

MICHIGAN WEAVERS GUILD

CYBER FIBER FARE

February 2010

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, February 18, 2010

Farmington Community Library,

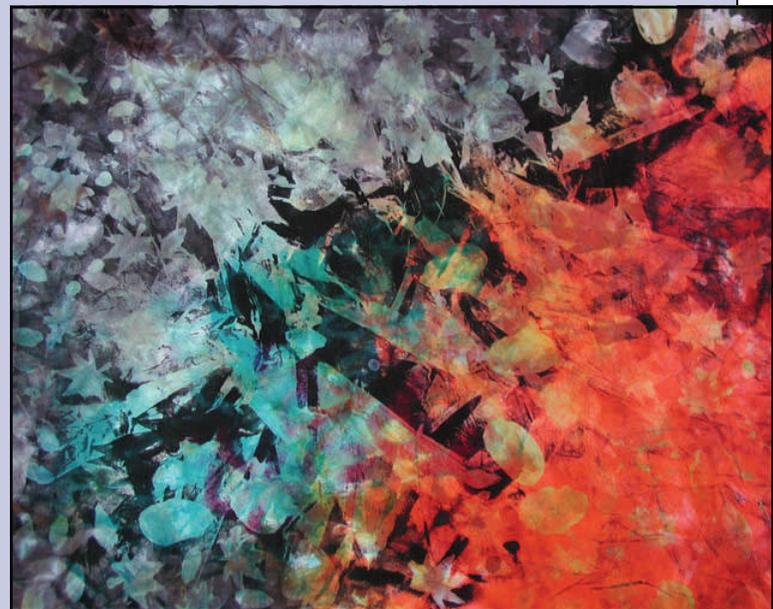
12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

10:00 AM Board Meeting

11:30 PM Social Time

12:00 PM General Meeting

**12:30 PM Lois Beth Bryant
slides/lecture:
*Design Inspiration***



Please note new
time for
meeting!!!



Michigan Weavers Guild

Inspiring creativity and preserving fiber traditions.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi all,

Hope you are finding a way to keep warm this winter. This is certainly good weather to stay indoors and weave and I have been better at spending more time on the loom. How are you doing?

Our last meeting and workshop with Debbi Cooper was Shibori On The Loom in January. It was not only fun but we learned a lot. Debbi brought her dyed fabrics and clothing items, described her background and showed us what she is currently working on. At the workshop we did a "round robin" using various patterns: supplemental warp, Bronson lace, Monk's belt, overshot and 8 shaft twill. Debbi will dye our samplers and we will meet again for a dye workshop in March so we can dye the scarves we're currently weaving. Look forward to seeing these samples and scarves at future meetings.

Our own web master Mary Rios completed the computer survey regarding whether or not to change meeting dates or times. Thirty five people responded and more than half want to keep daytime meetings on Thursday. However, there seemed to be interest in moving up the meeting time which we are doing starting with our February meeting. Social time will now begin at 11:30; the business meeting will begin at 12:00; the guest speaker will begin at 12:30. Perhaps this will allow someone on a long lunch hour to be able to attend. There did seem to be some interest for people to attend at night. There were also suggestions made to do a non-member survey. We may discuss this again but the message seems clear - don't change anything. However, we still need ideas on how to attract new members. Please share any you have.

Our Explore Group has been meeting regularly on the last Thursday of the month at members homes. We have been trying various small, laptop projects and information - even knitting! Come join us!

Our Guild is considering putting together a Holiday Sale. This will be a venue for members to sell their wares. The show will not be juried.

Better start working so you will have items to put on sale. Years ago our Guild had shows at Somerset and Orchard Malls. This is a great opportunity for our members and for a way to attract new members.

Keep warm and I'll see you in February,
Arlene

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EXCERPTS FROM JANUARY MEETING

Board Meeting called to order at 10:30 by President, Arlene Gendelman.

Present: Arlene Gendelman, Mary Rios, Ken Allen, Nancy Slutsky, Karen Folland, Erika Proschow, Nancy Peck, Laura Lipson, Joan Koelsch, Guest: Loretta Oliver.

Treasurer: Nancy Slutsky reported a balance of \$6,374.36, \$2,385.00 of which is the Windeknecht/Brudzinski Memorial Fund. She will work up a rough budget for the remainder of the 2009-10 year.

Hospitality: Karen Folland reports that members have signed up to bring refreshments for the remaining meetings.

Recording Secretary: Laura Lipson asked for volunteers to record minutes for the February and March meetings as she will be unable to attend.

Library: Erica Proschow reported that the library cart is full and library personnel are concerned about the weight of the cart. Concerns expressed about book storage and the apparent lack of interest among members to check out book. Discussion about selling duplicates and books that have not been circulating.

MLH: Ken Allen reported that the summer workshops will take place at Kendall College Aug. 6,7,8. He will give further details in the near future.

Webmaster: Mary Rios presented the results of the member survey. Thirty-eight members responded; support seems to be for leaving the day as it is. Discussion regarding working members possibly attending on their lunch hour.

MOTION: That the Board meeting start at 10:00 A.M.; general meeting at 12 noon with the social 1/2 hour at 11:30 and the program at 12:30. Seconded by Joan Koelsch. Motion passed.

Program: Joan Koelsch reported on the program for this meeting: Debbie Cooper presenting talk on "On-Loom Shibori Dyeing" and will be giving a workshop on Friday, January 22. Check FiberFare for remaining programs for the year.

Old Business: Report from the Committee planning memorial program for Jean Brudzinski and Margaret Windeknecht.

Plans are well under way for the program which will take place on October 23, 2010, venue still to be determined. The speaker will be Madelyn Van der Hooght. More details as they are available.

Arlene appointed a nominating committee consisting of Judy Boesky, Nancy Peck and Nancy Slutsky from the Board, Loretta Oliver from general membership and will appoint an additional member from the general membership.

GENERAL MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 12:45. Announcements from Board Meeting were presented.

Arlene informally polled the group for interest in having a holiday sale in November, December, 2010. Other guilds have had remarkably successful sales at that time of year.

Ken Allen reported the work of the Memorial Program committee- that Madelyn van der Hooght will be the speaker on October 23, 2010. More details to follow.

Arlene announced the Board's approval of the 1/2 hour change in meeting time with the hope that working members will be able to attend.

Interesting pieces were shown as "Look what I've Done".

Andrea Anderson introduced the speaker, Debbie Cooper who spoke about the different types of shibori dyeing techniques-most informative. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Lipson,
ably assisted by Nancy Peck.*

WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH?

DESIGN INSPIRATION

After a gray Southeastern Michigan winter, we all need a little inspiration. That is the topic of Lois Beth Bryant's presentation on Feb. 18th. Lois has a studio in Ann Arbor, and formerly taught at Eastern Michigan University.

Lois is a Michigander, having been introduced to weaving at Kingswood School at Cranbrook. She graduated from Brown University and has a Masters degree from the Rhode Island School of Design.

She uses complex weave structures and has developed a unique weave structure that combines elements of lampas and warp brocade. Lois mostly weaves on a computer-aided, multi-harness AVL loom. She develops designs using Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, pencil and paper, collage and photography. Her images create illusions of depth, movement, transparency and luminosity.

In her presentation to us she will describe the role of inspiration in the design process and how one inspiration can be expressed in multiple ways.



SAVE THE DATE!

Exciting news about our upcoming memorial program in honor of Margaret Windeknecht and Jean Brudzinski.

Madelyn Van der Hooght has agreed to be our speaker on October 23, 2010. Madelyn is a nationally recognized fiber artist and should be an exciting speaker. Further details will be available in upcoming FiberFares.

We are still accepting donations for this event in order to make it very special. If you have thought about making a donation in Jean and/or Margaret's memory and haven't gotten around to it, now's the time! You may send a check to Laura Lipson, 2095 Bordeaux, West Bloomfield, MI 48323.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

February 18, 2010

Lois Beth Bryant
Inspiration for Weaving Design

March 18, 2010

Joan Sheridan-Yarn 101
Joan, 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. Joan has been featured in “Handwoven” a couple of times in this past year, is the chief organizer of Knit Michigan, which raised about \$20,000 for breast cancer research last year, plus operates her successful store. March 18th is the date she will be with us.

March 19, 2010

Debbie Cooper-Shibori on the Loom, Continued

April 15, 2010

Nancy Peck—Convergence 2010 Preview

May 20, 2010

Luncheon, “Fashion” Show, and Moth Market

May 20th is coming up faster than we think. This year we will again have our traditional potluck lunch, show of work, and moth market. Items to show do not have to be wearable items—any work we have done is fine for the show. Start looking at your stash to see what you might want to sell at the moth market. Since we did not have this event last year, there should be many items to show and also to sell.



Nancy Slutsky,
Ruth Whitmyer,
Andrea

Anderson and

Jeanne Seitz will be bringing snacks for
January's meeting. Thanks!

EXPLORE GROUP

Next Explore Group meets at Nancy Slutsky's house on February 25th at 10 am. Please call Nancy at 248-855-9471, or email her at nslutsky@comcast.net if you plan to attend and to get directions to her home.

Workshop Update

Shibori on the Loom -

We had a small group at the workshop, but lots of fun and we really learned an interesting technique. We made samples at the workshop, which Debbi Cooper is going to dye for us prior to our next meeting in March, when we are going to dye our own scarf creations. There a great variety of designs, each design can be manipulated, and then there are different ways to dye with loom woven shibori. The samples will be dyed all in one color, but the scarves will be painted with dye in several colors. They should be ready for the May Fashion Show.

Don't Forget!

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

FIBER ELSEWHERE - WORKSHOP

The Michigan Surface Design Association will be presenting a lecture and dyeing workshop with Michael Rohde. The lecture will be held on April 30th at 1:30 in Old Main at Wayne State University. The lecture is free and open to the public.



The workshop: Not able to find that particular shade of wool yarn? Come and learn more about dyeing wool yarns, to get the colors you want. Michael Rohde has been a rug and tapestry weaver for over thirty five years. His work relies heavily on color and the relationships of colors to each other. Most of his own weaving uses yarn that he has dyed himself, and he has always started with reds, yellows and blues to mix any shade he wants. Using a simple, but precise system, we will generate a broad spectrum of colors (from convenient dyes in liquid form, eliminating the need to work with dye powder). If time permits, we will also try to match colors that you would like to have, and work a bit with these dyes on silk and other protein fibers. The workshop will be held April 30 - May 2. It is open to non-members of Michigan Surface Design Association after March 1st, or you can join MSDA to register earlier. Registration is \$150 for members, and \$170 to non-members. Materials fee is \$10 payable to Michael Rohde. For more information, or to register for the workshop, please contact Boisali Biswas at boisali@yahoo.com. For more information about Michael, please visit <http://www.michaelrohde.com>.

