



MICHIGAN WEAVERS GUILD

# CYBER FIBER FARE

April 2010

## NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, April 15, 2010

Farmington Community Library,

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

10:00 AM Board Meeting

11:30 PM Social Time

12:00 PM General Meeting

12:30 PM Joan Hoover, Owner, Heritage Handweaving in Lake Orion

Lecture: "Yarn 101—Everything You Need to Know About the Numbers and Words Describing Yarn"



Michigan Weavers Guild

*Inspiring creativity and preserving fiber traditions.*

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi all,  
Spring has really sprung and we are getting sunshine and flowers!  
Spring can be such a celebration particularly because of Michigan's winters. Let's hope there aren't any surprises in the weather awaiting us. As I write this I see a couple of neighbors walking around their yard pointing at one plant or another probably assessing winter's damages. It's hard to believe that we only have two Guild meetings left for this season.

A personal highlight for me with this year's Guild programming was Debbi Cooper's workshop "Shibori On The Loom". Weaving the samples was interesting and then it was followed up with weaving a scarf or scarves at home to prepare for the dye workshop where we dyed the scarves. The scarves were so exciting to see once they had been dyed. It was like unwrapping a surprise gift for those of us who hadn't done this type of weaving and dyeing before. We will have to show off our creations at the next Guild meeting in April or (believe it or not) our last meeting for the season in May. Joan Koelsch has done a terrific job in planning for our Guild programs and deserves a round of applause.

On Thursday, March 22 our Explore Group met at Judy Boesky's house. We had another very worthwhile meeting where we shared projects that we were working on. We were also able to provide some valuable critiquing and ideas for pieces we were working on. The group has become a place where we trust and value each others opinions and insights relating to our work. Besides exploring techniques and new projects we are able to use this small group as a way to support each other and share ideas in an informal way not easily done at a larger group meeting.

Another issue explored was the upcoming election and state of the Guild Board. As you probably know our membership is down and we have been discussing this for many, many months...years. Some new and unique ideas have been suggested and will be up for discussion at April's meeting. Many other Guilds are concerned about the same issues. I am hoping that we will have a good turnout for the Board and the general meeting.

Our speaker is Joan Hoover, owner of Heritage Weaving and Spinning in Lake Orion. Joan will present "Yarn 101 - or everything you wanted to know about the numbers and words describing yarn". So we need you there for some very important business as well as a program that sounds like something we can all use!

*Arlene*

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# EXCERPTS FROM MARCH MEETING

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am by vice-president, Nancy Slutsky. Present were Nancy Slutsky, Laura Lipson, Nancy Peck, Mary Rios, Andrea Anderson, Ken Allen, Judy Boesky, Karen Folland, Erika Proschkow, Susan Lolli, Joan Koelsch.

Treasurer: Nancy Slutsky presented year's up to date expense record indicating a balance of \$1,102.33. She will prepare end of fiscal year report in May.

Exhibits: Andrea Anderson reported plans for the exhibit and trunk show at Costick Center. Show is from November 19- Jan. 7. Trunk show is on November 11, 2010. See details about these two events in FiberFare.

Recording Secretary; Laura Lipson will not be at April Mtg. and asked for volunteer to take minutes.

Michigan League of Handweavers: Ken Allen announced plans for MLH workshops to take place Aug. 6-10 at Hope College in Holland, MI. Check [mlhguild.org](http://mlhguild.org) and/or [michiganweaversguild.org](http://michiganweaversguild.org) for further information.

## Motions:

- To pay MLH Dues of \$40.00. Passed
- To donate \$25.00 to MLH for Fiber Show Awards - Passed
- To donate \$25.00 to Fine Arts Network - Passed

Program: Joan Koelsch proposed May 1 as annual Dye Day with Jeanne Seitz. See General Meeting minutes for change. Annual Luncheon May 20th. Board members to provide bread and dessert. Members to provide dish to share. More details in FiberFare.

## Old Business:

Memorial program update. October 23, 2010 at Schoolcraft college inn Livonia. Madelyn van der Hoogt will be the speaker. More details in future FiberFares. Susan Lolli exploring options for possible change in meeting venue. No report yet.

New Business: Judy Boesky raised concerns about future of MWG. As chair of Nominating Committee she has been having difficulty finding people to fill crucial offices and prompted discussion about possible changes. Suggestions included adding evening meetings, joining with other Guilds, meeting fewer times per year. No action.

Motion: to form committee to discuss specific plans for future of MWG- passed with one dissension.

## General Meeting:

Fourteen members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: See Board minutes.

50/50 drawing winner was Nancy Slutsky who also received Guild anniversary mug.

Andrea Anderson announced plans for the exhibit and trunk show at Costick Center.

Susan Lolli displayed the swatch fabric for MLH woven by Nancy Peck and Susan will prepare them for the MLH Newsletter.

Joan Koelsch announced that the dye session of Debbie Cooper's workshop will be held Friday March 19.

Dye Day with Jeanne Seitz will be held in the Fall.

Further information to follow.

Nick Cave, known for his amazing "Soundsuits" will be speaking at the DIA on May 16, 2010 at 3:00 pm.

Look What I've Done: Erika Proschkow showed a Polish linen fabric piece she had purchased., Andrea Anderson had two "snow dyed" scarves and Ken Allen showed his sample for Cross Border's double faced weaves called "deflective supplementary weft".

Program: Our own Nancy Peck, President of Handweavers Guild of America spoke about the upcoming Convergence 2010.

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Lipson and  
Karen Folland*

# WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH?

## April Program

Joan Hoover, proprietor of Heritage Weaving and Spinning in Lake Orion, will present *Yarn 101—everything we need to know about those mysterious numbers and words used to describe yarns*. April 15th is the date she will be with us.

Joan has been featured in *Handwoven* a few times in the past year. She recently did a rigid heddle loom demonstration for the Black Sheep Knitting Guild where she threaded a combination of synthetic and wool yarns, wove the yardage, washed it in the washing machine, and produced a lovely ruffled scarf. Details are on the Heritage Spinning and Weaving website. There is also a draft for a lovely shawl and a ruffled pillow on the website. ([www.heritagespinning.com](http://www.heritagespinning.com))

Joan has recently been honored for her work with Knit Michigan which she co-sponsors with Bridget Dean, owner of Have You Any Wool in Berkley. Knit Michigan has raised many thousands of dollars for breast cancer research.

Be sure to join us for the meeting.

THANKS TO SUE LOLLI FOR SHARING SOME OF HER PHOTOS FROM PART II OF THE SHIBORI WORKSHOP!!



## What's Left This Year?

May 20, 2010

May Luncheon, Member Showcase,  
Moth Market, and Sale

The potluck luncheon will be on Thursday, May 20. Board members will provide beverages, table settings, desserts and bread. Other members are asked to bring a dish to serve about 6 and a serving utensil for your dish.

The member showcase will provide a venue for you to show off your work—fashions or not—whatever items you wish to share with the group.

The Moth Market is a place to sell your unwanted fiber items with the profits going to the guild. We all have some “trash” which will be a “treasure” to someone else.

The Member Sale is for you to sell your fiber work, with 10% of your sale price going to the guild.

It should be a fun and busy day.



## EXPLORE GROUP

Next Explorer Group meeting is at Anita Sudakin's house. Please contact Anita at [anitasews@comcast.net](mailto:anitasews@comcast.net) for directions to her house.



Arlene  
Gendelman,  
Judy Boesky, and

Karen Foland are bring snacks for April's meeting. Thanks!!

## Dye Day coming in the Fall

The MWG board decided to hold a Dye Day in September or October of 2010. The date will be announced later this spring. Suggestions for next year's programs are always welcome. Contact Joan Koelsch, [joank4361@wowway.com](mailto:joank4361@wowway.com) with your ideas.



## STILL Fiberarts Demonstrators Needed

We have been asked to provide demonstrators for the Farmington Festival of the Arts on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5:00. You can come for any part of that time. The staff treat us very well and will provide anything that we need. Any fiber technique that you want to demonstrate is welcome. Please come share your talent with future fiberartists. Contact Andrea Anderson [Weavermom@aol.com](mailto:Weavermom@aol.com) or 248-848-9880 if you are able to help or have any questions.