



Michigan Weavers Guild

2012-2013 Guild Year - Welcome Back!



Dear Mary,

Presidents letter September 2012.

Welcome back, what did you weave this summer?



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This fall is a bit of a milestone for me. Forty years ago this fall I learned how to weave. This doesn't count my weaving potholders, cardboard loom, or a popsicle stick loom. This was in a high school art class called "Fibers" which involved learning how to weave where I had to make a warp, dress the loom and weave different patterns. I don't know where my sampler went to but I still have that first scarf that I wove. At the time I couldn't explain my fascination with weaving but there was something that kept drawing me back to the loom after my project was done. I have never stopped weaving in all of this time,

well except for six months after my son was born. It is rare for me to not have a project on a loom and three more in the planning stage. When I introduce myself to people generally the first thing that I say is "I am a weaver." This is how I identify myself. Weaving has been a major part of my life and in the lives of my family. My husband has learned that when we look for a house we have to find a place for the big loom. My children as babies slept in a bed next to my loom or under a table at an art show. As children and teenagers they got used to explaining to their friends what the warping mill in the corner of the family room was and why there was a loom sitting in the corner. My son was most likely the only student in his dorm who had a handwoven dish towel. My daughter has a handwoven rug in her bathroom that has been used in six different locations, but when she puts that rug down she feels as if she is home. Through being a weaver I have made some of my best friends and have



found as I move from one city to another I have found a weavers guild that was always welcoming and gave me an anchor as I found my way around a new town. I look forward to another forty years of weaving, I wonder how much of my stash I will have worked through by then.

Andrea

September 15 Meeting

MWG--September 15th Meeting-
10 am -2 pm

Come and bring friends, teens, neighbors, knitters you know to introduce them to weaving on a rigid heddle or inkle loom.

Several members are bringing looms all set up to do various kinds of weaving that can be done on one of these simple, inexpensive, portable looms.



There will be snacks, tea and coffee, but if you are the really hungry type, you might want to bring a sandwich.

As usual, we will be meeting at Peace Lutheran Church, 17029 13 Mile Road, Southfield.

You will also be able to sign up for the Bead Leno Workshop on Oct. 18-19, with Martha Reeves. There was a lot of excitement for this workshop at Martha's presentation last spring. If you are not coming to the September meeting, make sure to sign up on line or send a check for \$100 to Joan Koelsch, 4361 Arden Place, Royal Oak, 48073

Michigan Weavers Guild and You

As I sit here trying to figure out what to write I have a few sayings going through my head:

"If you want something done ask the busiest person you know."
"Eighty percent of the work is done by twenty percent of the people."

"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."



I am currently serving as president of the guild, without a vice-president, I am in charge of the Winter Market and for this month at least I am organizing everything that is going into the newsletter. This does not even take into account that I work as a weaver and need to deal with my business on a daily basis. Like the rest of you I also belong to other organizations and somehow keep ending up in charge of something. Basically I have hit my limit. I need your help. I feel as if the entire time I have been president I have been asking for people to step up and fill positions. Well that hasn't worked so it is time to give up on that insanity. I feel as if whenever we get someone to step up and volunteer they are one of the twenty percent who are already doing a lot for the guild.

What does your guild offer to you?

1. Two weaving workshops per year, generally at least one of them is with a nationally known weaver.
2. A dye day so that people get a chance to dye their own yarn without having to buy the equipment, dyes and a dedicated space at home for the dyeing.
3. An annual exhibition to showcase our work
4. A sale to help our members sell their work
5. A lending library of wonderful weaving and fiber arts books

Now what can you offer to your guild? Here is what we need:

1. A nominating committee to help identify people to fill needed positions.
2. A vice-president who will assist the president and take over as president in the future.
3. A recording secretary
4. Someone to join the program committee and train to take over next year
5. An exhibition committee to look into having a juried exhibition for our guild, this would be in addition to our annual exhibit at the Costick Center

Please step up and help your guild.



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Winter Market

Saturday, November 17, 2012

Costick Center, Farmington Hills ❄️ 10am - 4pm



The MWG Winter Market will be here before you know it!

It is time for our third annual Winter Market sale at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. This is a great way for our members to sell their work. Sales have increased and our buying public keeps growing.

We will be having a short meeting about the sale at the September meeting.

If you cannot attend please contact Andrea Anderson at Weavermom@aol.com or 248-848-9880.

Looking forward to seeing you this coming Saturday!

Sincerely,
Andrea Anderson
MWG President 2012-2013

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