



WOODLAND

Weavers & Spinners Guild

November 2009

Season 2009-10, No. 4

Next Meeting
Monday, Nov 2, 2009
7:00 PM

Nancy Laferriere
*Fiber Artists in the
South of France*

Treaters/Greeters
**Susan Johnson, Marilyn Ryan,
Penny Henderson, Pat Pope**

Before meeting dinner
at Bennigan's on Alpine, 5:15.

All are invited to join,
but please call or e-mail

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231-780-1231

Meetings are held at
Trinity Congregational Church,
2725 4 Mile Rd NW
Off the Walker Exit of I-96

6:30 MEETING FOR NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAMS

Vice-President Joni Rosen can use your help. She's looking for suggestions for programs for the 2010-2011 season of the Guild. If you have any suggestions at all, please see her at 6:30 or as soon as you arrive before the guild meeting begins.

Debra Youngs Workshop

I have been in touch with Debra Youngs, who is our may speaker. We will be constructing a jacket or vest from handwoven fabric in her workshop. She has given me some fabric requirements for this workshop. I will type up the information and have it available at the November meeting.

—Julia Daniels

November Speaker Nancy Laferriere

For our November meeting, guild member Nancy Laferriere will present a slide show on "Fiber Artists in the South of France." The adventure begins in Gordes, a picturesque hilltop village where, for the past eleven years, Nancy and her husband have spent three months every spring. Each year at Easter, many fiber artists gather in the village of Gordes for a three-day exposition and sale of their works. It was at this event that Nancy became interested in and acquainted with the French artists who participate.

Beginning in 2008, she took photos of the various booths at the "Fete des Tisserands" (Festival of Weavers) which she will share at the meeting on Monday, November 2. Beyond the exposition in Gordes, she also visited a few artists' ateliers in their own villages.

A dedicated Francophile since the time she left MSU to spend her junior year in Aix-en-Provence "a few decades ago" and a fiber dabbler herself (for she would never dare call herself an "artist!") Nancy has put together a program she hopes you will enjoy. "I am amazed at the similarities between the French artists and the Woodland Weavers and Spinners. It is that which I want to share."

We have a new loom!

On Friday a large box was delivered which contained our new Wolf Pup. I spent Saturday morning assembling it...thought that since the grandkids were coming over later that day it would be a good idea to get all the little parts attached!

The guild now has two looms that are available for members to rent.

Cost is \$15.00 per month. We have a 4 harness, 24 inch Norwood and a 4 harness, 18 inch Schacht Wolf Pup. If interested in renting either of these looms contact Betty Christians or Julia Daniels.



From the President

Color Inspiration

Heading outside a couple of weeks ago, I noticed a distinct sharpness to the air around me. The crisp that heralds a Fall day getting ready for the big freeze. The sky was such a beautiful shade of blue and the leaves were starting to litter the ground. Some red, others yellow, orange or brown. The perfect weavers pallet.

Michigan is a wonderful State to live in if you like color. Even Winter can spark colorful ideas. The red cardinal against the white snow, the bare trees with all their different shades and textures of bark. The colorful holiday decorations against the trees of green...or blue...or silver.

Some color combinations we try end up looking like a day in Spring-- muddy, but others exceed our expectations. Weaving can be frustrating. We put thought and effort into each and every project, but sometimes those projects bomb. But each time the project turns out, the feeling you get is fantastic.

Sharing those highs and lows with the other guild members can be very therapeutic. We've all been there. So attend the monthly meetings, get to know your fellow guild members, open your eyes to the possibilities around you. The inspirations will come, and the projects will turn out, and you'll have some wonderful new friends.

Looking for Looms

I am looking for members with easily portable looms to bring them to the January meeting. We will be having a round robin. I would like a different pattern on each loom so members can try out different techniques. I will bring a list to the November meeting so you can sign up for the pattern of your choice.

Also, those who have spinning wheels and are willing to let other members try using them are asked to please bring them to the January meeting.

—Julia Daniels

Spinning Study Group

The Spinning Study Group will meet on November 16 at 7:30 p.m. at City Knitting in Eastown. Contact Diane Vander Pol at dvpo@calvin.edu or 940-2955 if you need directions. All are welcome!



Recent Polymer Clay Workshop with Barbara Wright

Guild Meeting Minutes October 5, 2009

Program: Joni Rosen introduced Barbara Wright, an active area seamstress and quilter, who provided the evening's program, highlighting her work in polymer clay. After a quick review of basic technique, Barb showed samples of her jewelry which highlighted a number of creative techniques. After seeing the possibilities, many guild members are eagerly awaiting the workshop Barb is doing for the guild Saturday.

Business Meeting: President Julia Daniels welcomed three guests to the meeting—Rose Walton, Lisa Dykstra, and Coby Kopec. The secretary's report as printed in the newsletter was accepted, as was the treasurer's report which indicates working capital of approximately \$3400. Bob Meyering announced that new membership books are ready for distribution, Marlene Stiles circulated a treat sign-up sheet, and Mary Ellen Gedris reviewed upcoming workshops and retreats. Julie announced that the new guild loom is on its way to Michigan. Diane Vander Pol mentioned that the spinners will meet September 19, 7:30 p.m., at City Knitting. Chi Chi Van Dyke discussed the possibility of our being able to help another new refugee learn to weave.

Betty Christians reviewed procedures for the guild sale in December, and reminded all members to get a list of potential sale attendees to herself or Bob Meyering at or before the next meeting. This list will become part of our contact list for this and future sales.

Julie asked all members present to write down one project needing completion before

the end of the year. (Now that each of us has a written goal to accomplish before the end of December, hopefully, we'll all find the time and creativity to complete them!)

Michigan League of Handweavers: Ann Bont encouraged all members to join the MLH. The year's summer workshops are scheduled for August 6-8 at Hope College. Those people working on the summer MLH exhibit are Barb Van Dyke, Margaret Jager, Marlene Stiles, Mary Ippel, Susan Johnson, Paula De Young, and Laurie Angell.

Show and Tell: Members who shared their work included Ginny Kuilema, Joni Rosen, Rebecca Kugele, Mary Ippel, Margaret Jager, Julie Daniels, Tabitha Tiemeyer, Connie Hanson, Betty Christians, Arlene Tiemeyer, and Jeanne Hoin. Linda Blue won the 50-50 drawing.

*Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Jager, Secretary*

MLH Update

Save **August 6,7,8** for MLH summer Workshops 2010. Ann Neimi is putting together a great list of workshops, to be held in our own backyard at Hope College.

Thank you to Barb Van Dyke and Margaret Jager, who have agreed to coordinate the MLH Biennial Fiber Show. Thank you also to those of you who have offered to help and for the enthusiasm shown by WWS!

Retreat Approaching

We have a retreat coming up scheduled for **November 7th** at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds. If you haven't been to a retreat before, this is a great time to chat and get to know your fellow guild members and to see and be inspired by all of our various projects - people bring sewing, inkle weaving, looms, knitting, spinning wheels, etc. If there is an unfinished project hanging around in your closet, bring it - there are plenty of people willing to help or offer advice.

Additionally, Chi Chi VanDyke will be having a basket workshop during part of the retreat. If you have taken one of the basket workshops this summer, it would be a great extension of that, or if not, a great time to learn basket weaving.

Cost for the retreat is \$25.00
Cost for the optional basket workshop is \$10.00 plus a supply fee (dependent on your basket - paid to Chi Chi VanDyke)

If you are interested in attending, please e-mail or call me, and complete the registration sheet on our website. I need to get a preliminary headcount to the Conference Grounds.

*Mary Ellen Gedris
gedristm@att.net*

Welcome

Additions to the membership book:

Lisa Dykstra
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Coby Kopec
cjkopeccreations@yahoo.com

Woodland Weavers and Spinners Guild

President: Julia Daniels

Vice-President: Joni Rosen

Secretary: Margaret Jager

Treasurer: Rebecca Kugele,

Member



Michigan
League of
Handweavers

Newsletter copy due on the
15th of the month

**WOODLAND WEAVERS AND
SPINNERS
2009-2010 WORKSHOPS,
RETREATS, MEETINGS**

September 14, 2009
Meeting -Welcome Back
Crossword Puzzle
Favorite Books

September 19, 2009
Natural Dye Workshop

October 5, 2009
Meeting -Barbara Wright
Lets Play With Clay

October 10, 2009
Femo Button Workshop

November 2, 2009
Meeting – Nancy Laferriere
Fiber Artists in the South of France

November 7, 2009
Retreat

December 4, 5, 2009
Guild Sale
Prince Conference Center

December 7, 2009
Holiday Meeting

January 4, 2010*
Meeting – Round Robin
Warped Looms
Spinning Wheels

February 1, 2010*
Meeting – Weave-Its
Judi, Margaret, Gabriela

March 1, 2010
Meeting – Martha Reeves
A Journey to the Certificate of
Excellence and Master Weaver

March 6, 2010
Retreat

April 12, 2010
Meeting – Priscilla Lynch
Short History of Tapestry
Design and Processes

April 24, 2010
Retreat

May 1-2, 2010
Workshop – Sewing with
Debra Youngs

May 3, 2010
Meeting – Debra Youngs

June 7, 2010
Meeting – End of Year

*January and February have been switched from the original schedule to accommodate presenter's schedules.

**TEXTILE ARTS
MARKET**

The Textile Arts Market (TAM) committee has been very busy. Details are in place for a great sale again this year. Please give consideration to the following items.

1. We are excited that we will have the same space as last year, the Prince Conference Center at Calvin College. We have plenty of space to showcase all of our wonderful Woodland Weavers & Spinners products. We hope everyone has been busy over the past months producing items for the sale. The copy of the sale guidelines is in your membership book. If you have questions about what you are allowed to sell please ask a member of the TAM committee.

2. This year we doubled the number of postcards printed and are hoping we can also double our mailing list. For that we will need all of your help!!! We are attaching a form that each of you can use. We hope that everyone selling will share a minimum of 10 addresses for our mailing list. You are also encouraged to mail them out yourself.

The postcards will be available for you to pick up at the next guild meeting. In addition we will also forward the postcard to you by e-mail so that you can forward it on to friends on your e-mail list.

3. A Featured Artist has not yet been determined. Our thoughts are to feature a member of our own Guild. If this interests you, or if you would like to nominate someone, please pass this information on to a committee member before or by our next guild meeting. KEEP WEAVING & SPINNING !!!!!

Sample Study Group

We have 16 members signed up for the independent sample study group. So plan on having 16 patterns for sharing at the June meeting.

Drafting Diva's

We are planning a meeting to finish chapter 5 sometime in January. If your samples are not yet completed you have over 2 months to complete them.

HELP US PUBLICIZE THE TEXTILE ARTS MARKET—2009

Please supply at least 10 addresses or more for the publicity postcard for the Textile Arts Market—2009

You can help in the following way:

1. Print out this sheet, fill in the names and address (print clearly), and return this to the November Guild Meeting
2. E-mail a list of names and addresses to Bob Meyering, Newsletter editor, at meyr@calvin.edu.

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