



MICHIGAN WEAVERS GUILD

CYBER FIBER FARE

May 2010

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, May 20, 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 End of the Year Potluck Luncheon, Member Showcase,
Moth Market and Sale!!



Michigan Weavers Guild

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi all,
May is just around the corner as I write this & spring has clearly arrived with its many colors & perfumes. For MWG spring culminates in our annual pot luck luncheon, moth market & fashion show. It's always a fun time, sharing what we have created both in food & fiber objects. For me personally it means the end of my two years as President and a time of looking back at what was accomplished & forward at what is to come. It should mean turning over the Presidency to a new President with Board Member changes and new programs to look forward to next fall. For the Board and the general membership it usually means new leadership and some changes but pretty much business as usual. However, this coming year of 2010-2011 will be different because of changes the Board and I have proposed. Let me describe them to you.

As you probably noticed our attendance at meetings has grown a bit smaller and membership has declined in the last few years. Membership now numbers in the forties. The Board & I has been discussing this and trying to find a way to increase attendance at meetings & attract new members. A proposal was developed with many goals that we will continue to work on next year. The following are the goals we propose for 2010-2011:

- Change the number of program meetings to 5 (from the current 8): Sept., Oct., Jan., March & May
- Change the meeting date to Saturday afternoon - probably from 1:00 - 3:00; eliminate or shorten the business meeting.
- Possibly change where we currently meet at the Farmington Library to another site
- Increase emphasis on study groups; the Explore Group has been successful allowing "something for everyone"; attempt to collaborate/re-align with Cross Borders Weavers and/or other groups; create more flexible study groups similar to how book clubs are run
- Create a less formal organizational structure de-emphasizing or revamping the bylaws; officers suggested are President, VP or President's Assistant, Program Chair, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Membership/Treasurer
- Hold board meetings separate from program meetings or via email
- More communication through email or "blasts" via our website
- Try to have at least two workshops a year

These are ambitious changes we are proposing but we as a Board are hoping that these proposals will generate new ideas, enthusiasm & new members. As you will see in the report from the Nominating Committee Chair, Judy Boesky, we were unable to fill the President's position & there will be Co-Chairs instead of a president next year. As in many organizations there is a need for those willing to volunteer their time to make it work & remain vital. It has been a struggle attracting new people to serve on the Board and we are hoping that the changes we suggest will bring new & younger members interested in the fiber arts who will help provide the stimulation, leadership, ideas & interest we need.

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MWG Costick Center Exhibit
November 19, 2010

MWG Trunk Show
November 20, 2010

We all need to get to work producing items for our yearly exhibit and now our trunk show/sale in November. Keep those creative juices working and producing during the next few months!

I'm looking forward to our Potluck and hope to see lots of members there. I look back with some sadness at those members we have lost - Jean Brudzinski & Margaret Winderknecht - and how much they are missed as artists, mentors and friends. I hope that the next year will bring with it a renewed creative spirit for us as a Guild.

Arlene Gendelman, President MWG

EXCERPTS FROM APRIL MEETING

The April 15, 2010 meeting of MWG was called to order at 10:10 AM by president Arlene Gendelman. Present were Arlene Gendelman, Nancy Slutsky, Ken Allen, Bill Horning, Mary Rios, Susan Lolli, Judy Boesky, Nancy Peck, Andrea Anderson, Karen Folland. **Treasurer:** Nancy Slutsky presented the report showing a balance of \$4,336.27, not including the memorial fund. We are at a break-even point at this time. Nancy went through the checks received for the memorial fund and made a list of all contributors, which she sent to Laura Lipson.

Exhibits: The Costick Exhibit will be from November 19, 2010-January 7, 2011. The trunk sale will be Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010. You must be entered in the exhibit to sell your work in the trunk show. Individuals will take care of their own state sales tax. A form can be obtained from the internet. More information will be forthcoming.

Bill Horning will arrange an exhibit for 2011 together with the Michigan Surface Design Association. The site will be announced later.

Fiber Fare: Next Deadline is April 25.

Publicity: Judy Boesky will place a notice in major magazines announcing the Madelyn van der Hoogt lecture in honor of Margaret Windeknecht and Jean Brudzinski. September she will send local publications the announcement.

Hospitality: Please bring a dish to pass for the May potluck. Board members will provide bread and dessert and table settings.

Corresponding Secretary: Bill Horning will send cards to Laura Lipson and Ruth Whitmyer.

MLH: Ken Allen reported the next board meeting will be May 24. MWG has requested a \$500.00 grant toward the memorial lecture. Plans are proceeding for the summer workshops at Hope College and the exhibit which will be held August 20 through September 14 at Kendall School of Art & Design in Grand Rapids.

Webmaster: Mary Rios will set up a face book page with a link from our website as another means of communication and publicity for our group. She will also contact Jeanne Seitz to discuss newsletter options.

Program: May will be our annual meeting, potluck lunch, moth market, member sale, and show and tell of members' work.

Old Business:

The Memorial Program committee plans to meet.

Nominating Committee: Judy Boesky presented the slate of officers as follows: Loretta Oliver and Judy Boesky-Co-chairmen, Nancy Slutsky-Vice president, Laura Lipson-Recording Secretary, Susan Lolli-Treasurer, Bill Horning-Corresponding Secretary

Susan Lolli led a discussion regarding MWG's future direction. It is felt that to move ahead the group needs to make some changes. Suggested changes for 2010/2011 year are to schedule 5 Saturday meetings; try to schedule 2 well known people for programs or workshops; and have more special interest study groups.

General Meeting:

Nineteen members in attendance.

The lecture in honor of Margaret Windeknecht and Jean Brudzinski on October 23, 2010 will be in place of a general meeting in October.

Andrea Anderson asked for volunteers to demonstrate fiber techniques at the Farmington Hills Festival of Arts on Saturday, April 24, 2010, noon-5:00 PM, at the CostickCenter.

Look What I've Done: Susan Lolli-samples from wedge weave workshop; Andrea Anderson-5 shibori scarves and a tote bag woven from saari silk

Program: Mary Rios introduced guest speaker Joan Sheridan.

respectfully submitted by Karen Folland

For Sale

Norwood, 4 harness floor loom (1976, never used--still has test weaving on it), cherry wood, weaves up to 40 inch width. Bench, spool rack, extra heddles included. \$800. Located in Hastings, MI Please contact Kay, 269-948-8948.

WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH?

May Program

May 20th will be our last program of the 2009 - 2010 season.

Many activities are planned:

- Potluck Luncheon
 - Members bring a dish to serve about 6 and a serving utensil for the dish.
 - Board members will bring bread or dessert. Beverages and place settings are provided.
- Member show - fashions or not. Show off what you have done this year.
- Member sale - sell your creations and contribute just 10% of the sale to the guild.
- Moth market - sell your unwanted fiber related items and contribute the proceeds to the guild.

Have a great summer!

Well folks, this is it for another season. As Arlene mentioned there are a lot of potential changes in the works for our guild. Hopefully, they will allow the guild to grow and remain viable for many more years to come.

This has been a very busy year for most of us, and it is difficult for any one of us to shoulder too much of the responsibility of running the guild. Our officers have all worked so very hard each and every month to bring us interesting programs and workshops, and to take care of the more mundane tasks that need to be done, as well. My thanks to them for all they've done and continue to do.

I have enjoyed putting together the newsletter for the last several years, but this past year I have not had as much "free time" available in which to work on the newsletter as I would like. I apologize for the lateness of many of this previous seasons' issues...this one as well! The new meeting schedule will ease some of my responsibility as editor, but I'm very happy to say that Mary Rios, our incredible webmaster, has stepped up and volunteered to co-edit the Cyber Fiber Fare with me next year. I'm so grateful for her offer to help, and am happy to be able to "keep my hand in it", yet know that all the responsibility will not lie just with me. Mary, thank you SO much!!!

I hope you all have wonderful summers with time to do everything you'd like to do. Mine will be just as busy as ever, but now that my youngest got her driver's license (finally, at nearly 19!!), I won't have to play chauffeur for her, and that will allow me to get away up north far more frequently than I have been, and am looking forward to lots of lazy weekends hanging out on the dock!

Here's to a summer full of weaving, beading, felting, or whatever it is that you love to do! See ya in the fall!

Jeanne