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2013 SCHEDULE

March 4, 5, 6
Crackle Workshop

March 20, 1pm
Board Meeting

April 20
Shop Hop and Lunch

May 18, 11am
Board Meeting

May 18, Noon
Annual Meeting, Potluck and
Fashion Show

Presidents Letter Winter 2013

I am sitting here watching the snow softly falling, reminding me that winter is not quite done with us. I really should be writing my president's letter, but watching the birds at the bird feeder and watching the cats watch the birds at the bird feeder is much more interesting. There are six perches on my feeder and the birds flock around the feeder each waiting their turn, but giving up the perch after they get what they need. I have no idea how they decide whose turn it is, but the sharing is a good lesson for everyone.



As many of you know I am involved in synchronized swimming, not that I swim it, I judge it. Every winter I take a six to eight week break from weaving. During this time I design and sew synchronized swimming suits and headpieces. It is a compressed time for me, orders come in late and deadlines are coming far too fast. For this break I do no weaving, although I do a lot of planning and thinking about future weaving while I am dealing with mesh, metallic Lycra, glitter and Swarovski crystals. I find that while I am working on suits I miss the rhythm of weaving, the crossing of weft and warp. I am creating suits, but I miss creating cloth. On Monday I shipped the last of the "rush" suits. I have nine more to do then I will get back to my looms, they are calling to me.

As a guild the future is calling to us. We have programs planned for the rest of the year and a start for the next year. Now we need to form a new board for the next year. This is your guild and we need you. Most jobs are fairly easy but they need someone to fill. We have the start of a nominating committee, Arlene Gendelman and Susan Lolli are the board members and we need two committee members from the membership at large. Please consider volunteering or saying "yes" if you are asked.

Do you take a break from weaving during the year? If so, what do you do? In what way will you help your guild?

Saturday, March 2



Shop Hop and Lunch

2012-2013

Board Members

President: Andrea Anderson

Vice President: open position

Recording Secretary:
open position

Treasurer: Susan Lolli

Programs: Joan Koelsch

Membership: Arlene Gendelman

Hospitality: Karen Folland

Correspondence: Chris Jeryan

MLH Representative: Ken Allen

Housing: Susan Lolli

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Exhibits:
Bill Horning & Boisali Biswas

Library: Carol Nofz

Fiber Fare (Newsletter):
Susan Lolli

Web: Susan Lolli

WebSite Link

Michigan Weavers Guild

Saturday, April 20th, we will have our first Shop Hop.

We will meet at Peace Lutheran Church and car pool to Artisan Knits in St. Clair Shores, then to Royal Oak for lunch at Pronto, a visit to Ewe-Nique Knits where their semi-annual sale will be in progress, and then to Have You Any Wool in Berkley. Optional stop is The Yellow Door boutique in Berkley. Then, back to Peace Lutheran Church to find our cars.

The March newsletter will have more details and sketches to shops and parking. Tentatively we will meet about 9:30, lunch at 11:30 or 12, and be back to the church about 2 or 3. I will have to make a reservation for a group at Pronto, so in the March newsletter I will ask for a response from members and guests.

Joan Koelsch
Program Chair

Get Ready For the May Luncheon and Show

May is coming soon-even though it doesn't look like it not when the ground is covered in snow and I shoveled 3 times yesterday. Get your items finished and ready to show off on May 18th. Also, as spring approaches and spring cleaning comes to mind, start setting aside items for the Moth Market. No real moths please-just yarns and other weaving related things you no longer need.

Joan Koelsch
Program Chair



Upcoming Library Changes

We are working with the church to store our library in a cabinet in the church versus our librarians basement. This should make it easier to check out books during our meetings versus needing to request them to be brought to the meeting.

The transition has not been scheduled but should be in place by September.

Dye Day Was Fun



More than 20 members and guests had a colorful time on Jan. 25th, with Debbie Cooper leading us for Dye Day. Many died warps, some skeins, several did roving, a few dyed yardage, and even basketry fibers.

Please send your pictures to Susan Lolli so she may post them to the website and/or publish them in the newsletter.

I had good results with dying wool roving and a few silk hankies. However, I tried to overdye some ugly oatmeal-colored wool yarn and that was not successful. I got very vibrant colors with the silk hankies and some rayon yardage and good, deep colors with yellow and pink roving, and a more muted tone with purple on pencil roving. That to me is part of the fun of dying-you can never be quite sure of what will happen, but it is usually positive.

We ate well, too. Everyone contributed to a soup, salad, dessert and snacks buffet and no one went home hungry.

Joan Koelsch

Program Chair

[A selection of photos can be found on the website.](#)



Super Stash Elimination Sale

Former MWG member Sherry Day is radically downsizing most of her yarn stash as well as weaving books and supplies before going on an around-the-world sailing trip in the fall.

Contact Sherry directly to work out the details if interested in her sale.
313-886-8110

Green Baskets

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is sponsoring the International Contemporary Basketmakers exhibit in their Visitors Center through March 10.

This exhibit - titled "Green from the Get Go" has the work of 40 artists using renewable and sustainable resources.



[Additional information](#)

First Annual Fiber Arts Symposium Fiber Festival

First Annual Fiber Arts Symposium Fiber Festival, March 20 through 24 at the Allegan County Fairgrounds. See the following link for additional information.

<http://www.michiganfiberfestival.info/pages/2013-fiber-arts-symposium>

Warm Weather Fiber Advertisement

Join us for our second annual fiber festival in Taos, NM, Taos Fiber Marketplace! Over the weekend of April 19-21, 2013, The Taos Convention Center will be transformed into a fiber filled wonderland with a great variety of vendors, including Buffalo Gold, Weaving Southwest and Hocket's Woodworks (visit our Facebook and website for a full list and updates). Scattered throughout the festival will be artists demonstrating the techniques they use to create their beautiful finished products, in addition

to all the fiber supplies needed to create them! While at the festival you will be able to lay your eyes (and hands) on the finest wool yarns and silks, beautiful local fleeces, handwoven rugs, handcrafted apparel and much, much more! During your stay in Taos you can also visit many of the local attractions, Taos Pueblo, Taos Ski Valley and the Rio Grande River, to name a few. Come experience New Mexico and participate in a new fiber experience with a southwestern flair!

For more information on Taos Fiber Marketplace please follow the links below:

Website: www.taosfibermarketplace.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Taos-Fiber-Marketplace/244531685598333

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