Next Meeting:
Monday, May 7
7:00 PM

SPEAKERS:
Amanda Cinco
Lauren Matheison
Michelle McCoskey

The Color Wheel,
Growing a Natural Dye Garden

Treaters / Greeters
Esther Carlson
Sarah Jasman
Eileen Jenkins
Marilyn Ryan
Anita Scholtens

LOCATION
1753 Alpine Ave NW
(GRPD Metro Lodge 97)

Thank You from TAM Committee?
Many members came to help set up and take down the spring sale. Many who didn’t have a product in the sale? A huge thank you to everyone that worked to load and unload, carry tables, create displays, encourage others, bring treats, talk to clients, gather new emails, work the cash counter, plan before and suggest ideas for better future sales? Together we had another great sale and only together can we keep doing this. Thank You for being creative and meticulous in the work you presented! Working together was profitable for members as well as the guild and I hope it was fun for everyone that participated.

Chi Chi Van Dyke

Dreamers and Visionaries Needed
Looking for Dreamers or Visionary weavers and spinners. Our guild has grown! We’ve stockpiled funds beyond the rainy day needs. We shouldn’t become complacent so let’s work to stay vital, alive, fresh and relative. Now might be the time to think through long term ideas to meet higher goals. We could utilize our surplus funds as seed money to present a special event so we are good stewards of what we have been built. We can stretch the funds and multiply the benefits they offer us. Those funds may enable us to reach out to younger fiber enthusiasts to enrich our group, bringing in vitality, creative ideas and invigorating energy. By doing nothing we may be deciding to become stagnant and only maintain the status quo. Should we pay more than 80% on TAM sales to encourage members but have less funds available to grasp new opportunities? Or we might think BIG and plan for a vital future beyond the next few years.

What possibilities could you imagine towards long term goals? What would you wish for? What do you think is possible? What could we do? What should we be doing to lay a solid foundation for our legacy? How can our surplus funds be the seeds to those ends? Write down your ideas. Bring them to a guild meeting. Email them to me. Join me in thinking big!

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Retreat May 5
Our second retreat of the year will be held Saturday, May 5 at the Little Pine Island Camp. This is a wonderful location, the room is large enough for everyone to work on whatever project they like, and the company is always excellent. You can still register up through Tuesday, May 1 by contacting Jane Yelvington at jy2nd@comcast.net.

Minutes from the April Meeting
• Show and Tell began at 6:45pm
• Meeting began at 6:50pm
• Welcome: given to new and returning members and two visitors.

President’s remarks: Megan Roach
Board meeting
We reviewed out 2017/2018 goals: smooth transition, and building membership
We have chosen dates for next year, first Monday of the month except for the September meeting, we will meet on the first Tuesday September 4th due to Labor Day.
We will stay at the Metro Lodge
Dinner before meeting at Arnie’s on Leonard St, 2 blocks east of Alpine.
Hospitality: Please arrive early to help with chairs and set up if you are signed up to bring treats.
PARKING! Members are strongly encouraged to park in the overflow parking lot just north of the Lodge building.
Speaker parking spot
We now have 121 members
We plan on having business cards available by our next TAM sale and the May meeting.
We plan on having a booth at the Eastown Street Fair September 8th; the Fallasburg Fair is September 15th. We hope to sell products and demonstrate at both events.
New Instagram account and potential Instagram class at the retreat—www.instagram.com.
Thank you Paula Stark for writing for our newsletter.
Scholarships available!
• Board members:
  VP Jennifer Ackerman-Heywood: Looking for new speakers and events that we’ve not had before. A trip to Norwood Looms in Baldwin may be held before next winter.

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Another Successful Sale

The Textile Arts Market spring 2018 was another wonderful success. Thank you to everyone that created beautiful product and worked so hard!

Some interesting facts:
Total Tag sales $9531 with members earning $7625!
162 sales slips written up – Average sale $60
312 items sold – larger item tickets like wraps and rugs sold along with smaller price items.

Julie Daniels and Mary Ippel had the largest sales – congratulations!
Profit to the guild will be around $500
Remember to create new and fun items for the Dec 7 & 8 Sale. Save those dates and hand out our bookmarks all summer and fall.
If you have any discrepancy with the items you have been advised sold, please contact ChiChi

Break-down of sales:

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A Quick Treasurer’s Report

The guild treasury remains healthy, standing at $14,482 as of the time this report was written. It will increase a few hundred dollars from the spring sale. I have been asked about our costs for that sale and they are about $1300? $1100 to rent the space and $202 for the credit card fees which the guild covers. The guild remains on budget with our expenses. Megan has done an excellent job in keeping us on budget with our speaker expenses.

Commission Work?

Guests at the Textile Arts Market were interested in commissioned work. More than one guest asked about commissioning a special order.

A man wants a very thick alpaca shirt/jacket/sweater-not sure who has his contact information.

Another person wants a piece of wall art woven, possibly framed, maybe with weeds, Contact Kathleen Guider if interested in the wall art idea. 616-485-3953, Kguider49@att.net to discuss her thoughts.

If you took client information requesting special orders, please be sure to share with the guild.

Spinning Questions; Weaving Answers

We did not receive any questions for our mentors to answer this month, unfortunately. However, as summer approaches and there is more time to reflect on the skills you may have, please consider joining our informal mentoring group. We do not have a “formal” mentoring group, but the people who offer their skills and opinions certainly are mentors in the truest sense of the word. When members do need assistance, I have sought out people that I know have particular skills or experiences; however, the people selected to help are those that only I know. There are many more members who can add to the mix. Enriching our members’ experiences and skills is the goal that guilds have done since the origin of guilds in the Middle Ages. We offer Enrichment Points to those who respond, incidentally!

Therefore, please email me stating what skills or experience? you are willing to share, e.g., drafting, spinning long-wool fiber, helping with costing items, etc? Actually, just email me with your willingness to participate in our informal program so we can consult on the various issues that surface. We are not looking for experts, but for people who have experiences that “worked” or did not. Thank you.

Woodland Weavers and Spinners Guild

President: Megan Roach
Vice-Pres.: Jennifer Ackerman-Haywood
Secretary: Amy Ranger
Co-Treasurers: Kathy Barnett & Jane Yelvington
Newsletter Editor: Bob Meyering
Webmaster: Jane Fabiano-Turner

The Guild encourages creativity, originality and excellence in handweaving and fiber arts through fellowship and education, and stimulates broader appreciation of the fiber arts by the public.

WW&S Equipment List

- 15” - 4 harness table Loom
- 24” Norwood 4 harness loom
- 18” Schacht Wolf Pup 4 harness loom
- 26” - 8 Harness Baby Wolf
- Triangular Loom with Stand
- Inkle Loom
- 12” wide tapestry loom
- Small Warping Board

Contact Judi Pulver for more information about renting this equipment.

j pulver13@yahoo.com
616-453-2480
616-340-3282

ChiChi VanDyke & Jeanne Hoin—Textiles in Peru
March 4, 2018, Amy Tyler, “Spinning a Diversity of Wool”, location TBA

April 21, 2018 Spring Sale
Secretary Amy Ranger:
Minutes from March; no additions or corrections were presented. Minutes approve by vote.
Kathy Barnett and Jane Yelvington, Co-Treasurers: Treasurer’s Report $15,400; budget remains very healthy.

New Business:
Workshops and Retreats – Jane Yelvington
Spring Retreat: May 5th; sign up now.
Librarian & TAM – Margaret Jager:
New DVDs; yes, there are five, mostly on spinning but one on felting animals.
Upcoming TAM Sale April 21st; 9:00am to 4:00pm at St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church on East Paris Ave. Load-in is on Friday from 1:00pm to 4:30pm. Be sure to bring your SASE and signed contract; bring a snack if you are selling and sign up for a work shift.
Request from Betty Christians for multiple images of items in the “email blast” used to promote fiber sales. Julia Daniels suggested that we provide photos to the web designer (et al.) for things that will be sold. Much discussion ensued.
Membership Committee – Pat Pope and Jackie Fisher
Updates on Membership Engagement Program (MEP) – results will be tallied in May so that we can discuss this in June. Please update your form tonight and in May. We will re-start the MEP in September and take it through next May. Bringing snacks, presenting at Show and Tell – those things count for points.
Michigan Fiber Festival – Kelly Brandt:
classes are online now, sign up is in 2 weeks.
Kelly Brandt – Shearing sheep on Saturday, April 28th at her farm, about 25 animals will be sheared. All are welcome.
Study Group updates
Knitting – Margaret Jager: finished for the year
Spinning – Paula Stark: spinning on two Mondays this month
Garment Group – Judy Pulver: not meeting this month
Announcements: Next month we'll be talking about the Color Wheel and plants used for natural dyes may be available for purchase.
Adjourned at 7:40pm
Speaker: Bonnie Kay – You can take the Weaver out of Africa but you can’t take Africa out of the Weaver. Bonnie spoke for over an hour on the intricacies of traditionally woven textiles (kente cloth, in cotton and silk) from Ghana.

Amy Ranger, Secretary

Thank You CompuDie
Many newer guild members do not realize that we have our display grids, historical information, and other material stored at Compu-Die, a company serving the tool and die industry in this area. Here we have enjoyed access to clean, convenient shelving and welcoming employees who open the big doors so we can back the van right up to the storage room.
This welcome gift comes from MaryAnne and Dave Verstraete who own the company. MaryAnne is a former member of Woodland Weavers and Spinners, although she currently is busy developing her own original designs for quilting.
Finding adequate storage is always a bit of a challenge for the guild. For many years Gabriela Minnhaar-Tomatis and her husband were able to house our equipment, also in their family's business which also serves the tool and die industry. They eventually needed the space we were using, so we used an empty stall in Barb Van Dyke's garage for several years. That worked fine, too, but eventually the Van Dykes were usually traveling when we needed access to the property, and that wasn't so easy to coordinate with a caretaker.

Many people and families have arranged their schedules or facilities to accommodate the guild's programs and sales. When you see them, say thank you from all of us!

Some 2018 Fiber Shows
Here is a listing of some upcoming Michigan fiber shows for 2018. There will likely be Guild members who are vendors and we can support their efforts by taking part.

DANCES WITH WOOL OPEN HOUSE
Reed City
July 7th
MICHIGAN FIBER FEST
Allegan – Fair Grounds
August 17th, 18th, and 19th
NORTHERN MICHIGAN LAMB & WOOL
West Branch – Fair Grounds
September 29th and 30th
FIBER EXPO – FALL
Ann Arbor – Fairgrounds
October 27th and 28th

Please let me know of any other shows and we will be sure to spread the word.

Pat Pope
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WORKSHOP & RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM 2017-2018

Date________________________

Name: ____________________________

Address: __________________________

City, State, Zip __________________________

Phone: ____________________________ Email: __________________________

WORKSHOPS:
Please check the workshops you wish to attend.

______November 18 Rita Petteys - Fiber Dyeing Sampler. $35 fee (material fee of $30 to be paid directly to instructor).
Location: Yarn Hollows, 3401 Broadway SW, Grandville MI 49418

______January 20 Suzanne Higgs - Nuno Felting a Winter Shawl. $45 fee (material fee of $30 to be paid directly to instructor)?
Location: Plainfield Township Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Drive, Grand Rapids MI 49525.

______March 4 Amy Tyler, Spinning a Diversity of Wool. $45 fee (material fee of $20 to be paid directly to instructor).
Location: TBA

RETREATS:

______October 28, 2017 CRC Conference Center, Grand Haven. $25 for all day (includes lunch and dinner);
$15 for 1/2 day (includes lunch)

______May 5, 2018 Little Pine Island Camp, Comstock Park. $20 for day (includes lunch)

Workshop Policies: Workshops registrations for Guild members must be received at least 2-weeks prior to the workshop date. Registration must be accompanied by full payment. Materials fee will be paid directly to the instructor. Non-members will be included if a workshop limit is not filled by members within 2- weeks prior to the date of the workshop. The cost for non-members is workshop and materials’ fees plus $30. If a non-member decides to join the Guild after the first workshop participation, the next workshop in which s/he participates will be at the member rate for the rest of the Program year (the $30 can be applied to dues). A full refund will be issued for a cancellation received by either the Treasurer or Workshop Coordinator 32 days prior to the workshop. A 50% refund will be issued for cancellations received 31-15 days prior to the workshop; no refunds will be given after that. For both members and non-members a complete refund will be issued if the workshop is canceled.

Retreats: Registration and payment must be received 2-weeks prior to the date of the retreat. No refunds will be issued after that date. If a retreat is canceled, a full refund will be issued.

Please forward completed registration and payment (WOODLAND WEAVERS & SPINNERS) to:
Jane Yelvington
2910 Alger St SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Questions? jy2nd@comcast.net or 616-719-2203