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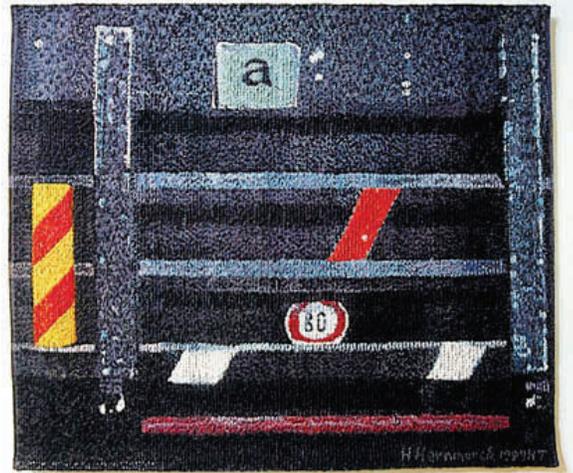
January 2009

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 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 *Mollie Fletcher on Helena Hernmarck, Contemporary Tapestry Artist*



2008-2009 YEAR AT A GLANCE

January 2009: Workshop
Mollie Fletcher: *Wedgeweave*

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!!

Michigan Weavers Guild

Inspiring creativity and preserving fiber traditions.

www.michiganweaversguild.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are...the holiday season upon us and trying to get everything accomplished, shopped for, wrapped, baked, hung, mailed and packed, if you are leaving town. Personally, this has been a difficult year to get into the swing of things. The problems the auto companies face and the lack of resolution as to what is going to happen adds to the feelings of doom and gloom facing Michigan's sorry economy. This is not the stuff that makes for a rosy forecast. So...I have been trying to do some things that give me pleasure and a sense of accomplishment: finally getting the "warp from hell" on the loom and, hopefully, completing something for our juried exhibit in January, spending time with family and going up north for a couple of weeks. With all the snow we have and it isn't even officially winter yet, this may be the perfect winter to finish projects, start new ones and be creative.

If you attended the November meeting you know how creative Boisali Biswas has been. She took us along on her journey as a fiber artist and provided a beautiful visual experience for us through her slides, lecture, and fiber pieces. Boisali and her family left for 3 weeks in India and we look forward to her return and more fiber adventures.

The new year is swiftly approaching with the tradition of New Year's Resolutions! Will you be making any resolutions about your creative plans? It would be interesting to share them at our January 15 meeting. Molly Fletcher will be our speaker and she is going to describe the work of Helena Hernmarck, a premier tapestry artist. Ms. Hernmarck was a guest speaker at CCS a few years ago and her work is amazing. Molly is also going to lead a wedge weave workshop on January 17. Learning something new is always a great challenge and opens new avenues to creativity. Hope to see you in January at the meeting and workshop.

Arlene Gendelman

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EXCERPTS FROM NOVEMBER MEETING

Board Meeting called to order by President Arlene Gendelman.

Present: Laura Lipson, Mary Rios, Jeanne Seitz, Arlene Gendelman, Judy Boesky, Ken Allen, Nancy Slutsky, Karen Folland, Susan Lolli, Erika Proschkow, Sarah Irvine.

Treasurer: Ken Allen reported that the balance as of October 30, 2008 was \$3760.78.

Program Committee: Arlene reported for Joan Koelsch. Helena Hernmarck is the speaker at January meeting. She will be speaking about tapestry weaving. Go to this address for more information about her.
http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/libpage.php?lweb_id=201&llib_id=14<ab_id=864 Mollie Fletcher will present a workshop on Wedge Weave on January 17.

Exhibits Committee: Call for entries and inventory sheets for January Show *No Restrictions* at BBAC published in FiberFare. Elaine Borruso has contacted Rebecca Hart, Exhibit juror.

Fiber Fare: Jeanne Seitz announced that the next deadline for FiberFare is December 15, 2008. Recommendation made to discontinue mailing of FiberFare to other Guilds since none have responded to requests for email or snail mail addresses.

Publicity: Judy Boesky reported that she sent an announcement of BBAC show to SS&D and it has been published. She has sent additional information to many other organizations. In addition, she will be sending information about MWG meetings to FAN.

Hospitality: Karen Folland will pass out sign-up sheet at General Meeting for volunteers to bring meeting treats.

Library: Erica Proschkow is in the process of updating library information and saving it to a disk.

MLH: Ken Allen is requesting members to volunteer to mount an exhibit at MLH conference in August at Hope College.

Old Business: Guilds who have not responded to our requests for information re: email or updated snail mail address will no longer receive FiberFare.

New Business: ACTION: Board voted to change the name of our Guild - for publishing purposes to **MWG - A Fiber Arts Guild**.

General Meeting called to order at 12:30 by President, Arlene Gendelman.

Program: Helena Hernmarck on Tapestry weaving at January meeting. Mollie Fletcher will give a wedge weave workshop on January 17. Location to be announced.

Exhibits: Elaine Borruso asked for volunteers to bring food for opening of BBAC exhibit-*No Restrictions* on Friday Jan. 9, 6-8 pm. She also expressed the need for entries for this important exhibit. Intake is on Jan.7.

New members were introduced.

Arlene introduced the speaker, Boisali Biswas who gave a fascinating talk on her journey as a fiber artist.

*Respectfully submitted,
Laura Lipson*



Please don't forget! Our April program is about the quilters of Gees Bend. If you would like to donate fabric to these quilters, you can bring it with you to the April meeting, or you can contact Laura Lipson at 248-737-1984 if you can't make it to the meeting, but would still like to donate. Remember, JoAnn Fabrics frequently has 50% off coupons, and if you're not using yours for something else, perhaps you could purchase a yard of two of fabric for the Gees Bend quilters. Fabrics should be woven (not knit) and suitable for use in quilts. Solid colors are appreciated!

WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH?

Helena Hernmarck is one of the best known contemporary tapestry artists, and is a friend of Mollie Fletcher, a member of MWG. Mollie has recently talked to Hernmarck and received permission to discuss her work with us. The program will be Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.

Helena Hernmarck emigrated to the United States from Sweden when she was 22. She now works in a studio in Ridgefield, Connecticut with 99 bins of yarn containing over 2,000 hues. She specializes in large tapestries for industrial headquarters and banks. Some of her tapestries contain over 550 different colors and take her approximately 6 months to complete. Her work is represented in the Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, the National Museum of American Art in Washington, D.C. and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

This is sure to be an interesting program, so please don't miss it. For more information on Helena, go to: <http://www.browngrotta.com/Pages/hermarc.html>



January Hospitality

Jeanne Seitz, Ruth Whitmyer and Joan Stager are bringing treats for January's meeting.



Please make a note of these new e-mail addresses:

Mary and Bill Horning

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Margie Ferraro

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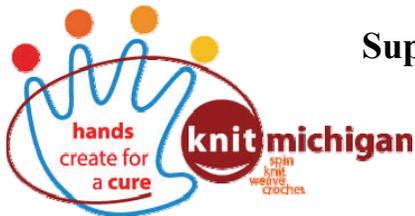
WHAT'S COMING UP?

Wedge Weave Workshop by Mollie Fletcher

Saturday, January 17th, 10 AM - 4 PM

Mollie Fletcher will teach us the Navaho technique of wedge weave. In this technique, weft yarns are pulled diagonally across the warp, creating a scalloped edge. Participants may use any kind of loom, even a frame loom, warped at 12 epi with a sturdy carpet warp, such as May's. The loom has to maintain a fairly tight tension. Mollie usually beats with her fingers, but a fork, hair pick, or other tool could be used. She suggests that participants bring a selection of weft yarns of different sizes and then we all share what we have brought so that we can sample various kinds of yarn.

The cost of the workshop is \$40.00. Please send a check to Joan Koelsch, 4361 Arden Place, Royal Oak, 48073 by Jan. 5, 2009 to confirm your attendance. The workshop will be held at "Ken's Church" in Livonia and a map will be forwarded to you after your check is received. If you have any questions about the workshop, please contact Joan at 248-549-4237, or email at: joank4361@wowway.com



Knit Michigan - Feb. 7, 2009 Supporting Michigan Cancer Organizations

Academy of the Sacred Heart
1250 Kensington Road
Bloomfield Hills

www.knitmichigan.com

What is Knit Michigan?

Knit Michigan is an independent organization dedicated to supporting cancer patients and their families via financial contributions and making and donating patient comfort items such as chemo caps and lap blankets.

Knit Michigan brings together knitters and other fiber-enthusiasts to raise funds through grass roots efforts and an annual event that are distributed to local cancer organizations. In 2008/9 these charities are: Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Beaumont Hospital's Rose Cancer Center, Genesys Health System, Gilda's Club, U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center.

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. To volunteer, contact Sarah Irvine at lirvine@flash.net. There will be a sign-up sheet passed at our January Meeting.



The Market and "Learn - To" areas are open to the public from 10 am to 3 pm

Don't forget, the deadline for next FiberFare is January 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.



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**Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center
January 9 –30, 2009**

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. Rebecca Hart, Associate Curator and Acting Head of Contemporary Art at the DIA will be our juror. Please submit recent work that reflects your highest standard of design and craftsmanship.

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.

OPENING RECEPTION: FRIDAY, JANUARY 9th 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

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Welcome New Members!

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

Please sign me up for the Mollie Fletcher Wedgeweave Workshop!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Please send this coupon, along with your check for \$40.00 to:

Joan Koelsch

4361 Arden Place

Royal Oak, MI 48073

A map to the workshop location in Livonia will be mailed to you upon registration.

Don't forget! You can also sign up on-line at www.michiganweaversguild.org