

MICHIGAN WEAVERS GUILD

CYBER FIBER FARE

February 2009

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009

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

Mary Underwood:

The House that Genghis Built



2008-2009 YEAR AT A GLANCE

February 19, 2009: Slide/lecture

Mary Underwood: *The House that Genghis Built*

March 20, 2009: Workshop

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

March 19, 2009: Slide/lecture

Martha Brownscombe: *Travels of a Fiber Fanatic*

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

Inspiring creativity and preserving fiber traditions.

www.michiganweaversguild.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you receive this newsletter our show "NO RESTRICTIONS"

at the BBAC will have ended. I hope you had a chance to see this wonderful show. Opening night was snowy, icy and frigid - our usual weather - and it was difficult for many people to attend. There was another opening in an adjacent gallery so that there was a good crowd. It was a beautiful exhibit of the range that is fiber: woven scarves, stoles, a runner, collage, jacquards, felting, beadwork, basketry, quilting, free-form knitting, crocheting with wire and beads, hand made paper, shibori, discharge, dyeing, stitchery. An amazing display of talent and they are all members of our guild!

There were 30 member/exhibitors and 42 pieces in the show. Rebecca Hart, curator from the Detroit Institute Of Arts, was the juror. I understand that the pieces that were not accepted were also so good we could have put together a great show of rejects. Elaine Borruso and her committee deserve a round of applause. Elaine's hard work, planning and enthusiasm resulted in an excellent exhibit that we should all be proud of.

At our meeting on January 15 Mollie Fletcher presented a lecture on the tapestry artist Helena Hernmarck. Mollie worked for Hernmarck and is a friend so we were treated to a very personal presentation.

Unfortunately, it was to have been a slide lecture but the library's slide projector wasn't working and an overhead projector was substituted but very inadequate. Mollie was a trouper and lectured anyway and even offered to return and repeat the program with a working projector. On Saturday Mollie led a Wedge Weave workshop that was fun and a good learning experience and, hopefully, will result in lots of samplers for "show and tell".

February 19 is our next meeting and Mary Underwood will present a video/lecture on the felt process in Mongolia. She has been to Mongolia several times and studied the felt making process of desert nomads. I'm looking

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EXCERPTS FROM JANUARY MEETING

Board Meeting: Called to order by President, Arlene Gendelman at 11:05 AM

Present: Arlene Gendelman, Jeanne Seitz, Laura Lipson Nancy Peck, Ken Allen, Erica Proschkow, Karen Foland, Susan Lolli Nancy Slutsky, Joan Koelsch

Treasurer: Ken Allen reported that the balancer as of November 30, 2008 was \$3847.51 with receipts beyond expenses of \$137.10.

Program Committee: Joan Koelsch reported that The Mollie Fletcher Wedge Weave Workshop on Sat., Jan. 17 will be self sustaining with 7 participants signed on. She also asked for volunteers to spend one morning or one afternoon during the summer at the Royal Oak Library as part of their summer reading program whose theme is Creativity.

Exhibits Committee: Great praise and thanks to Elaine Borruso in absentia for her leadership and energy in organizing the BBAC show - a great success from all who have seen it.

Publicity: Kudos to Judy Boesky in absentia for a great job with publicity for the show at BBAC.

FiberFare: Next deadline for material is ???

Corresponding Secretary: Arlene reporting for Sarah Irvine continuing to ask for volunteers for Knit Michigan on Feb. 7, 2009 at Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Webmaster: Susan Lolli reporting for Mary Rios. Mary will post a tutorial on the website to enable members to more easily access and post on the blog. Members have expressed some confusion about how to do this.

New Business: ACTION: Ken Allen moved, board approved renewal of HGA dues.

Announcements: Needlework and Textile Guild is looking for programs. Discussion ensued about possibility of joint programs and/or workshop.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

General Meeting:

Called to order by President, Arlene Gendelman.

Members urged to attend the BBAC exhibit.

Discussion about the Board's action to change the name of the Guild to --**MWG - A Fiber Arts Guild** for publicity purposes. Discussion ensued about the Board's authority to make such a change without the approval of the full membership. Arlene asked for a straw vote regarding members' wishes to address the issue at the next meeting. Vote passed by a small margin.

Show and Tell:

Again, members demonstrated a wide range of interests and techniques.

Program:

Joan Koelsch introduced Mollie Fletcher who gave a fascinating talk on the tapestry weaver, Helena Hermarck, for whom Mollie as well as Carol Gray had worked with at some point.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30

Respectfully submitted by Laura Lipson

...President's message continued

forward to this special experience that will enrich our fiber knowledge. Hope to see you there.

By the way, it doesn't seem possible but this is the time of year we put together a nominating committee for elections in May. I hope that you will consider volunteering for a committee and if you're interested consider joining the Board. We always need enthusiasm and new ideas.

Arlene Gendelman

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT WEAVING AND RELATED FIBERARTS

The Royal Oak Public Library, and other Southeastern Michigan public libraries have as their theme for the Summer Reading Program, "Be Creative at Your Library." I have volunteered to coordinate a program in weaving and other fiberarts for the Royal Oak Library. Approximately 1,200 children, mostly of elementary school age, participate in this program in Royal Oak. As a part of the Michigan Weavers Guild mission to preserve the fiberarts traditions, I am asking for volunteers from our group to demonstrate and /or teach one of these arts at the Royal Oak Library on a very informal basis in the time period from June 20 - August 1, 2009. About ten of our members have already volunteered.

What volunteering involves, at a minimum, is an hour or two in a morning or afternoon, during the above time period, to share your skill with the children--our future members and carriers-on of fiber arts traditions.

Your commitment can be as little as demonstrating a fiber art for an hour, giving several children a chance to try a skill on a one-time basis, to an extended class, such as knitting. Because we are all busy people and because of vacation schedules, I envision most of our commitments as very short term demonstrations and one-time classes with the children. If you are interested in this program, call Joan Koelsch,

248-549-4237 or e-mail joank4361@wowway.com, for more details. This program will be a great outreach for our Guild and generate much interest.

FOR SALE

Nilus Leclerc "Colonial" 45inch, maple loom . Jack and counter-balanced. It has 4 harnesses that can be expanded. Matching maple bench and many accessories too, a hand bobbin winder, maple raddle, an extra reed, (Maple boats, ski and rag), an umbrella swift and books including Warp and Weave and Handweavers Pattern Book. This loom is in excellent condition and has hardly been used. I am asking \$2000 for everything. I can be contacted at bgbeagle@wowway.com

WARNING !

If you haven't paid your 2008 - 2009 dues, this will be your last newsletter! Please contact Sue Lolli at 248-549-3569 or slolli@comcast.net for information regarding membership and dues if you're uncertain if you're up-to-date.

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

WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH?

Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009

Mary Underwood, a frequent traveler to Mongolia, will be our February presenter. Mary has made several trips to Mongolia and the Gobi Desert, studying the felt-making techniques of these desert nomads. Mary was featured in the Sept. 2006 issue of Spin-Off. She will show a video about the felt production process and also show felted items made in Mongolia.



Just a Reminder!!

Knit Michigan – Feb. 7, 2009

Supporting Michigan Cancer Organizations

Academy of the Sacred Heart

1250 Kensington Road

Bloomfield Hills

www.knitmichigan.com



If you're receiving this newsletter via e-mail, it's not too late to get involved.

To volunteer, contact Sarah Irvine at lirvine@flash.net.

For the past 2 years we as MWG have supported this effort by volunteering our fiber expertise by hosting the weaving and felting learn to area. Once again we need weavers and felters to demonstrate and assist in our "learn-to" area. If you can bring a dressed loom or provide weaving and felting samples, that would be great.

Don't forget, the deadline for the next FiberFare is February 25th. Please email me at niteweaver@sbcglobal.net or snail mail at 211 Gardenia, Royal Oak 48067 if there's anything you'd like me to include in the next issue.

EXHIBIT UPDATE

No Restrictions – Fiber 2009



The comments that were overheard concerning the latest MWG Exhibition were overwhelming positive. There was a diverse mix of work, from traditional to quite contemporary. Those who viewed the show were amazed at the quality and depth of the work. We're so glad that so many of our members chose to enter this juried exhibit. It was great to see work from new members

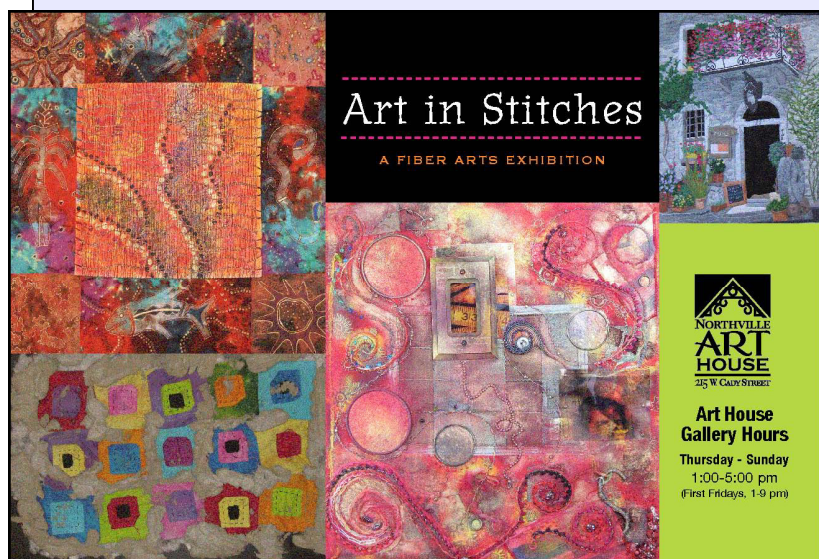
as well. Our juror, Becky Hart from the DIA was very knowledgeable about fiber art, and a very fair juror.

Thanks to all who ventured out on a snowy evening to attend the opening reception. Very special thanks to Elaine Borruso for all of her hard work, and her ability to pull together a cohesive show from such disparate beginnings!

Go to www.michiganweaversguild.org, and click on "Blog" to find many more photos of the exhibit. If you weren't able to make it there, at least you can take a virtual tour!



OTHER EXHIBIT NEWS



MWG member, Boisali Biswas is amongst 9 featured artists who will be exhibiting their work at the Northville Art House in Novi. The opening reception for Art in Stitches, a Fiber Arts Exhibition will be on Friday, Feb 6th from 6 pm to 9 pm. The exhibit runs through February 22. For more information, contact the Northville Art House at www.northvillearts.org or 248-344-0954

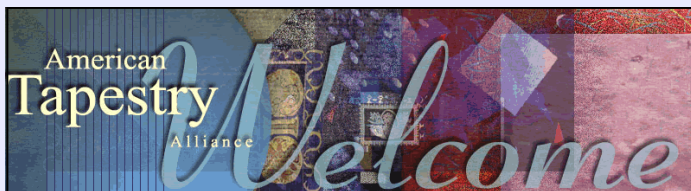
WORKSHOP UPDATE



The workshop was great fun, and wedge weave did not seem as tedious as most tapestry is. In fact, it was really enjoyable. Mollie did a great job instructing us. There was a great variety of looms used as you will see if Sue Lolli and I manage to post our pictures on the MWG Blog. Mollie had a Mirix, Valerie had a tapestry loom made from copper pipe her son made her for Mother's Day, a few people used frame looms, Karen used her table loom, some of us used rigid heddle looms—and all had success with whatever loom we used



OF INTEREST



Great website to peruse when you've got some extra time....

www.americantapestryalliance.org

A petition has been started to ask President Obama to appoint a secretary of the Arts. While many other countries have had Ministers of Art or Culture for centuries, the US has never created such a position. We in the arts need this and the country needs the arts--now more than ever. Please take a moment and sign this important petition and then pass it on to your friends and colleagues.

www.petitiononline.com/esnyc/petition.html

Ann Arbor Art Center

The AAAC is currently accepting artist submission for their 2010 exhibition schedule. Interested artists should send their artist statement, resume, a checklist with each work's title, dimensions and medium, along with a CD with .jpg images of their work to:

Exhibitions Director, Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor MI 48104

For more information, contact Irene Gelbord at igelbord@annarborartcenter.org, or call 734-994-8004 x 110

Women's Ware/Women's Wear

Exhibit to be held at the EMU University Gallery from February 17 to March 26. Opening reception is Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 4 - 6 pm. The gallery is located in the EMU Student Center on Oakwood St. in Ypsilanti.

For more information, contact Larry Newhouse, at larry.newhouse@emich.edu or 734-487-0465

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