

WOODLAND

Weavers & Spinners Guild

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March 2020

Newsletter

Season 2019-2020, No. 7

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 2
Show & Tell: 6:30 PM
Program: 7:00 PM

*Explorations in
Garment Creation*
with the
Garment Study Group

Treat & Greet

Paula DeYoung
Kathy Forzley
Margaret Jager
Sarah Jasman
Liz Oppewal
Vins Ryan

LOCATION

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

Show and Tell

Bring **handwoven garments** to share after the Garment Group's presentation.

Frigid or Rigid?

Anyone want to take a bet that the weather will be bad on March 14? Why? Because that's the date of the Rigid Heddle Study group meeting, which has been cancelled due to weather twice already this year. Bring your current project, anything you are having troubles with, or your warped loom ready to try pick up sticks! Bring a friend, you don't have to be a guild member to attend. March 14, 2 to 4 pm, Covenant Village, 2510 Lake Michigan Dr, Grand Rapids. We meet in the last building, on the lower level.

From the President

March Musings

It's hard to believe that we are already heading into March! As we look forward to this year's two remaining workshops, our spring retreat and TAM sale, and our final get-together in June, we need to begin planning in earnest for next year. Since Cheryl will be stepping into the position of president, we need a volunteer to take over her spot as vice president.

As someone who very recently filled that position, I can tell you that it was a very rewarding experience! The vice president's primary responsibility is lining up speakers and workshops for the following year. From my point of view, that has been great in that I was able to choose exactly who and what I wanted for our presentations and workshops!

Along the way, I have become acquainted with a lot of new people in the fiber world, become better acquainted with many of our own guild members, and forced myself to step out of my personal comfort zone and try some new things.

If the vice president position doesn't feel like a good fit for you, please consider one of the other many ways that you can become more involved with the guild.

The hospitality committee can usually use another person or two before and after our meetings. Our study groups are a great way to refine skills that you have or to try something new. Maybe you would like to help out with our social media presence or our 60th anniversary committee.

If any of the ideas I have mentioned strike a chord with you, please talk to the person in charge of that area. If you have another idea, please present it to someone on the executive board or at one of our meetings. Whether you have lots of time to share or just an occasional hour or two, there is sure to be something you can do to help grow your guild as well as yourself!

Pat Zimmer

Educational

Scholarships Available!

One of the benefits to membership in the Woodland Weavers & Spinners Guild is the opportunity for educational scholarships. Members are encouraged to expand their knowledge in the fiber arts by engaging in workshops, training and other learning experiences throughout the year to promote our mission of education and excellence.

We currently have enough funds in our 2019-2020 Education Scholarship Fund to grant several scholarships of up to \$100 each! Scholarships can be used toward guild workshops, private education & training, MLH and Fiber Festival workshops and other fiber related learning opportunities.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please refer to the Scholarship Guidelines printed in the Membership Book and fill out the application included in this newsletter. Completed applications can be returned to Kathy Forzley, Treasurer, or any Board Member for review by the Scholarship Committee.

Make a commitment to learn something new in 2020!

Workshop and Retreat Information

One place has come open in Kathy Forzley's *Painting with Wool* workshop in March. See me at the March meeting with a check for \$55.00 (There is also a supplies fee of \$12 cash or check for the supplies.)

The Nalbinding workshop has a waiting list of 2 people right now (\$50 and \$15 for supplies).

Many of us have signed up for the May retreat at Little Pine Island. Bring your own snack lunch and we will provide coffee and hot water.

Amy Ranger

Monthly Meetings

Sep 3: (Tuesday) Welcome Back, Summer Show 'n' Tell.

Oct 7: Ed Rowe, *The Historical Progression of Spinning and the Spinner's Tools*.

Nov. 4: Sylvia Walworth, *Art Therapy: Interface with Fibers*.

Dec. 2: Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange.

Jan. 6: Guild Members, *The Fabric of Our Lives*.

Feb. 3: Andrea Melvin, Curator, *Textiles in the GR Public Museum's Collection*.

Mar. 2: Garment Study Group, *Explorations in Garment Creation*.

Apr. 6: Renee Dillard, *Natural Fiber Weaving of the Anishinaabek*.

May 4: Mary Heumann, *An Introduction to Nalbinding*.

Jun. 1: Potluck and Swap 'n' Shop.

Workshops

Oct. 26: Nancy McRay, *Color Theory for Fiber Artists*.

Jan. 30: Tour of Community Archives at Grand Rapids Public Museum

Mar. 8: Kathy Forzley, *Painting with Wool*.

May 3: Mary Heumann, *Discover Nalbinding*.

Retreats

Oct. 12: CRC Conference Grounds

May 2: Salvation Army Little Pine Island Camp—Free

Textile Arts Market

Dec 13-14: Aquinas College, Donnelly Center.

April 25: St Nicholas Orth Church.

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.

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

TAM Spring Sale

The spring TAM sale will be Saturday, April 25th. This is the sale we do with the West Michigan Potters Guild. (Technically we are a guest at their sale.) It is held at St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church on East Paris in Grand Rapids. The sale itself runs from 9-4. We set up on Friday afternoon. Set up time is from 2-7 p.m. We will start check in at 2.

Julie Daniels will have the work shift signup sheets at the March meeting. We do not need everyone for set up on Friday, but we will need some help. So, if you can, please plan on it. And as always, anyone selling must work a shift and be there for tear down or have a designated person to work for you and pick up your product.

Our space is much smaller at this sale, so we do not have any demonstration area.

In making and choosing items for this sale, think spring and summer.

If you have any questions please ask. I, or other committee members, are happy to help. I am looking forward to seeing what everyone has created.

Heidi Bukoski

Minutes from February Meeting

Pat called the meeting to order at 7:52 pm and greeted visitors and new members:

Anne Sands, intested in spinning; Helene, interested in sewing and crochet (she works as a luxury carpet designer at the Scott Group; Barb. has a small herd of alpacas and is interested in spinning and knittings and crocheting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report--\$21,904.00 total. We have already paid for the rental of the facility of the sale with the potters guild, and this year's December sale at Aquinas College. Workshop registration and payment should go to Amy Ranger. If you have any money that needs to go to Kathy, please give it to Maggie Atwater.

It was suggested that with so much money in the treasury, we should explore becoming a 501 C3 non-profit organization. We are currently a 501 c7.

Vice-President's report--she has been busy contacting people for speaking next year. If you think of someone, please let Cheryl know. If you suggest someone, please give Cheryl an email or phone number so she can contact them in the future.

Committee Reports and Committee Chairs
Amy Ranger--workshop updates. Kathy Forzley's workshop is full and currently has a waiting list.

Nalbinding workshop is also full and it has a waiting list.

The Retreat in the Fall will be at The Grand Ravines in Jenison, 42th Avenue and Fillmore Street. It has a 187 acre park, can hold up to fifty people, we can arrange to bring food in, we will be there from ten to four in the afternoon, Saturday October 31. CRC Conference Growns was unable to take us this year.

MLH- Paula DeYoung and Margaret Jager. Membership forms are on the back table. Dues are from September 1 to August 31 of the following year. MLH will have their 21st biennial exhibit, opening on June 27. There will be a reception on June 28 from 2 pm-4 pm. Information will be put on the mlh website.

Nothing has been finalized. Please enter a piece of art. \$10.00 to enter if you have one piece of art, 20.00 for 2 pieces, and 25.00 for three pieces of art. Information will be in the MLH newsletter. You have to be a member of MLH to enter the contest. Margaret Jager proposed that we give \$400 dollars to support the exhibition. It was supported and the motion carried.

Rigid heddle has a meeting coming up on Saturday.

New Business

2 winners were selected for the 50/50 raffle
Discussion and vote on the children/grandchildren amendment to our bylaws

- First come first serve

Woodland Weavers and Spinners Guild

President: Pat Zimmer

Vice-President: Cheryl Bootsma

Secretary: Maggie Atwater

Treasurer: Jane Yelvington/Kathy Forzley

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



(MINUTES-Continued from page 2)

- The first people that sign up get priority
- You would sign up children and grandchildren
- We are there to educate, we are helping to continue the legacy that is stated in our bylaws
- The workshops are set up this year for next year
- If they come as members, they would also be allowed to sell as members, this is only about participating in guild meetings and general membership

The question was called. The vote was taken and carried with all members saying aye.

TAM- Heidi

- Spring sale is April 25 at the antiochian church.
- We are definitely set with Aquinas.
- Please be producing things that tend to be more summer oriented.
- We have limited space at this sale.
- More seasonal appropriate is generally a good idea.

Copyright -

Heidi spoke to a few people who deal with producing things.

- Give respect for the time and effort that the artist doing the work originally put into it.
- PLEASE check copyrights. There was a time when a member produced something, and someone else a year later brought the same item simply copied.
- There's a difference between exactly copying something and changing some details to make it your own.
- People wonder how much change is enough
- You had to change something 65%-70% to make it your own.
- If you own the work, you have your own right to the work you create.
- If you don't want to share it, DO NOT POST IT.
- Copyright is assumed as well.
- Even if you sell the work, you retain the copyright, unless you sell it to someone else.

No updates on the 60th anniversary

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm

The Presentation tonight was by Andrea Melvin about Makers and Shaker—Highlights from the GRPM's Fashion Collection. If you are interested to find more information please go to grpmcollections.org

Maggie Atwater, Secretary

Sale—February 29

Claire Wolterstorff and her husband are moving from their home to a condo and will be downsizing. She has over the years accumulated items and stash from her interest in weaving and spinning and other fiber activities. She's holding a sale on Saturday, February 29, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Prices will be very good. Included in the sale are table looms, two spinning wheels, yarn, some wool, some handspun wool and some linen and cotton and other fibers. She also has some flickers and books on spinning and weaving. Weaving/spinning magazines will be free.

Location is 58 Sunnybrook SE. Her street comes off from Woodward Ave., just across from the Aquinas Donnelly Center where we held our December sale.

Just One Last Word

I do not like
good-byes
It feels like an ending or
a loss that can never
be retrieved.

But you are part of me
which has a home in
my memories forever.
I can not forget your faces
especially your voices
and the laughter in workshops
as we all fumbled away
learning something new.

I can not count the hours
spinning on those
Monday nights
Or the fear and frustration
of new spinners as their hands
learned the magic of thread
sailing through their fingers.

Those pot lucks where
I tried to eat some
of everyone of those
great deserts.
The retreats where we not only
broke bread together
but we discovered in each other
the bonds of friendship.
I am wanting the threads
of those bonds to
stay with me forever.

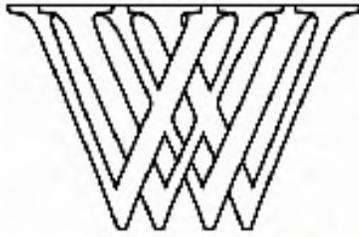
Some of you have
pieces of me in my
equipment or fiber.
Think of me and smile
when you spin that wheel,
weave that fabric
Or snuggle with that fiber.
A part of me is in everything
I sold or gave away.

I will hold you close in my heart
as I discover new fiber friends.
But I can in my tradition say
Shalom

**The meaning of Shalom
from the play *Milk and Honey*.**

Shalom, Shalom,
You'll find Shalom
The nicest greeting you know;
It means bonjour, salud, and skoal
And twice as much as hello.
It means a million lovely things,
Like peace be yours,
Welcome home.
And even when you say goodbye,
You say goodbye with Shalom.

Paula Stark



W O O D L A N D
Weavers & Spinners Guild

Scholarship Request

I am requesting consideration for a scholarship of up to \$100 for the educational opportunity described below.

I understand that the guild maintains a scholarship fund to encourage members in creative hand weaving, spinning and related fiber arts. I understand that this scholarship is not necessarily based on need but may be limited to member requests with more pressing financial need. I feel that this scholarship will enable me to meet my financial obligations for this opportunity.

I understand that by accepting a scholarship from the WW&S Guild I am agreeing to share my experience and what I learned with the guild in some manner to be worked out with the guild president. This may be a short demonstration, a full program or as simple as a show and tell.

This is a description of my intended learning experience/class for which I am requesting this scholarship. I have listed dates, class name and who is sponsoring the opportunity (if applicable), as well as a description of what I hope to learn from this opportunity:

Please attach any other information regarding this opportunity to assist the committee in determining the applicable need as it relates to the scholarship guidelines.

Date I need a response by: _____ (the scholarship committee may not be able to meet quick response needs depending on availability of members).

Would you be willing to help others with what you learned afterwards? _____

Member Signature?

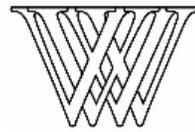
Date

Committee Notes:

__ Accepted on _____ for \$ _____

__ Denied on _____ due to the following explanation.

Committee Members voting:



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WORKSHOP & RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM:

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

WORKSHOPS:

_____ October 26, 2019 *Nancy McRay: Color Theory for Fiber Artists. Class fee is \$70. (Pay material fee of \$5 to instructor.) Location: GRPD Metro Lodge 97, 1753 Alpine NW, Grand Rapids. Hours 10am – 4pm. Please bring your own lunch.*

_____ January 30, 2020 *Andrea Melvin: GRPM / tour of the Community Archives and Research Center (CARC). Tour fee \$7 per person. Location: 223 Washington Street SE, Grand Rapids. Hours: 3pm – 4:30pm.*

_____ March 8, 2020 *Kathy Forzley: Painting with Wool. Class fee is \$55. (Materials fee of \$12 is to be paid directly to the instructor.) Location: GRPD Metro Lodge 97, 1753 Alpine NW, Grand Rapids. Hours: 12:30pm – 5:30pm*

_____ May 3, 2020 *Mary Heumann: Discover Nalbinding. Class fee is \$50. (Materials fee of \$15 is to be paid directly to the instructor.) Location: GRPD Metro Lodge 97, 1753 Alpine NW, Grand Rapids. Hours: 10am – 4pm.*

RETREATS:

_____ October 12, 2019 *Christian Reformed Church Conference Center, Grand Haven. \$25 for full day (9am – 8pm), includes lunch and dinner. \$15 for ½ day, includes lunch.*

_____ May 2, 2020 *Little Pine Island Camp, Comstock Park. (9am – 4pm), Free – Bring your own lunch and snacks*

Workshop Policies: Workshop 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 date of 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. If a member cannot attend a workshop for which they have registered, they may have another WWS member attend in their stead. If a member who cannot attend wishes to have a non-member attend in their stead, they will have to pay the additional \$30 for non-member participation. A non-member may not attend in a member stead if there is a waiting list for WWS members. The arrangement for a substitute does not affect the penalty for late cancellation; the fee paid by the original registrant will cover the attendance of the substitute.

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 (make check payable to WOODLAND WEAVERS & SPINNERS) to: Amy Ranger, 1587 Mullins Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534.