



**MICHIGAN WEAVERS GUILD**

**CYBER**

**FIBER FARE**

November 2008

## **NEXT MEETING**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008**

Farmington Community Library, 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

**11:00 AM Board Meeting**

**12:00 PM Social Time**

**12:30 PM General Meeting**

**1:00 PM Slide/Lecture**

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## **2008-2009 YEAR AT A GLANCE**

**November 20, 2008: Slide/lecture**

Boisali Biswas: *Intersections of Traditions and Cultures: A Fiber Artist's Journey*

**January 15, 2009: Slide/lecture**

TBA

**January 2009: Workshop**

TBA

**February 19, 2009: Slide/lecture**

Mary Underwood: *The House that Genghis Built*

**March 19, 2009: Slide/lecture**

Martha Brownscombe: *Travels of a Fiber Fanatic*

**March 20, 2009: Workshop**

Martha Brownscombe: 2 Options - Members will be polled for choice

**April 16, 2009 Slide/lecture**

Jan Dollan: *The Gees Bend Quilters*

**May 21, 2009: FIELDTRIP!!**

*Tour of the Weaving Studio at Greenfield Village*

**Michigan Weavers Guild**

[www.michiganweaversguild.org](http://www.michiganweaversguild.org)

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems just yesterday it was summer and in the blink of an eye we're experiencing fall/winter with a hailstorm a few days ago. We have gone from blue skies to gray. Instead of spending time outdoors perhaps this will encourage starting some new projects. I just received my order of yarn from Halcyon for prayer shawls for three of my grandchildren who will celebrate their Bat and Bar Mitvahs this spring and summer.

I also went to a Fiber Fair in Saline this past weekend and was tempted by the beautiful hand dyed yarns there. I attended with a neighbor and she showed me the great tote she had knitted and felted. She copied the pattern directions for me and promised to help me with it, and of course, I found some perfect yarn for the tote at the Fair. The problem is I'm not much of a knitter and I now have a big knitting project besides prayer shawls! Once again, I have fallen for the temptations of colorful yarn! My stash keeps growing. With snow predicted any day I certainly have enough weaving and knitting projects to keep me busy this winter.

What are your current projects? Let's hear from you. What are you doing and what are your plans?

I plan to address the name change for our guild at the November meeting. We will discuss and vote on whether or not to call ourselves The MWG - A Fiber Arts Guild. Please bring your questions and ideas for discussion so that we can come to a final decision about this matter.

I'm looking forward to Boisali Biswas program at our Nov. 20 meeting about her journey as a fiber artist. See you then.

*Arlene Gendelman*

## 2008-2009 BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

|                                 |                            |                            |                              |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>President:</i>               | <b>ARLENE GENDELMAN</b>    | <i>Exhibits:</i>           | <b>ELAINE BORRUSO, chair</b> |
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|                                 | <i>Laura Lipson</i>        | <i>Membership:</i>         | <b>SUSAN LOLLI</b>           |
| <i>Publicity:</i>               | <b>JUDY BOESKY</b>         | <i>MLH Representative:</i> | <b>KEN ALLEN</b>             |
| <i>Historian:</i>               | <b>NANCY PECK</b>          |                            |                              |
| <i>Webmaster:</i>               | <b>MARY RIOS</b>           |                            |                              |

# EXCERPTS FROM OCTOBER MEETING

MINUTES: October 16, 1008

**Board Meeting** called to order by Vice-President Nancy Slutsky in the absence of President Arlene Gendelman.

**Present:** Sarah Irvine, Judy Boesky, Nancy Peck, Susan Lolli, Joan Koelsch, Ken Allen, Karen Folland, Jeanne Seitz, Nancy Slutsky, Erika Proschow, Mary Rios, Laura Lipson

**Treasurer:** Ken Allen reported that balance as of September 30, 2008 was \$3109.68

**Program:** Joan Koelsch changes in programs and workshops. Please check her report in FiberFare.

**Exhibits:** Judy Boesky reported that Elaine Borruso will make report at General Meeting.

**Membership:** Susan Lolli reported that we have 43 paid members, 7 honorary members and 39 members who have not yet renewed.

**FiberFare:** Deadline for next FiberFare is October 25, 2008.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Sarah Irvine reported that she will send condolences to Jason Collingwood on the death of his father, Peter. She announced that Knit Michigan is on Feb. 7 at Sacred Heart Academy. She has agreed to chair this event for MWG.

**MLH:** Chairman Ken Allen announced the instructors and dates of the MLH conference in Holland- Aug. 5-9, 2008 and will ask for volunteers to chair an exhibit at the conference.

**Web Page:** Mary Rios reported that the MWG Web Page and blog are up and running urged members to send information. She will make announcement at General Meeting.

**Old Business:** Re: charging members for hard copies of Fiberfare.

**ACTION:** Board moved seconded a motion to move toward eliminating sending out hard copies of FiberFare. Discussion included concern that members could expect that their dues should include receiving Fiber-

Fare. Motion passed with 10 yays and 2 nays. FiberFare and Membership committees will contact members and Guilds for whom we do not have email addresses in attempt to obtain them.

**General Meeting** called to order at 12:30 by Nancy Slutsky. She introduced 2 new members.

**Exhibits:** Elaine Borruso reported that the BBAC exhibit will be from Jan. 9-30 and will be juried by Rebecca Hart, Associate Curator of Contemporary Art and the Detroit Institute of Arts. The Costic show will be from October 1-November 15.

**Membership:** Susan Lolli reported that DUES ARE DUE.

**FiberFare:** Deadline for November issue is October 25. No FiberFare in December. Deadline for January is December 20.

**Publicity:** Judy Boesky will place notice in FiberFare regarding the Fiber Arts Network and urged all members to join.

**Web Page:** Mary Rios encouraged members to visit the MWG website [www.michiganweaversguild.org](http://www.michiganweaversguild.org) and send information to the blog.

Nancy Slutsky announced that the Guild is phasing out the distribution of hard copies of FiberFare and urged members who have not done so to send email address to Jeanne Seitz [niteweaver@sbcglobal.net](mailto:niteweaver@sbcglobal.net).

Nancy announced the death of Peter Collingwood, an expert weaver who has visited this country from Great Britain many times presenting workshops on a variety of weaving techniques. Sarah Irvine will send condolences from the Guild to his son, Jason.

**Show & Tell:** Ken Allen presented the beautiful work of our members.

Joan Koelsch introduced Marie-Lise Best who presented an interesting talk on yarn production with samples of a variety of fibers from sheep, alpacas, llamas and rabbits.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Lipson

# WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH?

November's speaker is member, Boisali Biswas.

Boisali is a talented weaver, surface designer, and all-around fabric artist. She has recently been working with weaving paper in a most interesting way. Boisali currently has an exhibit at the University of Michigan Hospital and has her work exhibited at various local venues. She attended a very unique university in India for her undergraduate work and did her graduate work at Bowling Green University. Come to see a slide show depicting her journey as a fiber artist and view samples of her work.



## EXHIBITS UPDATE

Before we know it the holidays will be upon us. So much to do, and so little time in which to do it. We have a juried exhibition on the calendar as soon as we enter 2009, so it will serve us well to spend as much time as possible in the studio in November!!

**GO INTO YOUR STUDIO AND MAKE STUFF!!**

The juried exhibit is a wonderful opportunity for our members to submit their work to evaluation by an independent juror, who is an expert in the field of fiber art. I hope many of our members will take advantage of this opportunity.

Our work will be installed in the De Salle Gallery at BBAC, a large, well lit space that has lots of traffic. We will have a wide audience as there will be three other shows running concurrently with ours in other galleries in the building.

If you are not able to complete a piece to enter, you may still support the concept of our juried exhibition by being a patron. Send a contribution of \$25 (the price of entry fee) and you will be listed as a Patron in our exhibition catalog. For a contribution as small as \$10 you can be acknowledged as a Supporter of the exhibit. Send contributions to Elaine Borruso, 1612 Lochridge Rd. Bloomfield Hills MI 48302.

*Elaine Borruso*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Small Expressions 2009

**Small Expressions** is an annual, international juried exhibit sponsored by the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. to be held Feb. 24 - May 3, 2009 at the Mississippi Craft Center, Ridgeland, Mississippi and June 12 - Sept. 6, 2009 at Faulconer Gallery, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa. Juror: Arturo Alonzo Sandoval. Three pieces may be entered, limited to fiber completed in the last two years. You may submit digital photos or slides. Cash awards. Deadline is Jan.9, 2009. For more information and for entry forms: go to <http://www.weavespindye.org>

### *On a sad note...*

Alice Griswold died Thursday, October 30th. She was a member of MWG and came to meetings until her recent failing health. Many of you will likely remember her. She was always planning her next warp, to be sure it was better than the last. There will be a memorial service in the spring, and I will pass along any information about that as I receive it. Alice was 97 years old. She was a great mentor to many of us and will certainly be missed.

Don't forget, the deadline for the next Fiber Fare is December 15th. Please note that this is earlier than usual. I will be out of town from the 18th of December until the 22nd and need the extra time to put the FF together. Thanks! Please email me at [niteweaver@sbcglobal.net](mailto:niteweaver@sbcglobal.net) if there's anything you'd like me to include in

### **MLH announces the Workshop Instructors for 2009 Summer MLH Workshops and Conference.**

Topics will be announced after all contracts are finalized.

Workshop dates are August 5, 6, and 7

Conference dates are August 8 and 9.

#### **Instructors:**

Sharon Alderman

Mary Hettmansperger

Daryl Lancaster

Russ Mason

Anita Luvera Mayer

Rosalie Neilson

Ann Niemi

Robyn Spady

Sandy Webster

### **FAN: Fiber Arts Network of Michigan**

If you are not already a member, you should consider joining this online newsletter for fiber artists.

"FAN is dedicated to educating and informing the Fiber Arts community...by publishing a moderated e-mail newsletter which lists Michigan and area meetings, exhibits, speakers, workshops and other fiber related events."

In addition, they sponsor a biennial juried exhibit, which is now an important part of the fiber scene in Michigan.

For information:

<http://www.fiberartsnetwork.org/>

or, contact Marla Smith, membership chair, for information about joining:

[mjsmith@umich.edu](mailto:mjsmith@umich.edu)



# Michigan Weavers Guild

2009 Juried Exhibition

## NO RESTRICTIONS—FIBER 2009

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

January 9 –30, 2009

### CALL FOR ENTRIES

We invite all members to submit work for inclusion in  
NO RESTRICTIONS—FIBER 2009  
an exhibition of recent work by the Michigan Weavers Guild.

Rebecca Hart, Associate Curator and Acting Head of Contemporary Art at the DIA will be our juror.

This exhibition provides our members the invaluable opportunity to have our work  
judged by an outside expert.

**Please submit recent work that reflects your highest standard of design and craftsmanship.**

All work must be presented ready for installation. All framed pieces must be wired for installation. For unframed flat fiber works, please bring necessary accessories/props and provide suggestions for installation.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- \* There is a non-refundable entry fee of \$25.
- \* Related pieces may be entered as a group, and will be juried as such.
- \* Works must be delivered to BBAC on Wednesday, January 7 between the hours of 9 and 11 am.

#### OPENING RECEPTION FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 6 TO 8 PM

Show runs from January 9 through January 30.  
Gallery Hours are Monday through Thursday 9 to 7  
Friday and Saturday 9 to 5

For additional information contact Elaine Borruso  
[ecborruso@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ecborruso@sbcglobal.net) 248-745-8521

**MWG Newsletter**  
**Jeanne Seitz**  
**211 Gardenia**  
**Royal Oak, MI 48067**



### November Hospitality

Nancy Peck, Ken Allen  
and Marjorie Levine are  
bringing treats for  
November's meeting.  
Thanks!



In inclement weather, listen to the school  
closing reports...  
when the Farmington Hills Schools are  
closed, we do not meet.

Remember, there is no meeting in December.  
The first meeting of 2009 is January 15th.