

# WOODLAND

## Weavers & Spinners Guild

June 2010

Season 2009-10, No. 11

Next meeting  
**Monday, June 7, 2010**  
7:00 PM

### End of Season Dinner and Auction

Treaters/Greeters  
Everyone

If you are willing and able to bring a dish for the holiday dinner meeting, here's a suggested division of labor

Last Name A—D: Dessert  
Last Name E—K: Appetizer  
Last Name L—R: Salad  
Last Name S—Z: Entree

This is a suggested order. If you would prefer to bring something outside your group, feel free to do so.

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

**A Dinner and Auction** will mark the end of the 2009-2010 season for the Woodland Weavers and Spinners. The more you bring, the more fun we will have.

**Remember to bring the following:**

- Food (see above)
- Your Show and Tell goal item (see p. 3)
- \$30.00 for next season's membership dues. See form in this newsletter.
- Items you wish to donate to the auction. Bring items of value and of interest. Don't make the auctioneer have to beg for a bid. You can bring anything associated with weaving and spinning. I suppose you could bring anything you want to sell, even if it doesn't have to do with weaving and spinning.
- Cash or checkbook for the fantastic items you're going to buy.

**MLH Summer 2010  
Workshops**  
Registration deadline: May 31

Woodland Weavers and Spinners

### Guild Meeting Minutes May 3, 2010

**Program:** Debra Youngs, who had led a workshop for guild members the previous weekend, provided the program. Debra works out of her teaching studio in Schoolcraft where she teaches and creates one-of-a-kind garments using handwoven and commercial fabric and some truly unique techniques. Guild members in the audience were wearing and showing some of their interpretations of Debra's ideas, and all those in attendance left the program with new ideas waiting to be explored.

**Business Meeting:** President Julie Daniels welcomed visitors Jan Cienian, Jane Turner, and Betsy Willey when she called the meeting to order. The secretary's report as printed in the newsletter was accepted, as was treasurer Rebecca Kugele's report on the guild's financial state: \$4756 before the meeting, approximately \$1000 less by the evening's end! Laurie Angell reported for the committee working on the guild's Art-Prize entry. Already several people have donated scarves, and others have indicated they are in the works. The Lake Michigan sunset theme gives guild members color and stitch guidance. Tom Windeknecht, husband of former member Margaret Windeknecht, has indicated his support of this guild project with financial support if it is needed.

Margaret Jager and Ann Bont reported for the Michigan League of Handweavers. Guild members need to sign up for MLH workshops to be held at Hope College August 6-10 by May 31 to avoid late fees. Workshop sign-up has been relatively slow this year, so openings remain in all seven workshops. The MLH newsletter is going paperless, but swatches will continue to be mailed on a quarterly basis. The July newsletter will be the last one printed on paper and mailed to members. It will contain details about the switch in format. Hopefully, contacting members by email will provide quicker and more timely communication with guild members. Madelyn Vander Hoogt, editor of Handwoven, will be coming to Livonia in October to give an address delivered in memory of former guild member Margaret Windeknecht. Plans for the bien-

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### June Goals

June is the deadline for your goal for the year. Bring in your completed project and you can win a years membership.

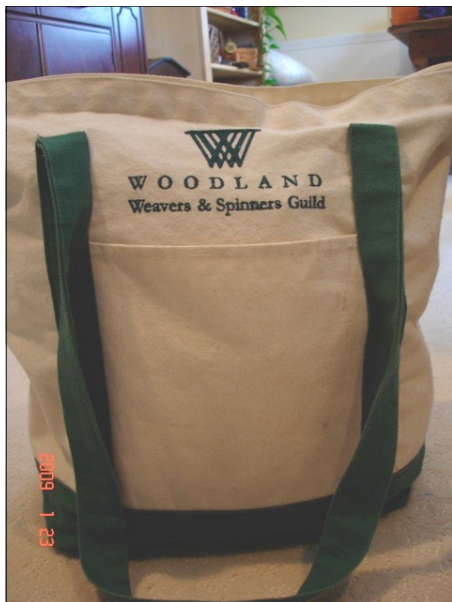
**The Goals Are:**

towels from chenille and cotton,  
weave fabric and sew japanese jacket  
wind warp and weave rug for Habitat for Humanity  
5 skein multicolored multi-texture wrap needs to be turned into something  
jacket or wrap from felted sheets of wool  
black-brown tote bags  
lace knit scarf  
afghan  
quilted pillow  
weave rugs  
complete garment from handwoven material.  
handbags  
runner  
use woven fabric to make garments, pillows  
Linen scarf  
Autumn rose sweater  
double woven rug  
shawl  
sweater knit  
coverlet in double weave  
scarf  
open work felted wool scarves  
striped green/burgundy sweaters  
green wool weaving project  
rug with inlay (chenille & rag)  
birch bark garbage can  
tv afghan  
blue jacket  
weave my 1st project  
hand spin yarn to finish sweater  
left hand jacket  
finish purse - make something with inkle loom weavings  
blue woven material - make into anything  
fisherman style knit sweater (at least 20 years old)  
project/warp on K loom  
felted wine sack w/felted decoration  
spin one of the rovings hanging around  
make jacket from hand woven/fulled yardage  
do something with my "jacket" fabric  
finish rug on loom and use of bag of rags  
wrap/jacket with hand dyed fiber I am spinning

*This should be the greatest Show and Tell ever.*

## Put It in the Bag

For the June meeting *only* the WWS bags will sell for \$10.00 (regular price, \$15.00). Take advantage of this special pricing and use the bags to take your purchased items home from the sale at the June meeting.



## For sale:

60" LeClerc Nilus II Loom with two reeds and a bench. Excellent condition, just underused. Call Nancy Laferriere at 616-677-3309 after May 26 or e-mail her at [njlaferriere@gmail.com](mailto:njlaferriere@gmail.com)

## For Sale

Three spinning wheels need a good home.

- Ashford
- Babe
- Beautiful handmade wheel with attachments

I am willing to take reasonable offers. Come and visit and call me at 616-361-5792. For sale from Mary Bartnick.

## The Spinners Study Group

will meet at Martha Katt's home on Monday evening, June 21, at 7:30 p.m. Need directions? Contact Diane VanderPol at [dvpo@calvin.edu](mailto:dvpo@calvin.edu) or 940-2955.

## Farm Visit

The Spinning Study Group has been invited to Rita Walters' farm on Memorial Day. Contact Diane VanderPol ([dvpo@calvin.edu](mailto:dvpo@calvin.edu)) for more information and car pooling arrangements. Bring a chair and a dish to pass!

## ArtPrize Update

Mr. Windeknecht has made it clear to me that he wants to sponsor ALL of our registration fees for ArtPrize. Please do not send me any more registration money. I will return the money I have received. What a wonderful expression of support Mr. Windeknecht has given us to help us grow and thrive!

I will bring the scarves I have and we can see what colors are needed to make our "lakescape." I will bring a small scale "loom" like the one we will use for the actual project.

I am working on the registration information and writing the proposal. Some of you I am sure will have great ideas and additions, and I am thankful. I can explain the details at the meeting so that any questions can be answered to the best of my ability.

Please e-mail me directly with questions I can answer. Some details need to be worked out but I am confident that solutions will be in reach. I welcome any input and am grateful for everyone's enthusiasm and contributions.

I would like to have a practice assembly for the project at my house soon. Please let me know if you can help out. Possible dates ?



—Laurie Angell

## Independent Study Sample Group

A reminder to those who signed up for the Independent Sample Study Group—you need 16 samples and we will meet to exchange those samples at 6:15 p.m. before the meeting. Those signed up are:

Cathy McCarthy  
Julie Daniels  
Marta B. Williams  
Linda Blue  
Arlene Tiemeyer  
Betty Christians  
Clara Carroll  
Laurie Angell  
Liz Oppewal  
Joni Rosen  
Susan Johnson  
Jackie Fisher  
Pat Pope  
Ann Bont  
Connie Hanson  
Mary Ellen Gedris

## OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2010 - 2011

I would like to thank all those who agreed to hold positions in the guild for the 2010-2011 year. The new Officers and Committee Chair

PRESIDENT- JONI ROSEN  
VICE PRESIDENT- PAULA DEYOUNG  
SECRETARY- ARLENE TIEMEYER  
TREASURER -CHI CHI VANDYKE  
HEARTS AND FLOWERS -SUSAN JOHNSON  
HISTORIAN -JULIA DANIELS  
HOSPITALITY- PAT POPE, MARLENE STILES  
MEMBERSHIP - BOB MEYERING  
MLH REP- BETTY CHRISTIANS  
NEWSLETTER- BOB MEYERING  
PARLIAMENTARIAN- DIANE VANDERPOL  
SHOW AND TELL- PAT KLUZ  
LIBRARIAN- MARGARET JAGER  
WORKSHOPS -MARY ELLEN GEDRIS  
SALES COMMITTEE- BETTY CHRISTIANS  
50/50- JOCHEN DITTERICH  
ROVING REPORTER- LINDA BLUE  
50TH ANNIVERSARY- BARB VANDYKE, PAULA DEYOUNG, JULIA DANIELS  
ART PRIZE- LAURIE ANGELL

Just a reminder to all those handing over positions: Please send along a list of job duties. It really helps the people taking on new positions know what their jobs entail.

## Woodland Weavers and Spinners Guild

President: Julia Daniels  
Vice-President: Joni Rosen  
Secretary: Margaret Jager  
Treasurer: Rebecca Kugele,  
Newsletter Editor: Bob Meyering

Member



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 – ICCF Building  
Fabric Exhibition
- February 1, 2010  
Meeting – Weave-Its  
Judi, Margaret, Gabriela  
Round Robin, Weaving/Spinning
- 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**  
**Dinner & Auction – End of Year**

**New Additions to  
Guild Library**

When Priscilla Lynch was our guest in April, she left an armload of books for the guild library. Most of these have been processed and are on the guild AV cart ready for check out. Try one, or more, of them for summer reading. Guild members are also encouraged to check out videos and DVD's for summer study and enjoyment.

- The Centinela Weavers of Chimayo*—McKay  
*The Complete Book of Tapestry Weaving*—Pearson  
*The Creative Spirit*—Coleman  
*Decorative Art Weaving*—Stalberg  
*The Essential Thread*—Stack  
*Flemish Weaving*—Ingers  
*Free Weaving*—Hoppe and others  
*The Lady and the Unicorn*—Lyall  
*Medieval Life and Leisure in Devonshire Hunting Tapestries*—Woolley  
*Norsk Billedvev*—Sjovold  
*Nezhnie: Weaver and Innovative Artist*—Rees  
*Weaving a Tapestry*—Brostoff

**Note:** After Priscilla's presentation in April, some guild members just couldn't wait to actually check out these books! If you have one of Priscilla's donations at home, please give it to me so it can be officially added to the guild's collection.

**Another note:** We still have funds in the library fund for additional materials. If there are items you would like to see added to our collection, please let me know.

—Margaret Jager

**Michigan Fiber Festival  
Volunteers Needed**

The Woodland Weavers and Spinners will be demonstrating spinning and weaving at the Michigan Fiber Festival from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 21. Volunteers are needed, and they will receive a free pass to get into the Festival. Contact Diane Vander Pol (dvpo@calvin.edu) or Arlene Tiemeyer (bigfam15@chartermi.net) if you can help out!

Michigan Fiber Festival takes place on August 20-22 for Festival 2010 and August 18-22 for Festival Workshops 2010!



[www.michiganfiberfestival.info/home.html](http://www.michiganfiberfestival.info/home.html)

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nial fiber exhibit at Kendall College in August and September continue. Linda Blue has volunteered to weave the ribbons to be awarded to winning entries.

Mary Ellen Gedris reported that Saturday retreats at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds have been set for next season. Staying at the lakeshore for the weekend in one of the new cottages will be an option at both the November and April retreats. The June 5 dyeing workshop with Bryan Schneider Thomas is currently full. Next season we can look forward to workshops taught by Trish Lange in October and Joann Batchelder in May. Guild members have been asked to demonstrate spinning and weaving at the Michigan Fiber Festival on Saturday, August 21, in Allegan. Guild members willing to participate should contact Arlene Tiemeyer or Diane Vander Pol. Laurie Angell reminded guild members that guild logo bags are still available for \$15.

The guild decided to contribute \$100 to the Alice Griswold endowment fund at the MSU museum. The endowment will provide funds for the continued care of Alice's huge textile library and sample collection which has been given to the museum. All fiber artists interested in studying the collection will have opportunity to do so in the future. The guild also set aside as much as \$300 to be used to fund learning grants for guild members who would like to take workshops sponsored by MLH at Hope College. Guild members who would like to access this fund should submit their names to Rebecca Kugele by May 20. Gifts of up to \$100 will be given. If more than three persons apply, the fund will be divided by the number of applicants.

A fundraiser auction will be held at the June meeting. Guild members are asked to bring items to be auctioned off. The family of Inara Kalnaraups has donated several garments handwoven by Inara to the auction. Two of the scarves in this donation have been reserved for use in the ArtPrize entry. In addition to the auction, guild members are free to bring items to trade, sell, or share with others to this meeting.

Winners of the 50-50 drawing were Liz Winsche and Rebecca Kugele. Show-and-tell participants included Laurie Angell, Paula De Young, Tabitha Tiemeyer, Liz Winsche, Cathy McCarthy, Jeanne Hoin, Chi Chi Van Dyke, Marilyn Ryan, Susan Mulvey, Sally LaFrance, and Julie Daniels.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Jager, Secretary

## Trish Lange Coming in October

Trish Lange will be here in October. If you haven't taken a Trish Lange workshop I urge you to sign up. It doesn't matter if you are an experienced weaver or not. You will not be bringing your loom to her workshop, but in the Beginning class you will be winding a warp.

She will do 2 workshops. The first will be October 2nd, 3rd and 4th

### DESIGNING CUSTOM CLOTHING FOR NARROW LOOMS

A pattern taken from any place usually doesn't fit. And many times the person doesn't have a loom wide enough to accommodate that pattern. In this workshop we will discuss styles and what is attractive for your body type. Emphasis will be placed on the creation of designs appropriate for the student's particular figure type, life-style, and specific talents, as well as designed for her narrow loom width.

After you have customized several garment patterns to fit you perfectly, you will pick your favorites and plan your warp and weft. Appropriateness of fiber to design will be covered along with a host of other considerations for weaving a piece that has been designed to have practically no cutting and minimal sewing yet remains drape able and beautiful.

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The Advanced class will be held October 9th, 10th and 11th

### PROPOSAL FOR AD- VANCED WORKSHOP:

As a follow up to our Designing and Weaving Clothing for a Narrow Loom held October 2008, we will immerse ourselves in reviewing, refining and expanding our garment knowledge of patterns, fit, sewing, embellishing and all your unanswered questions about details. You can join this workshop even if you did not take the 2008 class.

Clean out that closet and bring your finished or unfinished handwoven garments for critique and your untouched yardage no matter how old. We'll analyze it for options and best use, match it to a custom pattern, then sew it in class hopefully using Trish's technique of designing selvage to selvage with little cutting or sewing. Learn all about facings, pockets, piecing, finishing techniques and more.

We'll also cover garments made from small pieces using patchwork ideas and combinations with commercial fabric. Trish has new patterns to share and she'll bring lots of samples to inspire you.

Our three days will culminate in a mini fashion show and celebration of your accomplishments.

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Mary Ellen should have sign up sheets at the June Meeting. Each 3 day session will cost \$100.00.

If we don't get enough people signed up within our guild, we will advertise it to other guilds.

So the sooner you sign up, the better chance you have of getting a spot in this sought after workshop.

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## TEXTILE ARTS MARKET 2010

FRIDAY, DEC. 10, 2PM—8PM  
SATURDAY, DEC. 11, 10AM—4:30PM  
PRINCE CONFERENCE CENTER AT  
CALVIN COLLEGE

The TAM committee met last week and we wanted to remind everyone of the new date for this year's sale and the extended hours.

We have all the bookmarks and postcards printed for this year and they will be available for use to any member who would like to distribute them from their booths this summer or would like to pass them out at any activity you think would generate interest in our sale. I will have them available at the June meeting, or if you contact me I can get them to you.

Margaret, Connie & Joni are working on the newspaper advertising and would appreciate your input on this part of our advertising. We also encourage each of you to send a list of names and addresses to Betty Christians so we can continue to enhance our mailing list. Everyone did a great job last year in that we mailed out almost 1000 postcards in 2009 and 300 in 2008.

We would also like to enhance our sale information on the web page. We are looking for someone who is willing to help Liz Oppewal with this. We would like for each of the artist who plan to sell in the sale to send a short bio and 2 pictures of their work, along with some contact information and e-mail address to Liz for adding to the sight.

This year we will be featuring the sale of the Art Prize scarves as a highlight of our sale. Check on the Art Prize information in this newsletter for an update on how to participate in that.

We would also like to have a donation of some of our wonderful woven or spun items to use as door prize drawings. This has been a very effective way to enhance our mailing list. If you are willing to donate a piece, please contact a member of the TAM committee.

In the mean time please have a GREAT summer and keep producing all your wonderful hand woven and hand dyed art!!!!

*Thank you  
Betty Christians*

WOODLAND WEAVERS AND SPINNERS  
Membership Form - 2010-2011

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Annual Dues \$30.00

Payable to: Woodland Weavers and Spinners

\*Dues cover 1 year from June 1 to May 31 the following year

\*Dues are due by September 30 if you wish to participate in the sale

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New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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If mailing your check...send it to along with this membership form to:

Chi Chi VanDyke  
2037 Joan Ave NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

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We can always use another set of helping hands. Are you interested in helping in the following areas?

\_\_\_\_\_ 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

\_\_\_\_\_ program committee

\_\_\_\_\_ sales committee

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Do you have any suggestions for programs for the 2011-2012 year?

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