



## BRING TO THE MAY 18 MEETING

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## Presidents Letter - May 2013

When we get a new member in our guild I always like to ask them how they found out about the guild. The answers vary. Some have heard about us from the BBAC, thank you Sue Walton and Loretta Oliver, some found our website when they moved to the area, some have picked up our postcards and some just find us.

I found Michigan Weavers Guild back in 1995, in a kind of odd way. I was at the Midwest Weavers Conference where I was teaching a seminar, in charge of the individual members' exhibit, designed the logo and got the tote bags, T-shirts and mugs. Oh yeah,

and two days after the conference was over my house was going on the market. I was up in the instructors' room to pick up a piece of AV equipment for my seminar. I started carrying on that I was having to move to Detroit and was not at all happy about it. Someone across the room told me that Detroit wasn't that bad. I asked her how she knew that, well, she was from Detroit and she was Nancy Peck. She told me where and when the weavers guild met. Keep in mind this was when the internet was still fairly new to the general public and it was difficult to find these things.



I did not make it to the first two meetings that fall, and showed up in November. I sat in the back of the room and waited. Suddenly I felt an arm around my shoulder and a voice saying "Aren't you a long way from home?" It was Margaret Windeknecht. I had known her for several years and it was so nice to see a familiar face. She joked that she was happy to have me here, but she would never be able to sit next to me. Some of you may remember Margaret and I sitting in the back of a meeting, she would say something and I would crack up and she just sat there with a blank look on her face. When I was cleaning my studio I found a doodle and she and I made during a very boring meeting.

I joined the guild, took several workshops, taught a few got involved in a study group, helped with several projects, hosted a few instructors, got a sale going for the guild and held a few offices. I have learned a lot and have grown a lot as a weaver. I am thankful for my time here, and it is now time to move on. My husband and I have decided to relocate to Cincinnati. We

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BBAC Exhibit

Visit from a Former Member

## 2012/13 SCHEDULE

May 18, 11am

Board Meeting

May 18, Noon

- Annual Meeting
- Potluck
- Fashion Show
- Summer Challenge
- Material Exchange
- MLH Exhibit Drop-off

## Next Newsletter Deadline

**Monday, September  
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- Please email and guild or fiber related information to [Susan Lolli](#). Put MWG Newsletter in the subject line.

## 2012-2013 Board Members

**President:** [Andrea Anderson](#)

**Vice President:** open position

**Recording Secretary:**  
open position

**Treasurer:** [Susan Lolli](#)

could be moving this fall, or next spring, or who knows when. Through the internet I already know that there is a weavers guild there, they have their own building. I have read their calendar and seen what they have to workshops and study groups. I am excited and scared, it is never easy being the new kid in class, but there is a lot more out there for me to learn.

I want to thank all of you who have been my friend, those of you who have thanked me for running the sale or for what I taught or even for what food I brought to a meeting. I hope to run into all of you again sometime. Now it is time to go back to packing my studio. Keep reading your email, there may be a big yarn sale/yarn giveaway coming up.

Andrea Anderson



## 2013/2014 Slate of Officers

The success of this organization depends on its volunteers. We need more! The following is the slate of officers to be voted on and installed at our May meeting. As you can see there are some openings. Most critical is Chairperson (formerly President). A significant item of business at the May meeting will be next steps with that opening. Can the guild even continue to exist without someone stepping forward? Can it work with the board taking turns in that role?

We need those who are committed to preserving our fiber traditions to step forward and volunteer for that position. **Please contact [Arlene Gendelman](#) if you would like to preserve this organization by volunteering.**

(And no - holding the office of President did NOT cause our last two Presidents to move out of the area - but just in case - the position is now labeled as a chairperson!)

Michigan Weavers Guild Board - 2013/2014

Chairperson: ?

Co or Vice Chairperson: Nancy Slutsky

Treasurer: Joan Koelsch

Secretary: Chris Jeryan

Membership: Arlene Gendelman

Programs: Nancy Peck, Loretta Oliver

MLH: Ken Allen

Historian: Nancy Peck

Hospitality: Karen Folland; assisted by Madeline Navarro and

Cheryl Wenskay

Librarian: Carol Noffz (temporarily - looking for someone else to take over)

Exhibits: Boisali Biswas

**Programs:** [Joan Koelsch](#)

**Membership:** [Arlene Gendelman](#)

**Hospitality:** [Karen Folland](#)

**Correspondence:** [Chris Jeryan](#)

**MLH Representative:** [Ken Allen](#)

**Housing:** [Susan Lolli](#)

**Publicity:** [Judy Boesky](#)

**Exhibits:**  
[Bill Horning](#) & [Boisali Biswas](#)

**Library:** Carol Nofz

**Fiber Fare (Newsletter):**  
[Susan Lolli](#)

**Web:** [Susan Lolli](#)

## Annual Potluck at May Meeting



We all know that fiber artists can cook, so please show off your talents by bringing a dish of something scrumptious to pass at the May meeting.

### WebSite Link

[Michigan Weavers Guild](#)

### **MAY REPEAT REMINDER:**

## SUMMER CHALLENGE

See us on Facebook



MLH Conference  
Link

[www.mlhguild.org](http://www.mlhguild.org)



### MWG 2013 Summer Challenge Project "Let the Juice's (Inspiration) Flow"

Planning Ahead -  
2013 Winter Market

Please join us for our 4th

**Why:** to help reduce your fiber stash, inspiration for a fiber project based on materials received, programming for September 2013 meeting

annual Winter Market Sale on Saturday, November 23 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. This has been a fun day for our group and we are building a following, but we need more of our members to take part in the sale.

There have been requests for ornaments, placemats, painted yarn and handspun yarn to give you an idea of what to make.

To take part in the show you need to be a paid member and let [Andrea Anderson](#) know that you want to take part.

Our exhibit will be running in the gallery at this time. Please check next month's newsletter for more information on the exhibit.

## Planning Ahead: Annual Costick Exhibit

The 2013 version will have set-up on Oct. 18 and take-down on Dec. 6.

EVERY member should have at least one item in this show so start planning now.

Details will follow at a later date.

## FIBER IN THE NEWS



Reprint of a Detroit Free Press

**What:** yarns, fabrics, and accessories that could be used to create a fiber project; a reasonable amount for someone to get started with a project. Some of all the received fibers should be incorporated into the project and additional materials can be added at the creator's discretion.

**When:** Bring fiber in a brown paper bag to exchange to the May MWG meeting, work on your project over the summer and bring the finished results for Show and Tell at the September 2013 MWG meeting.

## **MAY REPEAT REMINDER:**

## MWG 2013 Guild Exhibit for MLH Summer Conference

After a hiatus of a few years, our guild will be having an exhibit at the Michigan League of Handweavers Summer Conference in Hope, Michigan.

We will be showing finished fiber work based on MWG workshops since September 2011

- Dianne Totten's 'Crimped Cloth'
- Nancy Peck's 'Summer and Winter'
- January 'Dye Days' (2012 & 2013)
- Martha Reeve's 'Bead Leno'

This can be something that you made in one of these workshops, or something that you made with the technique that you learned in the workshop.

Please bring your pieces to the May Meeting with a label with the following information:

- Your Name
- Technique
- Workshop

If you cannot bring your pieces to the May meeting please contact Andrea Anderson to arrange for a drop off at her house.

**This is a great opportunity to share with others how creative our group is. Please plan to participate!**

Pieces can either be picked up at the end of the conference or will be brought to the September meeting.

We have the display equipment, but **we need your work and your help**. If you will be attending MLH please help with set up. We will be starting the set up around noon on Friday and will take down after the workshops are done on Sunday. Andrea will be there for I will be able to be there for set up, although we could use

published an article titled:

[Coalition weaves a brighter future for natural fibers](#)

some more help with set up. The take down is more of a problem. Nancy Peck will not be there and Andrea will be teaching a seminar Sunday afternoon. We also need someone to collect pieces at the May meeting for the exhibit.

## May Fashion Show

Or not. We always label our May meeting as a Fashion Show. But don't let that intimidate you. What it really is an expanded "Look what I have done". Do bring something you have made to "wear" whether it is a scarf, jacket, table runner or a basket to where on your head!.

## Exhibit Opportunity



### ***Fiber - NATIONAL SHOW***

**June 14 - July 13**

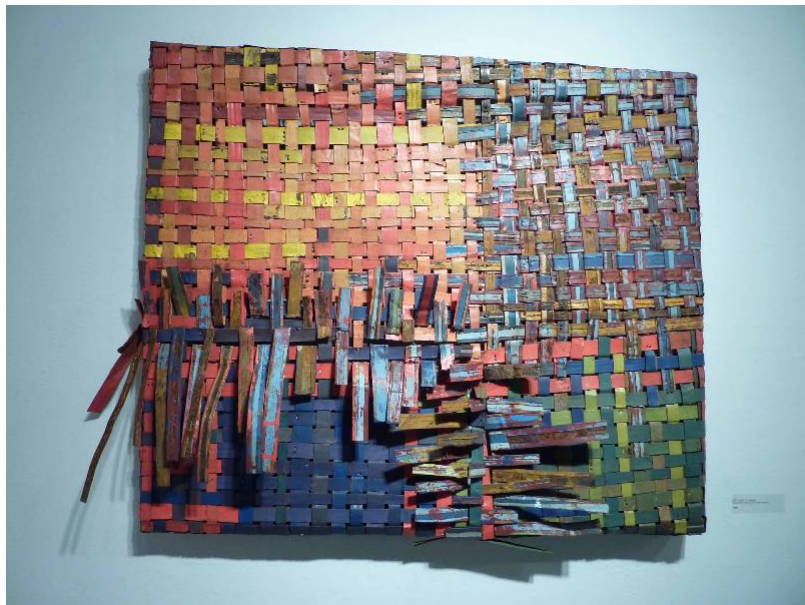
Juror: Glen Michaels

Intake: June 4- 8

Preview: June 14

Our guild was contacted and our members were invited to enter this show to be held at the Grosse Pointe Art Center. Out of state submissions are now closed but in-state submissions are to be submitted during the intake dates above. Please see their website to download an entry. (note- be sure to download both pages)

## BBAC Exhibit



An interesting exhibit is currently at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. While not a textile exhibit it has a "textile sensibility". The artist, Sadie Sheldon, works in metal or as she calls it - recycled art. At the opening, I was able to speak with her. When I commented that I was a weaver and that much of her work reminds me of weaving or other fiber art - she commented that people are very surprised that she has not worked in that media.

The show runs through June 16 and has a great title: "RUSTING BRAINS MAKE PRETTY PLACES"

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

Susan Lolli



Next Seasons Tentative Schedule

Nancy Peck and Loretta Oliver have taken over as Co-Program

Chairs for 2013-2014 season. We will meet on the 3rd Sat. of the month except for April which will be on the 2nd Sat. Meetings will return to the former schedule of Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., March, April, May.

They are still working on the contracts and the details so stay tuned for further developments.

**Sept 21, 2013** Speaker: Nancy McCray owner of Woven Art in East Lansing who will be speaking on "Collapse Weave" and the Presentation of Summer Challenge

**October 19, 2013** Speakers/Panelists:  
Cynthia LaMaide  
Jeanne Norman Sarna  
Topic: Presentation and Panel Discussion on Various Aspects of Marketing for Textiles: that include pricing, sales prep, group shows vs. individual shows, media advertising (social media, visual & audio) post cards, business cards, posters etc.

**November 23, 2013** MWG Sale at Costick Center

**January 18, 2014** Workshop/TBD

**February 15, 2014** Dye Day with Boisali Biswas

**March 20-22, 2014** Elisabeth Hill  
Topic: Masters of Deflection

**March 22, 2014** Elisabeth Hill  
Topic: Apron Strings

**April 19, 2014** Speakers/Panelists  
Joan Sheridan  
Mollie Fletcher  
Topic: From Start to Finish: Developing Themes, Concepts, Design and Color inspirations.

**May 17, 2014** Summer assignments, Stash Exchange

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