



WOODLAND

Weavers & Spinners Guild

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Next Meeting
Monday, March 2
7:00 PM

Crafting Sanity on the Web
with
Jennifer Ackerman-Haywood

Greeters: Margaret Jager, Ginny Kuilema

Treaters: Jeanne Hoin, Margaret Jager, Betty Lebeck

7:00 PM
Trinity Congregational Church
2725 4 Mile Rd NW

March Guild Meeting

Our guest speaker for the March 2nd meeting is **Jennifer Ackerman-Haywood**. Jennifer does the Craft column in the Home and Garden section of Sunday's Grand Rapids Press. Also, you can find her on Take 5 Friday mornings.

The title of her presentation is "Crafting Sanity On The Web: How Fiber Art and Technology Combine to Inspire, Connect and Heal Creative Types Around the Globe."

Bring along an item you would like to sell and Jennifer will give photography tips for increasing sales on the internet.

We will be sharing a meal at Bennigans on Alpine at 5:15 p.m., March 2, before the meeting. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome. Please contact me if you are planning to attend so I can make reservations.

I would like to thank all those who helped on the program committee. The dates for the 2009-2010 year have been filled! We look forward to fun, informative year.

Thanks to all who purchased inkle books at the February meeting. I am still taking orders for those who did not get one but would like one. Please let me know a.s.a.p. so I can print them before the March meeting.

Julie Daniels, 887-9007,
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Guild Member Jayne Schafer put me on to this podcast with weaver Syne Mitchell. If you're familiar with iTunes or another podcast catcher, I highly recommend this as a source of very interesting information about weaving related people and activities. Plus, she lists the websites for any resources mentioned during the broadcast.

The latest episode, number 36, is called Appalachian Weaving. Here's the description from the website: *This episode we chat with Pam Howard, the resident weaver at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC. We talk about Appalachian weaving traditions, the history of the folk school, Pam's own weaving journey, and a bit of tablet weaving.*

You'll find this very well produced podcast at <http://www.weavecast.com>.

Yahoo Weaving Group

Speaking of Internet resources, I belong to two Yahoo Groups: Weaving and Rugtalk.

The Weaving group's description goes as follows: The purpose of this group is to talk about weaving. What we're weaving or thinking of weaving. How different fibers

work in our projects. What has worked for you or not worked.

Rugtalk: This group is for the discussion of the technical aspects of weaving rugs. This list is to teach and learn how to weave rugs. This list is an on-topic list only, so no off-topic discussion will be allowed.

You'll find these on groups.yahoo.com

Groups such as these give you an opportunity to share you knowledge of weaving, and to ask questions about matters of weaving with which you're not very familiar. For example, before I wove my linen towels, I asks questions about working with linen and had several people offer advice on what to be aware of, careful of, and what to expect.

Blogs? Podcasts?

There's more in the blogosphere, and more on the Internet, and I feel I've been remiss in not bringing these items to you previously.

For example, our fellow guild member, Rita Petys, has a blog at www.yarnhollowknitting.blogspot.com

Her recent entries have to do with knitted socks.

Do you have a blog? Belong to a group on Yahoo, Google, or elsewhere? Are there Internet resources you have used and found helpful. Please tell me about them so we can share them together through the newsletter.

Bob Meyering



Photo: Paula DeYoung

Julia Daniels explains the inkle loom at February's Meeting

Inkle Loom Instruction

Due to several interested parties, we (Julia Daniels and Linda Blue) have decided to include an opportunity for instruction. It will be at the April 25 Fiber Retreat. The additional cost is \$15 per person. You need to supply your own yarns & loom. Those interested, please contact Linda Blue (363-0622).

If you do not own a loom & want to see if this is something in which you are interested, let Linda or Julie know. We may have a loom you can borrow for the day.

Linda Blue, Workshop Chair
e-mail : Lgb1242@aol.com

Debra Youngs Coming in May 2010

Per my announcement at the February meeting, our speaker and program for *May 2010* will be Debra Youngs. She is a Bernina sewing representative and does wonderful clothing. We will be producing fabric prior to her workshop to use in a garment of our choice. A wonderful jacket, a vest, or a vest with knitted sleeves (she will give us the necessary instructions for knitting them).

Due to the necessity of deciding how much fabric we will need, an order must be sent to receive her pattern. The cost of the pattern is \$22.00 plus shipping. If we order as a group we can get a discount on the shipping. There is a limit of 16 people in this class.

As always, the more that sign up for the class—the less each individual will have to pay.

I would like to order the patterns in March so that we have them before we disband for the summer.

Cathy McCarthy will be meeting with Debra and providing her with fabric for a sample jacket, so we will be able to get some ideas from Cathy on the type of fabric that will work best and have until May 2010 to produce it. (Thank you, Cathy)

You can see Debra's information at artuwear.net

I will handle ordering the patterns from Debra. If those interested supply the \$22.00 now, I will cover the shipping and divide up that cost when the patterns are dispersed. If you are not sure at this time, you can order the patterns thru Debra's webpage listed above.

I will put a sign out sheet at the March meeting.

Julie Daniels

Spinning Study Group...

will meet twice in March—on the 16th and on the 30th. We meet at City Knitting at 7:30 located behind Wolfgang's on Wealthy and Lake Drive. If you need more information, contact Diane Vander Pol at dvpo@calvin.edu or 940-2955.

Help with the MLH Exhibit

Please check your storage boxes for any handwoven material that we can use in our MLH exhibit! Judi Pulver has some wonderful ideas and now needs everyone to pull it together (see next item).

Guild Exhibit

Celebrate 50 years of fashion by becoming part of the guild exhibit for the MLH conference this summer. The exhibit will consist of art dolls dressed in the fashions of the last 50 years. We will cover the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and current styles.

Any level of participation is appreciated;

- Create a complete doll
- Create the clothes for the doll
- Donate handwoven fabric
- Create a chair or couch out of handwoven fabric.

We will have a signup sheet at the March meeting along with ideas.

Judi, Susan & Mary Ellen

Have a Heart for Heartside?

Heartside Ministries is one of the many agencies in Grand Rapids working to elevate the dignity, quality and faith of individuals experiencing crises in their lives.

Since 1996, I have offered weaving as an option for anyone interested. A new director to the agency is envisioning some new and bigger avenues for this weaving program and it would involve weavers who would donate some time and talents. While we are investigating the use of students from local colleges, I would love to know if any of you are interested in learning more about this opportunity.

Located on Division Avenue just a block from Fulton, this small store front offers everything from GED to drug counseling, to assistance in working through the "system" to qualify for SSI or other programs that may help one obtain a driver's license, housing or food. It provides a warm space for anyone who wants to come in and participate in the arts program.

Please call me at 454-9435.

Lynne Swets

Hand Spun Yarn from a Fiber CSA

Interested in a membership in a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) from Lucas, Iowa? The yarn or roving shares are offered in full or half shares. A full share gives 6 shipments of roving or hand spun yarn. Yarn is either single ply, 1600 yards or about half as much for double ply. Choice of 3 colors each shipment and can be split between choices offered.

Check out sww.faktorwillowridge.com or contact

willowridgefarm@iowaterlecom.net
for pricing and more information.

Chi Chi Van Dyke

Workshop Update:

Tom Jipson Workshop on Color scheduled for May 2 & 3 is full. Information regarding materials needed will be coming soon.

Dye Workshop with Bryan Schneider-Thomas has a couple of openings. If you are interested, contact Linda Blue at 363-0622. That workshop is scheduled for Saturday April 18.

Retreats: The March 7 Retreat at CRC Conference Grounds has 22 participants eager to escape from their "cabins" to enjoy the day of fiddling with fibers. If you are not signed up & wish to join us, contact Linda Blue.

Friendly Reminder: Try to send your check to Rebecca Kugele by our March 2 meeting.

April 25 Retreat. We are meeting again at the CRC Conference Grounds. The sign-up will be available at the March & April meetings. In addition to the retreat, Julie Daniels & Linda Blue are offering to teach Inkle Loom Weaving. This will be an extension of the planning your patterns information Julie introduced at the February meeting. We will show you how to thread your warp onto the loom, make your heddles, weaving techniques to use in Inkle Loom weaving. The extra fee for this is \$15 above the \$25 for the retreat. We plan to spend about 3 hours with that portion of the day.

MLH Workshops/ Seminars. *My MLH Conference Schedule* of workshops came in the mail this past week. Please consider & take advantage of the talented instructors who will be teaching this summer..There is a wide variety of opportunities.

Share Space?

Dyer and Fiber Artist Wants to Share Space - Looking for Copasetic Sharer or Ideas

I have been fortunate enough with my business to be able to look for a space to rent. The dyeing, fiber, yarn, and related business materials have overgrown and overtaken my house. I am looking at a nice space in Grandville, 1100 square feet with an office, bathroom, and enormous work area, and am looking for someone who would be interested in sharing the space, at least for a year or so. Or, if you aren't interested in sharing, do you have any ideas that you would be willing to pass along for ways to facilitate using this space? Workshops, storage, open studio, etc.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this and contemplate. For more information and/or details, call me at 616-257-4481. Or email me.

Many thanks, for your interest and your support.

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Guild Meeting Minutes February 2, 2009

Program: Julia Daniels and Linda Blue

Julia and Linda demonstrated inkle loom weaving. Guild members spent some time drafting patterns and choosing colors for their drafts. Julie and Linda had numerous samples available for examination as well as a booklet of tried-and-true patterns for purchase.

Business Meeting

Julie Daniels chaired the meeting. She welcomed several visitors (Jennifer Wroblewski and Liz Winsche).

The January minutes as printed in the newsletter were accepted. Treasurer Rebecca Kugele sent word that the guild accounts were in good order, and donations were collected for the purchase of a guild loom in Inara's memory.

Julie reported for the Executive Board meeting held January 12 at the Alpine Avenue Schuler's Bookstore. Next year's guild officers will be Julie Daniels—president, Margaret Jager—secretary, and Rebecca Kugele—treasurer. The nominating committee composed of Betty Christians and Ginny Kuilema will find someone willing to be vice-president. Other members willing to accept

guild responsibilities include Bob Meyering who graciously volunteered to do the newsletter once again, Jochen Ditterich who will do the 50-50 drawing each month, Paula DeYoung who will continue as our hearts and flowers coordinator, Betty Christians who will coordinate the efforts of guild members doing demonstrations for other organizations, and Bea McKinney and Marlene Stiles who will act as hospitality coordinators.

In addition, Betty Christians will continue as our MLH representative, Diane Vander Pol will be parliamentarian and spinning group coordinator, Joni Rosen who will coordinate show and tell sessions, Paula DeYoung and Mary Bartnick who will act as historians, and Margaret Jager who will continue as librarian.

Linda Blue, who has been responsible for setting up many workshops and retreats for several years, would like to be relieved of this responsibility for the next year. Interested guild members willing to take on this guild job are encouraged to discuss it with Linda.

The Executive Committee suggests the following timetable to keep our monthly meetings from running so late: A social hour beginning at 6:30, a business meeting beginning at 7:00, and the month's program beginning at 7:30.

The guild will place new DVD's in the guild library dedicated to the memory of Kathy Rowe Drescher who was taken from our group last December.

Michigan League of Handweavers

Our guild will sponsor one new weaver at the beginning weaver workshop at Hope College in early August. This new weaver may be from our guild or from our area. He/she should send a letter to the guild officers indicating a desire to use this grant.

Judy Pulver updated information from the committee responsible for our exhibit at the MLH conference at Hope College in August. We will be exhibiting fashions from the past fifty years on handmade dolls in our exhibit. Guild members are asked to bring samples, ideas, and materials to the next meeting.

Guild members interested in the summer MLH workshops (August 5-7) and conference topics (August 8-9) at Hope College should check the MLH website. There are great opportunities awaiting our exploration! Scholarship help is available to those willing to apply for it.

Guild Sale

Next year's sales committee will consist of Joni Rosen, Mary Ellen Gedris, Laurie Angell, Betty Christians, Julie Daniels, Rebecca Kugele, and Margaret Jager.

Coming Attractions

Fiber Retreats have been scheduled for

March 7, and April 25. Price for each is \$25 which includes two meals. Retreats run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and are held at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds on the shore of Lake Michigan. All members are encouraged to spend all or part of the day working on some fiber activity. See Linda Blue for details.

Tom Jipson has been scheduled to do a workshop the first weekend in May on Color and Color Interaction in Weaving. He will also be presenting the program at the May 5 guild meeting. Sign-up sheets are currently available. The cost for the workshop sessions will be approximately \$110 + \$30 for materials. Class will be held at the Alpine Fire Station. Housing for Mr. Jipson will be necessary from Friday evening through Tuesday morning, and he will need airport pick-up and return at both ends of his stay, as well as dinner on Saturday and Sunday evening.

Bryan Schneider-Thomas will be offering a second dye workshop in his studio on April 18. This cost is \$25, which includes dyes, application materials, desired advice, and lunch.

Guild members are invited to knit together on five Saturday mornings this winter. Remaining dates are February 14 & 28, and March 14 & 28. Meetings will be held at Boston Square Christian Reformed Church from 10:00 a.m. to about noon. There is no charge.

Julie and Linda are willing to do a workshop at one of the retreats if there is sufficient interest. See them for details.

Kathy Kolenda is tentatively planning a natural dye workshop on or around September 19. A list of materials for dyestock solutions is coming so we can gather them over the summer.

Miscellaneous Notes

Trish Lange will be in the area July 30-August 2. Is there any interest among guild members in a get-together with her? See Julie if you are interested.

Booths are available at Sparta's Art in the Park Festival on September 26. This is the same weekend as the Fallsburg Festival.

The spinning groups will meet February 16 at City Knitting.

Guild members interested in attending the Fleece Fair in Chelsea on February 21 should call Diane Vander Pol to join the car pool.

Arlene Tiemeyer has lovely hand made inkle loom shuttles available for \$5.00.

Kathy Kolenda won the 50-50 drawing. Show and Tell participants included Bob Meyering, Tabitha Tiemeyer, Paula DeYoung, Julie Daniels, Joni Rosen, and Chi Chi Van Dyke.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Jager, Secretary