



# WOODLAND Weavers & Spinners Guild

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Newsletter

Season 2018-2019, No. 10

## ***NEXT MEETING***

**Monday, June 3**  
**Show & Tell: 6:30 PM**  
**Followed by appetizers**  
**and...**

## **Potluck Dinner & Swap'n'Shop**

If you are willing and able to bring a dish for the End-of-Season Dinner, here's a suggested division of labor (last names):

**A-E: Salad**

**F-K: Dessert**

**L-R: Entrée**

**S-Z: Appetizer**

[Please bring your own serving utensils.]

## **LOCATION**

**1753 Alpine Ave NW**  
**(GRPD Metro Lodge 97)**  
**Grand Rapids**

## **Dinner and More**

A dinner and swap'n'shop marks the end of the 2018-2019 season for the Woodland Weavers and Spinners Guild. The more you bring, the more fun you will have.

Remember to bring the following:

- Food (see above)
- \$30.00 for next season's membership dues if you haven't already done so. See membership form in this newsletter.
- Items you wish to donate or sell or trade to the Swap 'n' Shop. Bring items of value and of interest; anything associated with weaving and spinning or with anything else of interest. Be sure to indicate if you are selling something or making it available as a free item.
- Cash or checkbook for the fantastic items you're going to buy.

**Dues are due for continued membership in the guild.**

**A renewal form can be found on page 3.**

## **A Grateful Fairwell**

Hello!

I'm writing to congratulate you all on surviving an Ackerman-Haywood Weavers and Spinners guild presidency. Yay! We made it through with minimal bumps in the road. Nice work everyone!

While this leadership experience challenged me in ways I didn't expect, I'm glad that I was able to book some interesting speakers for our meetings and successfully avoided getting us kicked out of the police lodge where we meet. Hopefully, I can keep this winning streak alive through our June potluck. Small goals work for me.

I learned many things about the inner workings of our organization during the last two years, and one of the most important is that our guild functions due to the efforts of many dedicated members who work tirelessly in the background. While I fumbled around with my own brand of parliamentary procedure at the podium, others were making sure the coffee was made and the snacks were out, that name tags were ready and everyone got a chance to show off their impressive work during show and tell.

Meanwhile, other members were taking notes, planning next year's programming, managing the guild finances and upcoming sales, organizing the next newsletter, leading important committees and inspiring study groups to continue their enriching collaborations. All this and more was going on behind the scenes while I untangled the cord to our almost-vintage guild laptop and saying a quiet prayer that the batteries wouldn't die in that finicky microphone we use at our meetings.

Instead of typing a long list of names and risking the embarrassing act of stepping right into it when I mistakenly leave someone out, I will simply take this opportunity to thank you all for your contributions to keep our guild running. Thank you for your patience when things weren't exactly perfect and for your continued efforts to work together to make our guild thrive for years into the future. And a very special thank you to those who said kind things to me when I was looking a little stressed behind the bar. Please know that those comments mean more to me than a warehouse full of free yarn. Kindness is such a blessing that we all can pass on.

Godspeed to Pat Zimmer, our incoming president and the new board. (Raise your hand

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## **A Note from the Treasurer**

**You are reminded that your yearly membership dues are now payable.** Dues are \$30/year and may be paid by cash or check. Please complete a membership form when you pay your dues. Bob and the Treasurer need this information to compile the membership book. The 2019-2020 membership year forms will be available at the June meeting and dues may be paid at that time. After that dues will have to be mailed to the Treasurer. Remember that your membership will lapse if you have not paid your dues by the September meeting. Bob and the Treasurer love it when you pay early – it eases a very rushed time in September as we try to compile the information for the membership book.

Jane Yelvington, Treasurer

## **Minutes of May 6th Meeting**

Show and Tell began at 6:45pm with items shown by Esther Carlson, Paula DeYoung, Sharon Elzinga, Liz DeVree, Holly Jensen, Vina Ryan, Cindy Adams, Betty Christians and friends from the Pentwater Fiber Center: Beth Weber, Margo Gretenger, Robin Martins. Megan Williams displayed a piece from Ireland.

**Meeting** began at 7:00pm.

Program intro by Jennifer Ackerman Heywood welcoming Mark Newport, the Artist-in-Residence and head of the Fiber Department at Cranbrook Academy of Art. If you want to hear more from Mark, he was a guest on episode 216 of the [CraftSanity Podcast](#).

**Business Meeting** began at 8:20pm.

**Membership** — Jackie Fisher — Please turn in your worksheets by May 15 to either Jackie or Kelly Brandt to demonstrate what you have done this year for the Guild.

50/50 — Vina Ryan, Paula DeYoung

**President's report** — Jennifer Ackerman-Heywood—New officers for next year. If you're interested in a leadership role, we are looking for a treasurer and secretary for next year.

**Textile Artists Market Committee Update** — Jennifer said that the committee did a great job on the recent TAM Sale. Positive

*(See Minutes on page 2)*

## 2018-2019 Season

**Sep. 10** - Summer Show & Tell.

**Oct. 1** - Natural Dying & Farm Life - Lori Evesque.

**Nov. 5** - Panel discussion with Michigan loom builders Mike and Terry McGarr from Norwood Looms and Bruce Niemi from Kessenich Looms.

**Dec. 3** - Winter potluck & gift exchange.

**Jan. 7** - Panel discussion: How to turn your fiber addiction into a business - Kelly Brandt, Heidi Bukoski, Julia Daniels.

**Feb. 4** - Weaving for Good - A presentation by Beryl Bartkus founder of Ability Weavers

**Mar. 4** - Liz Hilton - 3D Machine Knitting

**Apr. 1** - Joan Sheridan - Weaving & textiles

**May 6** - Mark Newport, head of the fiber program at Cranbrook Academy of Art and 2018 ArtPrize artist

**Jun. 3** - Potluck, season wrap-up, participation awards.

### Workshops

**Sep. 30** - Natural Dye Workshop with Lori Evesque from 1-6 p.m. Sunday.

**Nov. 11** - Felted Fascinators with Kelly Brandt.

**Mar. 31** - Band Weaving on the Inkle Loom with Joan Sheridan from 1- 6 p.m. Sunday.

### Retreats

**Oct. 13** - CRC Conference Center.

**May 4** - Pine Island Camp.

### TAM Sales

**Dec. 7-8** - Prince Conference Center, Calvin College.

**Apr. 13** - St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, East Paris Ave.

## 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 Maggie Atwater for more information about renting this equipment.

magatw@gmail.com  
616-272-8955

## Name Tags

For any matters concerning name tags, if you need a new one, or have some other question or issue, please email Kate Shockey amethystartstudio@yahoo.com

## Marilyn Ryan Featured in Grand Haven Gallery

Guild member Marilyn Ryan will be one of a group of five artists to be featured at the Gallery Uptown in Grand Haven for the month of June. The show "Fresh from the Studio" will include four painters as well as hand-woven scarves and shawls by Marilyn. As a part of the show, the four painters were challenged to create work based on the same still life. Marilyn chose to weave a shawl using the same colors, mood, and inspiration. She named it "Still Life #5".

Opening reception will be Friday, June 7, 6:00 - 8:00 at Gallery Uptown, 201 Washington Street, Grand Haven.

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if you want to join the new leadership team. There's still a wee bit of time to throw your hat in the ring.) Let's all do our part to kindly support them as they lead us through next year's fiber adventure.

Thanks again! And may you all have amazing handmade adventures this summer!

All the best,  
Jennifer Ackerman-Haywood

## Jochen Ditterich Visit

Jochen Ditterich, guild member now living in Reno NV, will be visiting Grand Rapids between June 12 and 19. He's officiating in a 24-hour bicycle race, but would love to see friends and fellow members of the guild. When specific details of times and places are determined you will be informed by email.

## Woodland Weavers and Spinners Guild

President: Jennifer Ackerman-Haywood  
Vice-President: Pat Zimmer  
Secretary: Amy Ranger  
Treasurer: 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.

MEMBER



## Volunteer Opportunity Fallasburg September 14 and 15

Each year members of the Woodland Weavers and Spinners volunteer two days demonstrating the fiber arts at the Fallasburg Fall Festival. This year's Festival takes place on Saturday, September 14, and Sunday, September 15. The Lowell Arts Council, which sponsors this activity, reimburses those who demonstrate with sufficient funds to cover gas, lunch money, etc.

In late July or early August, we will ask for a specific volunteer commitment. However, if you are interested in this kind of volunteer activity, please let us know so that we can be sure you have the opportunity to be involved.

Send your responses to Margaret Jager (margaretjager@gmail.com or call 616-773-0360)

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comments were heard about the sale. Chi Chi reported that the sale numbers were down (only 256 items sold) but it was still a good sale. Display items for the December TAM Sale are wanted by the committee (baskets, racks, etc.). Suggest what you have to the committee so that they can consider all of the options to fill the very large room at Aquinas College next year. The committee would also like everyone in the Guild to participate in December, whether as study groups, active demonstrations, or whatever - let them know. This Sale will take place at Aquinas College on December 13 and 14.

**Treasurer's Report** — Jane Yelvington— We have finished the year with \$21,300. Renewal dues for the next year are being asked for now. A rush for renewals in September doesn't help anyone.

**Marketing** — Update from Megan — Photos were taken at the Spring TAM Sale to be used in future advertising.

**Study Groups** — Spinning will continue at Jane Yelvington's home throughout the summer on the third and fifth Mondays of each month.

**MLH Update** — Michigan League of Handweavers bi-annual exhibit — Margaret Jager informed us that the theme of our display this year is "Woodland Weavers and Spinners Prefer to Dye their Dinner." Projects are due by May 30.

**New business** — A motion was made to accept the minutes of this year as printed in the newsletter; it was approved. A new person is needed to handle the Equipment Loans.

Next month will be the final meeting of the year; we will have a Potluck Meal and a Swap-and-Shop.

Meeting ended at 8:42pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Ranger



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Weavers & Spinners Guild

**MEMBERSHIP FORM — 2019-2020 Season**

Dues must be paid no later than September meeting to be in membership booklet.  
Annual Dues: \$30.00 Payable to Woodland Weavers & Spinners  
Dues cover 1 year from June 1 to May 31 the following year or any portion of the year until end of that guild year

\_\_\_\_\_NEW MEMBER                      \_\_\_\_\_Renewing Member

\_\_\_\_\_I do not want a paper membership booklet.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_Cell Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Business website\_\_\_\_\_

Committees you might be interested in joining\_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for the guild in general, speakers, workshops or retreats:

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Membership pays the rent, speakers, and overhead. We offer workshops, retreats, textile sales in which members may participate, learning library, newsletters, Facebook and other social interaction opportunities.

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