



MICHIGAN WEAVERS GUILD

CYBER FIBER FARE

March 2010

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, March 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 Nancy Peck, President, HGA
"Sneak Peak, Convergence 2010"**

Please note new
time for
meeting!!!



Michigan Weavers Guild

Inspiring creativity and preserving fiber traditions.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi all,

As I write this the sun is shining and it almost makes me feel like Spring is lurking around the corner. Spring and March and even April are always very tricky in Michigan. I'm sure you are as ready for a life without snow as I am. Go green!

On Saturday my husband and I went to a gallery in Flint to see a show a friend was in. My friend is a painter but the show had a variety of media displayed. One artist's concept caught my attention. She is a graphic artist and that work was on display but she went a step further and interpreted some of her prints in felted hats. Sounds kind of strange but it was interesting to see how one concept can be reinterpreted into something so concrete. It has been something I have thought about since. I realize this is done all the time but I have not seen someone use their own work so concretely yet in such an abstract way. Hopefully, this will be a source of inspiration for me.

Lois Beth Bryant's presentation at our February meeting focused on how she has been inspired and what inspires her. The activity following her presentation was very useful. She uses grids in her work and provided paper grids and magazines, glue and scissors to piece together designs and colors that would inspire our work.

Between Spring's approach and the various pieces of inspiration in the world about us it is my wish that we will be inspired to create and produce. We have a Guild show planned in December/January and a sale in the planning stages, as well. Keep working.

Arlene

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EXCERPTS FROM FEBRUARY MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by President Arlene Gendelman. Those present were: Ken Allen, Judy Boesky, Arlene Gendelman, Bill Horning, Joan Koelsch, Susan Lolli, Erika Proschow, and Nancy Slutsky.

Treasurer Slutsky reported a general account balance of \$4124.25 and a Memorial Fund balance of \$2445.00

Our next scheduled exhibit is the Costick Show and trunk show and sale in December 2010. Susan Lolli moved and Joan Koelsch seconded that in order to participate in the trunk show and sale, members must also submit at least one item to the regular show. Motion approved. Board members are asked to encourage participation by all members. Andrea Anderson will be asked to coordinate the trunk show and sale.

Membership chair Susan Lolli reported 6 Honorary members and 43 paid members. Reminder letters to those who have not paid dues were sent 2/17/10.

The next Fiber Fare deadline is February 25th.

Ruth Whitmyer and Nancy Vaghy have taken over Hospitality for Karen Folland while she recovers from arm surgery. The Corresponding Secretary will send a card to Karen and members are also encouraged to send cards.

MLH representative Ken Allen corrected minutes from last month in that the MLH workshops will be held at Hope College, as usual, and the Fiber exhibit will be held at Kendall College. The workshop brochure is out and has a great lineup of workshops.

Program chair Joan Koelsch reported that the March and April programs have been switched because of a scheduling conflict.

The Memorial program honoring Margaret Windeknecht and Jean Brudzinski will be held Sat., Oct 23rd at Schoolcraft Vista Tec, in the afternoon. Madelyn van der Hogt will be the guest speaker. This event needs wide publicity.

The lack of participation of members in meetings was discussed. It is hard to publicize the guild because newspapers no longer provide publicity. We are going to post the front page of each Fiber Fare on the bulletin board at BBAC. Changing program formats was also discussed, providing more variety. 2 programs by members, 2 hands on programs, and 3 traditional lecture and possible workshops were suggested formats. We also continue to investigate having evening or Saturday meetings. We are also considering changing our meeting place to a more central location.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by Joan Koelsch for Laura Lipson



Here are some pictures from February's meeting with Lois Bryant. She explained her design inspiration techniques and showed us some inspiration exercises using magazine pages. Thanks for the pictures, Susan Lolli!



WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH?

Program Reshuffle for March and April

Joan Hoover, proprietor of Heritage Weaving and Spinning in Lake Orion, was to be our March speaker, but asked to postpone her appearance with us until April. Joan is to be honored at a luncheon on March 18th (our meeting date) for her work raising money for breast cancer with Knit Michigan. Instead, Nancy Peck will be with us in March for the Convergence 2010 preview. Nancy is President of HGA and is involved and up-to-date on all the wonderful events planned for Convergence in Albuquerque. Join us in March to learn everything you need to know to be ready for the next Convergence!



On April 15, Joan will be with us to 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 she operates her successful store.



Fiberarts Demonstrators Needed

We have been asked to provide demonstrators for the Farmington Festival of the Arts on Saturday, April 25th 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 or 248-848-9880 if you are able to help or have any questions.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

March 19, 2010

Debbie Cooper-Shibori on the Loom, Continued

April 15, 2010

Joan Sheridan-Yarn 101

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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.

EXPLORE GROUP

Next Explorer Group meeting is at Judy Boesky’s house, March 25, 2010 at 10:00 AM. You are welcome to join us! Please contact Judy for directions to her house. jboesky@comcast.net



Sorry, I don't have the list available for April treats, but if it's been awhile since you've brought anything, (or just realized you never have!) perhaps it's your turn!

Don't Forget!

Part 2—Shibori on the Loom

Don't forget to finish your scarves for the dyeing part of the workshop on March 20th. The workshop will be at Peace Lutheran Church (the same location of the weaving part of the workshop). As we get closer to the date, a supply list will be sent to participants.

May “Fashion Show” and Moth Market

May 20th is the date for this year's “Fashion Show” and Moth Market. Get those projects (wearable or not) finished and ready to show off that day. And, start cleaning out the yarn and equipment you no longer need and sell it at the Moth Market.

It is always inspiring to see the creations of our members at this event. There will be the usual potluck luncheon that day—more information on that in April.

