Brenda presented the slate of officers for the upcoming year:

President: Arlene Tiemeyer
Vice-president: Liz Oppewal
Secretary: Ann Bont
Treasurer: Jackie Fisher

Brenda Terry moved that the slate be accepted as presented, Margaret Jager seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Workshops: Please give ideas for future workshops to Linda Blue.

Retreats: Three retreats have been scheduled for next year: Oct. 27, March 1, and May 10.

Sales: The sale committee has chosen the name TEXTILE ARTS MARKET for the December 7-8 sale at the Prince Conference Center. It is hoped that ALL guild members will become involved in some way. The committees are: Publicity chaired by Liz Oppewal and Julie Daniels, Preview Evening chaired by Rebecca Kugele, Merchandise chaired by Betty Christians, Set-up chaired by Rita Petteys, Coordinator of Guild Activities chaired by Catherine Adas and Promotion of Guild/Fiber Arts chaired by Laurie Angell and Ann Bont. Please consider joining one of these committees and contact their chairs.

MLH: A letter from Ken Allen was shared, thanking WWS for their contribution of \$100 towards prizes at the MLH Conference in June.

Other Business:

--Ann Bont moved that WWS make a donation \$200 to Trinity Church in thanks for the use of their facility. Linda Blue seconded, the motion carried.

--Mary Ellen Gedris presented roses to the officers and committee chairs, thanking them for their work this year.

--Thank you to Bea McKenney for tonight's beautiful centerpieces. Those who want to take one home might

consider making a small donation to the guild.

--Ann Bont noted a need for beginning weaving instruction in our area. Several suggestions were made.

Study Groups:

Frequent Fiber Club

This new group will be meeting at 6:30 before guild meetings. All are welcome. The purpose is to improve the quality of our work and share ideas. Bring items that you would like help with, or that you are not sure how to finish. Or, just come for this time of sharing and problem solving.

Spinning Spinning group will meet on June 25 (the fourth Monday this month) at 7:30 at City Knitting. They will have Show and Tell of the results of their Fiber Challenge.

Drafting: The Drafting Divas will meet September 24, 6:30 at Olive Garden on Alpine.

Announcements:

--Arlene Tiemeyer is looking for carders, spinners, and weavers to help with the sheep-to-shawl event at Fiber Fest on August 18. Please contact her if you can help.

--There will be a meeting of past and present officers on Monday, July 9, 6:45 at the Olive Garden on Alpine. The purpose will be to review the by-laws and discuss budget.

--There will be a meeting of committee chairs on Monday, August 6, place to be determined.

--The program committee, consisting of Liz Oppewal, Bob Meyering, Margaret Jager, Linda Blue and Nancy LaFerriere will meet on June 18, 6:00 at Schuler's on Alpine. All are welcome to attend.

Show and Tell: Participants were Mary Ellen Gedris, Julie Daniels, Joni Rosen and Mira Sosnowski. A drawing was held from those names who have participated in Show and Tell throughout the year. The winner was Brenda Terry, who wins 1/2 of her dues paid for next year.

Respectively submitted,

Ann Bont, secretary