

MICHIGAN WEAVERS GUILD

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FIBER FARE

May 2009

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009

- 10:45 AM Meet at Greenfield Village
- 11:30 AM (ish) Board Meeting & Officer Election
- Lunch at the American Cafe
- 12:30 PM (ish) Richard and Chris Jeryan:
*Back-scenes tour of the
Weaving Studio at Greenfield
Village*



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have had a rather unpredictable spring but I guess that is Michigan's weather. Rain and more rain and 80 degree days aren't quite as spring-like as we would want but it is better than snow. While I'm weaving I would like more sunshine instead of so much grey. I'm finally finishing the prayer shawls for my grand daughters!

Our meeting season is about to draw to a close with a wonderful program at Greenfield Village that I hope you will be able to attend. Members Richard and Chris Jeryan are going to give us a tour of the Jacquard loom and weaving studios at Greenfield Village where they have been working on restoration. We will have lunch at the Village followed by a brief meeting and election of officers for the upcoming 2009-2010 year.

I understand from Joan Koelsch that our 2nd Annual Dye Day was a success. Many of us are looking forward to a 3rd Annual Dye Day if our wonderful workshop teacher Jeanne Seitz will continue to lead us!

I want to thank our terrific Board for their service and hard work. Their many extra hours of dedication and commitment are what makes this Guild work from Vice President Nancy Slutsky's loyal coverage of each meeting to Ken Allen's keeping the finances straight as Treasurer. From our wonderful Program Chair Joan Koelsch who continues to amaze us with her programming plans and to Jeanne Seitz our hard working Fiber Fare chair (who has to crack the whip over us tardy contributors) to Judy Boesky whose publicity work has listed us in both national and local publications - we owe a huge thanks.

Many thanks also to Laura Lipson and Jeanne Seitz for making us green; we are now Cyber Fiber Fare and had no mailing expenses in April! Many thanks to Sarah Irvine for her notes of condolence she had to write this year and for her leadership and efforts with Knit Michigan. Of course, many thanks to Elaine Borruso for the great exhibit at BBAC. She is a dynamo! Many thanks to Mary Rios our webmaster for bringing us into the future with online payments and blogging! Thank you, thank you to Susan Lolli for keeping our membership straight and up-to-date and to Karen Folland for keeping us in goodies all year. Thank you Erika Proschkow for all your hard work and organizational skills with our library and to Nancy Peck for your thoughtfulness and sense of history. Thank you Jack for being there when we need you for without you we wouldn't have a meeting place! Margie Ferraro we haven't given you much to do as parliamentarian, so I hope you will be at Greenfield Village to oversee our elections!

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2008-2009 BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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<i>Historian:</i>	NANCY PECK		

EXCERPTS FROM MARCH MEETING

Board Meeting called to order at 11:15 by President, Arlene Gendelman

Present: Arlene Gendelman, Joan Koelsch, Andrea Anderson, Laura Lipson, Mary Rios, Sarah Irving, Erica Proschkow, Ken Allen, Elaine Borruso, Susan Lolli, Judy Boesky

Andrea Anderson asked to speak to the Board first as she had to leave. She spoke about the MLH conference and asked for material inspired by Margaret Windeknecht. Dates are August 7-9, 2009. She and Nancy Peck will take pieces to the Conference and bring them back. She also asked for volunteers to demonstrate at Costick Center April 26 from 12-5 for the Farmington Festival of the Arts.

Fiber Fare: Fiber Fare is now being published at no cost to the Guild. Only 5 members continue to receive snail mail copies-a savings of approximately \$180.00/month when the newsletter was sent out snail mail to all members.

Treasurer: Ken Allen reported that the balance as of March 31, 2009 is \$3287.16.

Program: Joan Koelsch reported that 14 people have registered for Jeanne Seitz's Dye workshop on April 18. Joan also asked again for volunteers for the summer Royal Oak Library program and will send around sign-up sheets at the general meeting. She will publish details about the Greenfield Village arrangements for the May meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: Sarah reported that she received a "thank-you" note from the Windeknecht family.

Recording Secretary: Laura Lipson reported that contributions to the memorial fund for Margaret

Windeknecht have been coming in to Jean Brudzinski and the committee is investigating an appropriate program in her memory.

Old Business: Judy Boesky announced the names of the slate for 2009-2010.

ACTION: The Board unanimously accepted Judy's report and the slate will be announced at the General Meeting, and published in Fiber Fare and put before the membership for a vote at the May meeting.

GENERAL MEETING: Called to order by Arlene Gendelman at 12:30.

Exhibits: Elaine Borruso announced that photos of the BBAC show are available and passed around a sign-up sheet with thumbnails of photos for interested members.

Contributions for the memorial program for Margaret Windenecht are still being accepted by Jean Brudzinski.

Look What We Did continues to showcase work of our talented members.

Program: Joan Koelsch introduced Jan Doland who spoke about her association with the Gees Bend, Alabama quilters and showed a lovely video of the members and their work. She also brought many photos and several gorgeous quilts. MEG Members were generous in their contributions of fabric to Jan.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Lipson

...President's Message, cont'd.

To those of you who might like to serve on the Board we welcome you. We have so many talented interesting members and it would be great if we could have them share their ideas and talent on the Board.

Hope to see you at Greenfield Village on May 21st.

Arlene Gendelman

WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH?

Celebrate May By Touring the Greenfield Village Weaving Studio

On Thursday, May 21, 2009 we are in for a special treat—a behind the scenes look at the Weaving Studio at Greenfield Village and the newly operational Jacquard loom. Members Richard and Chris Jeryan have been hard at work fixing up the studio and restoring the Jacquard loom and will be our guides for the day.

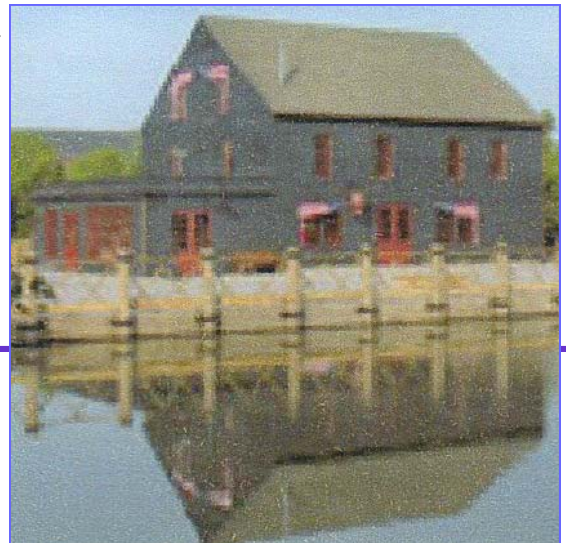
We will meet at 10:45 a.m. **outside** the entrance to the Village. **Do not** purchase a ticket to the Village. After everyone attending has gathered we will see how many tickets we need to purchase. Several people have memberships which permit them to bring guests, so we will figure out then just how many tickets are needed, the tickets will be purchased and the cost divided for those attending. For example, if 20 people attend and we have 5 guest passes, we will only buy 10 tickets (those having guest passes also have a pass for themselves) and the cost of those 10 tickets will be divided among those 15 people who need a ticket. Clear as mud??

I must have an accurate, up-to-date list of those attending, so please call me (Joan Koelsch) on Wednesday, May 20th, at 248-549-4237, if you are attending for certain. That is the only way we will know who to wait for at the entrance.

After entering the Village, we will go to the American Café, which is a casual dining spot for lunch and a short meeting. The Café is close to the Weaving Studio. Chris and Richard will take us in 2 groups to tour the Studio because of the small size of the upstairs. While your group is not in the Studio, you can visit the rest of the craft houses. We expect to be done with lunch and the tours by 2:30 – 3:00. At the end of the tour and meeting, you can stay at the Village to enjoy the other attractions until closing if you wish.

There is free parking along the road that leads to the Village from Southfield Road. There are also large free parking lots across the street. Wear walking shoes! The train does have a stop fairly close to the Craft Village if you want to take the train.

A map of the Village will be posted on our website by May 10th. Call Joan Koelsch if you have questions about the



WHAT'S COMING UP?

Our September meeting will feature a follow up our Greenfield Village field-trip. Chris and Richard Juryan will discuss their work on the Jacquard loom, including stories about their trips to England for research. If you aren't able to make the field trip this month, definitely plan on being at the September meeting to hear all about it.

In October we will host Michael Dajitch, best known as a weaver of prayer shawls. He will show us the method he has developed for teaching children to weave their own prayer shawls. He also works with special needs children and teaches them to weave.



Well, another whole year has come and gone, and MWG is wrapping up monthly activities in preparation for a break from meetings to pursue our summer schedules. This past year's schedule has been varied and so interesting, with topics ranging from Mongolia to Alabama! Our program chair, Joan Koelsch, deserves our very sincere thanks for all her hard work putting together our roster of programming each year. It's a huge job, and Joan always makes sure our meetings are worthwhile. I'd like to personally thank all the

great folks who contribute regularly to the Fiber Fare. It makes my job a great deal easier when I have your help.

I have to admit, that personally, I am truly looking forward to our hiatus, and hope to spend as much time as I possibly can at my little slice of wilderness (and heaven!) up north. It often feels like I've got just too many obligations and responsibilities, and when I'm sitting on that rickety old dock, I have nothing more pressing to do than watch the river run by. Hope all of you get to spend your summers



doing exactly what you'd like to be doing as well. Take care, and I'll see you in September!

...Jeanne Seitz

IN MEMORIUM

The Winderknecht Family sent MWG a note of thanks for our expression of sympathy with the passing of Margaret. It says:

Dear Family and Friends

Thank you for the great out pouring of love and sympathy upon our loss of Margaret. We greatly appreciate all the cards and the phone calls in this hard time. We understand that the Michigan Weavers Guild has set up a memorial for Margaret.

Thank You all so much,

Tom, Beth, Pete, John, Jon & Will



Jean Brudzinski has been receiving contributions to the Margaret Winderknecht Memorial Program. We hope to be able to have hold a lecture featuring a prominent figure in the weaving world and to invite other Guilds to participate. The committee is hard at work finding an appropriate speaker. If you wish to honor Margaret's memory please send contributions to:

Jean Brudzinski
3307 Spring Meadow
Rochester, MI 48306

Don't forget, the deadline for the next Fiber Fare is August 25th. Please email me at niteweaver@sbcglobal.net if there's anything you'd like me to include in the next issue.

FOLLOW UP TO DYE DAY



Never would it be more appropriate to say 'a good time was had by all!' Jeanne was well-prepared and so well organized, it was a pleasure for the participants. We dyed, dyed, and dyed some more with gorgeous results. Everyone was enthusiastic and hope we will be able to have another wonderful "dyeing" experience.

...Laura Lipson



For Sale AVL 40" 16H Production doobby Loom, folding back Compu & manual doobby heads, 2 plain warp beams, several reeds, \$5500;

Contact Nancy Peck at 313-441-3421 or njpeckmc@gmail.com

There's still time to see the exhibit
6 Artists, 6 weeks at River Gallery, Chelsea, MI.
MWG member, Boisali Biswas is one of the 6 featured
artists. The exhibit runs through May 9th.



"Pastiche" by Boisali Biswas

MWG Newsletter
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211 Gardenia
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The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce
the slate of officers for the 2009 - 2010 year.

PRESIDENT:	Arlene Gendelman
VICE PRESIDENT:	Nancy Slutsky
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:	Sarah Irvine
RECORDING SECRETARY:	Laura Lipson
TREASURER:	Nancy Slutsky

Remember officer elections and installation of new officers will
be held at the May meeting.

Thanks to the nominating committee for all their hard work!

Nominating Committee:

Judy Boesky, Chair

Judy Dever

Karen Folland

Bill Horning

Laura Lipson