



WOODLAND

Weavers & Spinners Guild

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First Guild Meeting of the 2008-2009 Season will take place on September 8, 2008

♦ **The Michigan Fiber Festival is held each year at the Allegan County fairgrounds in Allegan MI.**

♦ **Workshops will be August 13-16, 2008.**

♦ **The festival itself will be on Saturday and Sunday the 16th & 17th, with animal shows, special events, competitions and vendors.**

Sheep to Shawl Demonstration

This year we will again be involved with the **Sheep to Shawl Demonstration**. We begin on Saturday morning at 9:30 with a warped loom and raw fleece, first to be carded, then spun, and then woven into a beautiful shawl. The whole demonstration lasts from 9:30 to about 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are greatly appreciated in all aspects (carding, spinning, and weaving). Come when you can and stay as long as you can. All volunteers receive a free entrance ticket. If interested please contact Arlene Tiemeyer at 1-616-875-7100 or momofmany15@yahoo.com.

Please Join Us!

The Drafting Divas invite you to join them for a round robin workshop on Saturday, September 20 from 9:00 AM to 4:00ish PM. We are studying chapter 5, "The Distorted Grid" of Mastering Weave Structures by Sharon Alderman. This chapter includes Huck lace, mock leno, canvas weave, Bronson lace, Swedish lace, honey comb, M's and O's, and spider/linear zigzag weaves. Other

resources include Handwoven Laces by Donna Muller and back issues of Handwoven Magazine.

A round robin workshop is one where participants take turns weaving a sample on each other's looms. At the end of the day the samples are cut off and you go home with lots of samples and the experience of having woven them all yourself!

All participants should arrive with

- ♦ a pre-warped loom, ready to weave one of the above weave structures. Warps need to be long enough to allow all participants to weave a 3-4 inch sample (or longer if your pattern is larger).
- ♦ enough weft for all participants.

You may also want to bring additional weft materials to experiment on your own loom or others.

- ♦ A draft sheet for each participant
- ♦ The usual workshop "stuff"

Our goal is to have lots of samples of different weave structures/different fibers/different color combinations to take home. Many of these are quite simple and do not require much weaving experience. Contact Ann Bont (231-652-6275 or abont@comcast.net) if you would like to participate or if you have questions. Also let Ann know what structure you are planning, so we have a wide variety of samples. Deadline for sign-up is **Sept. 8** (guild meeting night).

P.S. – We are looking for a low cost/free location to hold this event. Any ideas?

Ann Bont

Trish Lange Workshop

I know it's still the middle of summer, but I must remind you that your money is due for the Trish Lange workshop.

Those who have paid are as follows: Linda Blue, Julia Daniels, Margaret Jager, Arlene Tiemeyer, Paula DeYoung, Jackie

Fisher, Cathy McCarthy, Judi Pulver, Mary Ellen Gedris, Betty Christians and Laurie Angell. (And Liz, I think you paid....but I didn't mark it on my sheet...)

Those who Need to Send Me a Check are: Ginny Kuilema, Clara Carroll, Joni Rosen, Leslie Johnson and Mary Ippel. Or contact me if you have decided not to do it or need a loom.

The cost is \$80.00.

If you have not received the initial information sheet, please let me know at (imaweaver2004@Yahoo.com)

Those who have rayon from Trish and need to pay me are as follows:

Paula - 2 cones (\$26.00)

Jackie - 2 cones (\$26.00)

Linda - 2 cones (26.00)

Betty - 2 cones (\$26.00)

Make checks for the rayon out to Julia Daniels—I will be sending the money to Trish.

Also, it would be helpful if anyone has an extra loom that they are willing to loan to a member for this workshop. I think we are one short! Please contact me!

*Thanks,
Julie Daniels*

Swatches Work Request

At the June Ex-Board meeting it was agreed the guild would help out Michigan League of Handweavers by doing a swatch page for the January 2009 MLH newsletter. They had 4 guilds fall out of the rotation and were a bit desperate to fill this slot. I agreed to chair the job and would like any guild members who would be willing to help plan and get this organized to meet with me on **Aug 20th at 7 P.M., at my house**. Anyone willing to work on this please let me know before the meeting time.

*Betty Christians
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Guild Meeting Minutes June 2, 2008

Program: Year-end potluck and "stash" sale

Bag Ladies: The "Bag Ladies" shared the results of their bag of yarn/fiber exchange.

Workshops: Linda Blue announced that Tom Gipson will present a workshop

May 2-3, 2009. Members are asked to indicate their preference of topics: Introduction to Navaho Weaving or Color and Color Interaction for Weavers.

The Trish Lange workshop is scheduled for October 4-6. Cost is \$80 for 3 days. See Julie Daniels for your yarn selections.

Show and Tell: Those participating in "Show and Tell" were Julie Daniels, Susan Elliot, Betty Christians, Rebecca Kugele, Paula DeYoung, Barb Van Dyke. The names of all those who participated in Show and Tell this year were thrown in a basket and a winning name was drawn. Bea McKenney receives a ½ year membership in the Guild. Congratulations to Bea!

Retreat: Next year's guild retreats are scheduled for Nov. 1, March 7, and April 25. Let Arlene Tiemeyer know if there is interest in an overnight winter retreat.

Guild Library: Margaret Jager reported that 8 new DVD's have been added to the library.

50/50: Congratulations to the evening's winners, Julie Daniels and Jochen Ditterich!

Election of officers:

Slate of officers:

President	Liz Oppewal
Vice-president	Julie Daniels
Secretary	Margaret Jager
Treasurer	vacant

Ann Bont moved that the slate be accepted as presented and that the election of a treasurer be tabled until September. The motion was seconded and passed.

Arlene Tiemeyer thanked those who served as officers and committee chairs with roses and passed the gavel to Liz Oppewal.

Announcements: Bookmarks to advertise the Textile Arts Market should be ready in the next week. They will need to be "thrummed". Watch for details about a "thrumming" get-together.

Volunteers are needed for the Sheep-to-Shawl activity at Fiber Fest on August 16. Participants will receive a free pass to Fiber Fest. Contact Arlene Tiemeyer if you are able to help.

The September meeting is traditionally an organizational meeting. In addition, members are asked to bring a favorite fiber book(s) to share

*Respectively submitted,
Ann Bont, secretary*

Further Details and Updates

Many of the incoming officers attended a meeting at Schulers July 14. Program plans for the coming year are nearly complete—the only question mark is the May meeting for which we plan to feature Tom Jipson speaking about Navaho weaving. However we will need some more folks to sign up for his workshop to be able to justify the expense of bringing him here from New Hampshire.

Current Officers and committee chairs are:

Past President: Arlene Tiemeyer; Treasurer duties will be shared by Rebecca Kugele & Betty Christians; Linda Blue has agreed to coordinate workshops for one more year, but is willing to hand it off. If someone is willing to "intern" in that position this year, it would be most welcomed. Paula has volunteered to be the guild Historian; Arlene has offered to help put together the directory. Paula & Arlene have offered to co-chair Membership. Ann Bont will continue to head up the Sale committee & we hope Bob will continue as Newsletter editor.

We are hopeful that Bea & Marlene will co-ordinate hospitality and Paula has volunteered to co-ordinate for September; Joni will assist with Show & Tell & we hope Jochen will continue to run the 50-50. Members were confident that Diane will continue as parliamentarian, and Betty offered to serve as MLH representative.

I may have some things wrong, so please contact Liz at eoppewal@comcast.net if I need to correct something. Arlene has offered her mother-in-law's condo for thrumming of bookmarks which Betty has graciously copied from Rita's beautiful designs.

Please contact one of them for information about what that means.

The September program, which will be held September 8, will be "This is What I Use." As many members as are willing or time allows will be speaking about the books, magazines, or other sources of inspiration and instruction they use for their weaving. Please bring what you use.

The agenda for the September business meeting will include finalization of membership & committee chairs, consideration of an appropriate guild 50th anniversary celebration, a dues increase, a tribute to Inara (purchase of another loanable guild loom has been suggested), and weaving of the MLH swatches for the January 2009 newsletter (Betty has graciously offered to co-ordinate).

One final matter for the September guild agenda is consideration of obtaining a 501c3 (non-profit) designation for the guild. This would allow for tax deductible donations to the guild (as well as the free GR Press picture to promote the sale) but would require a "postcard" tax return to the IRS yearly.

Please contact Liz if you wish to add any other items to the agenda.

Art in the Park

Fiber Artist Jennifer Gould will be part of Holland's Art-in-the-Park, Sat., Aug. 2, 9-5, Booth 259, in the downtown's Centennial Park (River Ave. & 10th St.), featuring her dolls, handprinted jackets, fabric, and her newest patterns. You can visit her website at www.JenniferGouldDesigns.com to view her art dolls and handprinted fabric and jackets.

Item for Sale

I would like to sell my 60"- Nilus II LeClerc 4-harness loom with bench and extra reed. It's in excellent condition except for a little dust which I can remove. The buyer would have to pick it up. Inquiries could be directed to my e-mail or 616-677-3309. Thanks.

Nancy Laferriere
nancyjlaferriere@sbcglobal.net

FREE

Free inkle loom to a good home. Contact Rita Swartz, 364-8813 or ritamswartz@yahoo.com