

# MICHIGAN WEAVERS GUILD **CYBER FIBER FARE**

January 2010

## NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010

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



10:30 AM Board Meeting

12:00 PM Social Time

12:30 PM General Meeting

1:00 PM Debbie Cooper  
slides/ lecture:  
"On-Loom Shibori Dyeing"



**Michigan Weavers Guild**

*Inspiring creativity and preserving fiber traditions.*

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

A Happy New Year to all of you! I hope the holidays were a welcome treat shared with family and friends. I guess this is the time of year for those pesky New Years resolutions but if you're like me they usually don't last longer than a couple of weeks. Well, here goes one resolution that I hope will last longer than a couple of weeks:

working more frequently on my weaving. It's so easy to get involved with other things and not sit down at my loom for weeks! Oops! What an admission of guilt!

Our newly formed Explore Group has whet my appetite, though. I have been trying some techniques that I might not have tried if I hadn't been part of the group. It has been fun, informative and very supportive. If you are looking for something new to explore come and join us. The next meeting is at Nancy Peck's house on Thurs., Jan. 28 at 10:00 A.M.

As you probably know we have been receiving donations for Margaret Windeknecht and Jean Brudzinski who passed away during the last couple of years. A committee has been formed and has met to plan for a program in their memories. The committee members are Nancy Peck, Laura Lipson, Loretta Oliver, Joan Koelsch, Ken Allen and myself. We have had some great suggestions and have contacted some very interesting fiber artists. Because our interests as a group are so diverse we are going to be making selections from a wide range of artists and hoping they are available when we want to have the program. Of course cost is always a big consideration and we will be juggling that, as well. The considerations have ranged from performance/fiber artists- to a Krokbragd rug artist- to a bead artist to an artist who specializes in indigo dyeing and an artist who knits! We are presently in the process of trying to contact people and by mid-Jan. we (hopefully) will have narrowed down our selections. If you have any thoughts or suggestions please contact one of us.

I'm looking forward to our Jan. 21 meeting. Debbie Cooper will be our speaker on Shibori Dyeing and lead a workshop on Fri., Jan. 22 - Shibori on the loom. Sounds very exciting.

Hope to see you then!

*Arlene Gendelman*

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# EXCERPTS FROM NOVEMBER MEETING

## Michigan Weavers Guild- Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 10:40 by President, Arlene Gendelman. Board members present were Ken Allen, Karen Folland, Arlene Gendelman, Joan Koelsch, Laura Lipson, Susan Lolli, Nancy Slutsky, Mary Rios, Jeanne Seitz, Nancy Peck, Erika Proschow and Judy Boesky.

Treasurer, Nancy Slutsky, reported the total account balance as of Oct. 31, 2009 is \$5882.91.

Exhibits Committee reported that the Costick show was well-received; however participation was down from previous exhibits at that venue. Suggestion made that intake procedure be made more accessible with a longer period for intake.

**Motion:** that the next Costick show be held from late November throughout January. Passed.

Membership committee chair, Susan Lolli reported that there are 41 paid members and 2 new members.

Bill Horning, Corresponding Secretary sent a get-well card to Renee Kash.

Library chair, Erica Proschkow, reported that with expert assistance from Mary Rios, our library is now online and information is available through MWG webpage.

MLH Representative, Ken Allen reported that Michigan League of Handweavers will host a fiber show in Grand Rapids area next summer and urges MWG members to join and support this state organization.

Webmaster, Mary Rios reported that results of survey on the website was flawed and she will repeat it this month.

Program Committee chair, Joan Koelsch reported that the Robyn Spady workshop was a great success. One person who had registered for the workshop was unable to attend due to the death of her mother.

**Motion:** To refund 50% of fee to that person. Passed.

**Motion:** To pay church where workshop was held \$150 rental. Passed

Old Business: Plans for Brudzinski/Windeknecht memorial program. Committee (Arlene Gendelman, Nancy Peck, Laura Lipson, Loretta Oliver, Ken Allen) will meet to explore possible speakers.

New Business: Discussion about sharing program information with other Guilds for possible collaboration.

## General Meeting

Called to order at 12:00.

Program Chair, Joan Koelsch announced the great success of Robyn Spady's workshop and thanks to Nancy Peck for hosting not only Robyn but several out-of-town participants as well.

Debbie Cooper will present a two part workshop, first day, Jan. 22 and Second day, March 19.

Nancy Peck introduced Robyn Spady who fascinated group with a program on a variety of techniques to produce trims.

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Lipson*

## Don't Forget!

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

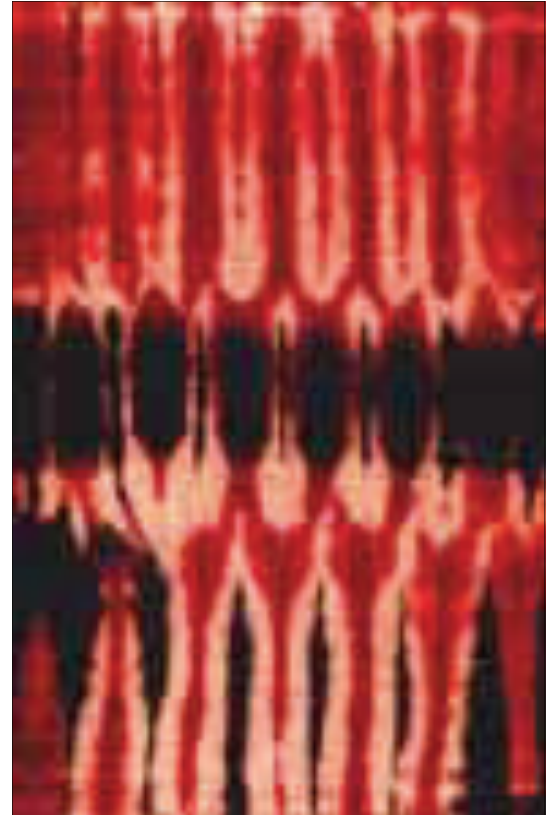


## WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH?

We will usher in the new year with our January 21st meeting featuring Debbie Cooper. She will speak to us about shibori dyeing on the loom. The lecture will be followed by another great weaving workshop!

Debbi weaves, dyes, prints, stamps and otherwise creates beautiful fabrics that she fashions into scarves, shawls and jackets. Her primary emphasis in her work is to create something that feels good as well as is interesting to look at. Debbi has a booth at the Ann Arbor Art Fair, sells at other art fairs and has a online store.

Come and hear about her experiences in winning the first COE in dyeing given by HGA, her design experience and operating a fiber arts business. Check her out at [twitter.com/artweardesigns.com](https://twitter.com/artweardesigns.com).



## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Need Inspiration?

Then February's meeting is not to be missed! Lois Beth Bryant will speak on "Design Inspiration." Lois taught at Eastern Michigan University for a number of years and now operates her own studio in the Ann Arbor area. Lois will share some of her weavings with us, the inspiration for them and also discuss with us how the same inspiration could be worked out in various directions and with various media. So, come ready to get some inspiration on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>.



## YEAR AT A GLANCE

**January 21, 2010**

Debbie Cooper-Shibori Dying

**January 22, 2010**

Debbie Cooper Workshop  
Shibori on the Loom

**February 18, 2010**

Lois Beth Bryant  
Inspiration for Weaving Design

**March 18, 2010**

Joan Sheridan-Yarn 101

**March 19, 2010**

Debbie Cooper-Shibori on the Loom, Continued

**April 15, 2010**

Nancy Peck—Convergence 2010 Preview

**May 20, 2010**

Annual luncheon and Fashion Show



Nancy Slutsky,  
Nancy Vaghy and  
Erika Proschow will be  
bringing snacks for  
January's meeting.

Thanks!

## Welcome New Members

**Kerstin Beil-Hoeckendorf**

6640 Bloomfield Lane  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

Phone????

**Deborah Cizmas**

6352 Elsey  
Troy, MI 48098-2013  
(248) 828-8087  
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Robin Bussa  
989-486-3118

[rabussa@yahoo.com](mailto:rabussa@yahoo.com)

## Explore Group

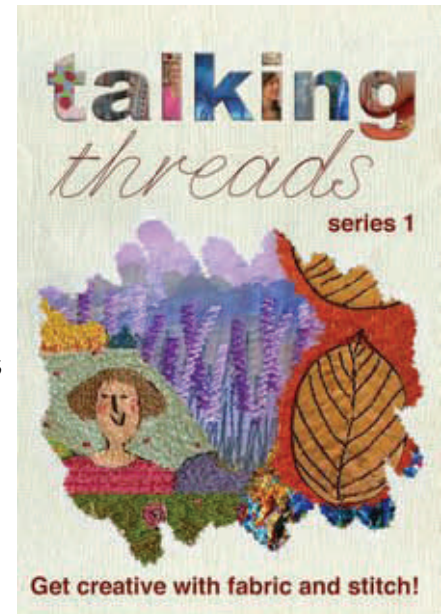
The next meeting will be January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at Nancy Peck's. Call or e-mail Nancy for directions to her house in Dearborn. Phone: 313-441-3421. E-mail: [mjpeckmc@gmail.com](mailto:mjpeckmc@gmail.com).

Bring something to work on and perhaps a new technique you would like to share. All MWG members are welcome.



# FIBER ELSEWHERE

**Talking Threads:** Is a British tv production that I read about in the latest *Fiberarts* – Jan 2010 p.9. Their mission is to promote creative learning, specifically within the textile arts. Recent episodes have included the work of textile artists Gilda Baron, Linda Miller, Angie Hughes, Jill Kennedy, Kim Tittichai, Myfanwy Hart, Faye Maxwell, Ann Griffiths and Di Wells. You can access it online at <http://www.countrychannel.tv/>. (Click on the “Country Matters” channel, then you can do a search for “talking threads”) This is definitely worth the time for your surface design toolbox. The Anne Griffiths episode goes at length into her sketchbook and how she works up to her final work and then inspires the next. She then demonstrates using water-soluble stabilizer. The Jill Kennedy episode talks about foiling and such with fusible webbing. Lots of great information and inspiration here! If you’re a Facebook fan, you can also find Talking Threads there!



Cross Village Rug Works, a non-profit agency in Cross Village, MI that produces woven goods from locally produced fibers seeks looms and other weaving production tools for use in our studio.

The Cross Village Rug Works’ mission is to teach sustainable skills by providing education and employment to area residents who fall within the definition of Michigan’s economic poverty level, to provide ongoing educational opportunities, and to support northern Michigan’s agricultural community by using locally grown fleece to produce textile goods. You can read more at our website,

[www.crossvillagerugworks.com](http://www.crossvillagerugworks.com)

Please contact Ellen Vander Vee at 231.526.7889 or at [rugworkscv@gmail.com](mailto:rugworkscv@gmail.com) if you would like to donate or

## WORKSHOP UPDATE

It sounds like the two-sided cloth, round-robin workshop that was held last November was a great success! There are lots of great photos on the MWG Blog, thanks to Susan Lolli. I’ve printed some here just to give you a tease! Definitely go to the website to see the rest. Wish I could’ve been a part of that workshop. Looks like I missed a great one.



# New Year – New Library Resource!

We have currently updated a list of all our library books. The system is conveniently online, so you will have the opportunity to search for a book from our robust database and take it from the shelves at the meetings. In these economic times, we can all take advantage of this wonderful resource offered to MWG members.

## Online Access !

To access the library, you may go to our website, and click on the **LIBRARY** tab.

<http://www.michiganweaversguild.org/library.html>

If you select the first line of text on this page, it will take you directly to our library database on <http://www.librarything.com/> You may search by Title, Author, Subject.

You may also search for a book or subject matter, directly from our website using the MWG – OUR LIBRARY search field.

Also on the website page, is a multiple page PDF that holds our current library for download to your computer.

## Finding a book on our shelf

In the Comment column we have placed our MWG Library # on the spines of the books. If you find a book you'd like to borrow, simply reference that comment # and if it's in, you will find it chronologically by that number on our book shelf at the library during our monthly meeting.

Books are loaned with a 1 month time limit.

## Library Amnesty

According to our records, there are several books that may or may not have been forgotten or misplaced. If there is a book listed with a number followed by -NIL (not in library) it means we have a record but the book is not on hand. Please check your personal libraries to see if any of our NIL books are in yours! Amnesty granted!

## Please consider donating your unused books

If you have a fiber or related discipline book to donate, please contact Erica at [eproschkow@comcast.net](mailto:eproschkow@comcast.net)





The Michigan Weavers Guild proudly presents a Workshop by  
**Debbi Cooper - Shibori on the Loom**  
**2 Fridays: Jan. 22, 2010 and March 19, 2010**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** January 9, 2010

**Debbi is the first GHA recipient of a COE in dying.**  
**This is a two day seminar.**

**Date:** Friday, January 22, 2010 and  
Friday, March 19, 2010

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Fee:** \$70.00 for members  
\$95.00 for non members

**Bring: A 2, 4 or 8 shaft loom.** Bring loom prewarped with 3 yards for the round robin, and more for a scarf for you to complete on your own. Upon receipt of your application, instructions based on your loom will be sent to you prior to class. **Warp:** White or cream cotton, but any natural fiber yarn will do. Use a yarn you are used to weaving with. **Weft:** Same as warp.

**Supply Fee:** TBD payable to instructor

**Location:** **Peace Lutheran Church**

17029 W. Thirteen Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 40876

The church is on the south side of 13 Mile Road about half-way between Greenfield and Southfield Roads. There is a large parking lot on the west side of the building. Park near the back and enter through the double doors.

*See more instructions and terms on the MWG website under the Workshop Button.*

?s - Please email **Joan** (joank4361@wowway.com)

**Please send a this form and check to by January 9, 2010 to confirm your attendance.**

Joan Koelsch  
4361 Arden Place  
Royal Oak, 48073

**The deadline to sign up for these workshops is January 9, 2010**

***Not a member?***

We welcome non members to our workshops, but you might like to think about becoming a member of the MWG to take advantage of the many workshops and programs scheduled by the organization!

*[Click here for membership information.](#)*  
*[You can register for membership online!](#)*

**Register Online!**

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Please enroll me in the following: **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** January 9, 2010

☐ **MEMBER FEE :** Friday, January 22, 2010 Shibori on the Loom ..... \$70  
& Friday, March 19, 2010

☐ **NON MEMBER FEE** ..... \$95

Make check payable to: **MICHIGAN WEAVERS GUILD**

and send to: Joan Koelsch  
4361 Arden Place  
Royal Oak, MI 48073-6473

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