



# WOODLAND

## Weavers & Spinners Guild

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October 2007

Season 2007-08, No. 2

**Next Guild Meeting**  
**Monday, October 1**  
**7:00 PM**

**Cyndee Mishler**  
**"Connecting Threads"**

**Regular Location:**  
**Trinity Congregational Church**  
**2725 4 Mile Rd NW**  
**Grand Rapids MI**

## **Fantastic Fiber Club-- Come Early**

Everyone is invited to meet 6:30 PM prior to the October 1st meeting to make needle felted Christmas ornaments. Felting needles and foam will be supplied. You only need to bring your favorite cookie cutter in a simple Christmas shape such as a star, tree, wreath, snowman, etc; wool roving, and metallic glitz or other decorative yarns to add finishing touches.

--Catherine Adas

## **Monday's Speaker**

Cyndee Mishler, a member of the Kalamazoo guild, will present, "Connecting Threads - How I became a Fiber Artist," a short talk about what brought her to weaving, felting, and fiber art. She will bring slides and several pieces of her work.

Cyndee is from Michigan and still lives where she grew up, except for one year in Cleveland. She has a husband, John, a daughter, Karen, and 3 grandchildren. Cyndee collects "Arts and Crafts" period pottery. She likes cats."

## **3rd Annual Fling**

Our **3rd Annual Fantastic Fall Fiber Fling** is coming up October 27. Many of you have already signed up for this lovely day-long experience. If you are new to the guild and would like to find out more about it, please contact one of the following.

Linda Blue (616.363.0622)  
Margaret Jager(616.241.0938)  
Arlene Tiemeyer  
(bigfam15@charter.net).

I can tell you it is a fun day when you can work on any fiber related project you have in the works. Or you can start a new one. We have people spinning, weaving, knitting, sewing, etc.

Lunch & Dinner are included in your \$25 fee.

Also included at the same retreat is the opportunity to work with local fiber artist, Jennifer Gould. Jennifer is offering a 3-hour workshop for making collage cards using fabric to make unique holiday cards---just in time for our upcoming winter holidays. You would need to bring your sewing machine to participate in this workshop as well as other sewing items. If you would like to see Jennifer's work, check out her web site:

[www.jennifergouldsdesigns.com](http://www.jennifergouldsdesigns.com).

Those of you interested, contact Linda Blue (lgb1242@aol.com). Additional cost for the workshop portion to be determined by Oct. guild meeting. We need to have a few more participants as we have only four signed up so far.

Looking ahead: we have two more fiber retreats scheduled in 2008. The dates are March 1 and May 10.

## **Alpaca Days— Note the Dates**

Guild Members are invited to Jayne Talbot's farm for National Alpaca Farm Days on Sept. 29th and 30th from 10:00

AM to 4:00 P.M. Alpaca owners all over the nation are opening their farms to the public on these days and Jayne and her husband are among the farms participating. For additional information about the farm and alpacas, go to the website, [www.grandalpaca.com](http://www.grandalpaca.com).

## **Convergence 2008**

Woodland Weavers, the hometown Convergence guild for 2006, will receive one waived Convergence 2008 Tampa registration and priority registrations for Woodland Weavers members. Please let Judi Pulver know if you are interested in attending Convergence 2008 in Tampa. A drawing for the registration will take place at the October meeting.

--Judi Pulver (jpulver13@yahoo.com.)

## **For Sale:**

I have a 36in. Harrisville Design 4 treadle loom for sale, with 10 dent reed and small top tray (removeable). Good condition and works well. Asking \$500.00. 616-706-5936 (cell) or 616-653-8037 (daytime).

--Jan Simpkins (new guild member)

## **The Spinning Study Group**

...will meet TWICE in October! - October 15 and October 29. If you made items for the spinning challenge that we did last spring, City Knitting would like to display them in the shop - you can drop them off at the October 15 meeting and pick them up on the 29th. Lorilee would like a brief description of the item, including any interesting things you would like to add about the process of making them. For newcomers - we meet at City Knitting in Easttown at 7:30 p.m. If you need directions or more information,

contact Diane VanderPol at 940-2955 or [dvpo@calvin.edu](mailto:dvpo@calvin.edu).

## Textile Arts Market

Woodland Weavers and Spinners is still looking for someone to coordinate a mailing list for sale publicity. This can be done at your convenience, in the comfort of your own home. The job would require keeping a data base and printing mailing labels. Don't know how? This is a good time to learn – neither task is difficult! This would be a once a year task, a great way to contribute to your guild.

## Website Wants You

Don't let it die!!!

Liz Oppewal's son, Nate Berends, has designed a terrific website for us ([woodlandweaversandspinners.com](http://woodlandweaversandspinners.com) - check it out!) Someone is needed to complete and periodically update the information. This should not be a time-consuming task. It is always good to learn a new computer skill. Maybe you have a teen at home that would be willing to donate a little time??????

## MLH--Join now!

The Michigan League of Handweavers will soon be printing their new directory, so NOW is a good time to join! Membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter with a swatch page, attendance at workshops taught by nationally known fiber artists, and eligibility to apply for scholarships/learning grants. Membership forms will be available at the October guild meeting.

### Volunteer opportunities!

MLH is looking for a publicity chairperson and a membership chairperson. The membership position is not needed until next summer.

### Save the dates!

MLH is sponsoring 3-day workshops next summer August 9-11 at Hope College.

### Fiber show!

The MLH 2008 Fiber Show will be at the Ella Sharp Museum in Jackson from July 13-September 21, 2008.

## Fiber Expo

--a fiber event to be held in Ann Arbor, MI the weekend of October 27 & 28, 2007. The Expo is offering 28 classes from beginner to advanced in many different fiber venues--knitting, spinning, crocheting, felting (wet and needle), etc. There will also be animals for sale--llamas, alpacas, rabbits and maybe a sheep or two.

Fiber Expo--October 27 & 28, 2007  
Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds  
5055 Saline Ann Arbor Rd  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
[www.fiberexpo.com](http://www.fiberexpo.com)

## Guild Meeting Minutes

Woodland Weavers and Spinners  
September 10, 2007

**Program:** Andrea Starkweather, from Frames Unlimited, spoke on matting, framing, and hanging textiles.

Betty Christians, Julie Daniels, and Mary Ippel shared some of the work they will be selling at the Textile Arts Market and their tips for preparing for a sale.

**Business Meeting:** President Arlene Tiemeyer called the business meeting to order at 8:50. Guests/new members Janice Simpkins and DeDe Esque are welcomed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jackie Fisher reported a current balance of \$3,229.92. She distributed an itemized list of last year's income and expenses and a proposed budget for 2007-2008. Members are asked to review the proposed budget and be prepared to vote on it at the October guild meeting.

**Retreats:** The next retreat is scheduled for Oct. 27. A workshop by Jennifer Gould on collage cards is being offered. Please contact Linda Blue if you are interested in the workshop portion of the retreat.

**Sales:** The sale committee is still looking for people to serve on its various sub-committees. New ideas for this year's sale include an invitation only preview evening, Jennifer Gould as featured artist, and prizes for the best items at the sale.

**MLH:** Judi Pulver announced that HGA will be offering a free registration to a WWS member and early registration to

all WWS members for Convergence '08, in thanks for our work at Convergence 2006. Ann Bont shared that MLH will be offering 3-day fiber workshops on August 9-11 at Hope College.

**Hospitality:** A sign-up sheet for treats was passed around. It has been suggested that those who bring treats be responsible for setting up and making coffee that evening.

**Show and Tell:** Participants were Julie Daniels, Joni Rosen, Gabriela Minnhaar-Tomatis, Mary Ippel, Betty Christians, Kathy Bowler, Linda Blue, Rebecca Kugele, Janice Simpkins, Paula DeYoung, Laurie Angell.

### Study Groups:

**Frequent Fiber Club** The group will continue meeting at 6:30 before guild meetings. In October the group will be needle felting Christmas ornaments.

**Spinning** group will meet the third Monday of the month (Sept. 17) at 7:30, City Knitting.

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

### Announcements:

Diane VanderPol has order forms from Interweave Press for discounted magazines. Diane also shared greetings from former member Kay Hislop.

Jochen Ditterich has rolls of corrugated cardboard available from the Fransiscan Center - first come-first served.

Congratulations to Gabriela Minnhaar-Tomatis for winning Best of Show at Michigan Fiber Fest for her triangular shawl.

Photos of fiber work are needed for the gallery portion of our new website.

Bookmarks advertising the Textile Arts Market are available for distribution.

The Baxter Community Center is looking for donations for a silent auction. There are no weavers/spinners represented. Donors receive billing in the program and will be invited to a banquet. Call Laurie Angell for details.

Several guild positions still need to be filled. Call Arlene if you can help.

Help is needed to periodically update our new website. Contact Liz Oppewal if interested.

*Respectively submitted,  
Ann Bont, secretary*