

## JANUARY MEETING

### Saturday, January 17, 2015

**Textile Inheritance: Historic Weft-Faced Compound Figured Silks and Modern Handweaving**


**Speaker: Julia Galliker**

**Location:** Peace Lutheran Church  
17029 West 13 Mile Road,  
Southfield, MI

**Time:** 10:30 AM Board Meeting  
11:30 AM Social Time - light refreshments  
(bring a bag lunch if desired)  
12:00 PM General Meeting  
Includes: "LOOK WHAT I'VE DONE"  
Bring what you have done recently to show

This presentation describes how new research methods make historic figured silks held in museum collections available to weavers for study purposes. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, antiquities collectors acquired archaeological silk fragments attributed to Mediterranean and Near East workshops between AD 600-1200. While necessary to protect our fragile textile heritage, conservation standards have limited access to these pieces for study purposes. Now, high-resolution digital images and computer-based analysis techniques provide new information about how historic silks were constructed from a weaver's point of view with a focus on material processing, weave structure, pattern design, and end use.

MWG member, Julia Galliker, has a PhD in history and devotes her research to textual and material analyses of silk textiles between AD 600-1200. She is currently preparing her dissertation examining Byzantine silk for publication. She lectures widely at conferences in Europe and North America.



**Deadline**  
**January 17, 2015**  
for our MWG workshops  
Register **NOW** to reserve your spot  
(go online or mail included application)

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Next **Newsletter** Deadline  
**February 8, 2015**  
send any information that may be  
interesting to members  
to:  
slolli@comcast.net

*See us on the web:* [www.michiganweaversguild.org](http://www.michiganweaversguild.org)

## Remaining 2014-2015 Schedule

**February 21, 2015**

*Workshop: Dye Day with Boisali Biswas*

**March 19 - March 20, 2015**

*Workshop: with Laurie Autio*

*Topic: "Budget Jacquard: Variations on a Straight Draw"*

**March 21, 2015**

*Speaker: Laurie Autio*

*Topic: "Seeing Double: Overlaying Designs"*

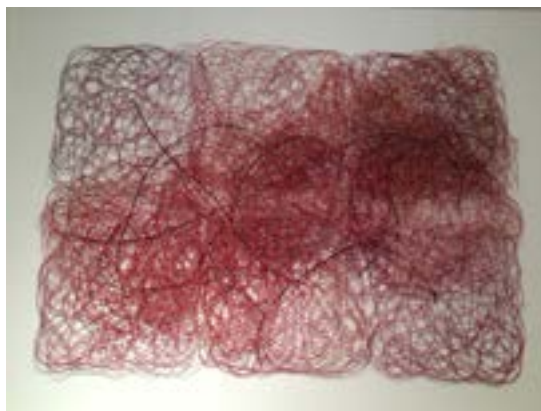
**April 18, 2015**

*Speaker: Betsy Szymanski*

*Topic: "Weave Structure Overview"*

**May 16, 2015**

*Annual Meeting, Potluck and Summer Challenge*



## IN REVIEW

Our Guild had its annual sale at the Costick Center in November. While the bad roads kept many away in the morning, traffic did pick up in the afternoon.

In addition, our annual exhibit at the Costick Center closed January 9, 2015. Hope all members were able to stop by and browse.



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## 2014-2015 MWG Board

**Meeting Chair:** Rotates among Board

**Exhibits:** Boisali Biswas

**Hospitality:** Maxine Fontana

**Housing:** Susan Lolli

**Library:** Chris Jeryan

**Membership:** Arlene Gendelman

**MLH Representative:** Karen Folland

**Newsletter:** Susan Lolli

**Programs:** Nancy Peck

**Publicity:** Judy Boeky

**Secretary:** Chris Jeryan

**Treasurer:** Joan Koelsch

**Webmaster:** Susan Lolli



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## Keep the Summer Alive

If you have not yet completed the MWG 2014 Summer Challenge - we are still hoping you will.

Bring your results to an upcoming meeting. Our goal is to submit the completed items as our guilds exhibit at the Michigan League of Handweavers summer conference this June.



# GuildHistory

The Michigan Weavers Guild was formed in 1947.

## 60 Years Ago - January 1955

A film "Hats for You" from Wayne University; Slides and an informal talk by Miss Elsa Koskinnen from Wayne.

## 50 Years Ago - January 1965

Talk and slides by Mr. Waltr Sunahara of Toronto.

## 40 Years Ago - January 1975

## 30 Years Ago - January 1985

## 20 Years Ago - January 1995

Program was presented by Danielle Bodine, Margie Ferraro & Sue Walton on "Folded Paper Boxes" along with a workshop by Danielle Bodine titled "Plaited Boxes and Freeform Adventures"

## 10 Years Ago - January 2005

Jennifer Gould presented a lecture and slides "Fabric Dolls: A Focus on Faces and Hands".



## MWG Explorer's Group

A study group of MWG members meets once a month in member's homes to share fiber inspirations. Participants bring a fiber project or inspiration to show and share with others. It is a diversified group with weavers, knitters, quilters, basketmakers and other fiber media shared. Please come join us. The next MWG Explorers will be Thursday, January 22, 10a.m. at Judy Boesky's home. Please let Judy know if you will be participating by emailing [jboesky@comcast.net](mailto:jboesky@comcast.net)



Member Sue Kawamoto  
([kawamom@comcast.net](mailto:kawamom@comcast.net))

Is looking for a used loom bench to use with her Schacht baby wolf.

Do you know of anyone who might be selling one?

2015 marks the 40th anniversary of the Daisy Den Stitchery. And with that, we are happy to announce the Daisy Den is going to retire! It has been a wonderful run; I have met so many people and so many have become friends. We have shared the good times and some not so good, but we all came through.

We will celebrate this event with a big close-out sale. Mark down the dates - January 16, 17, 18, 2015. The sale will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel 5700 28th Street SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546 616-957-1770

And you may ask what is going to be on sale? Well, imagine your attic with 40 years of stuff! We have all kinds of "stuff". Count thread supplies, needlepoint and quilting supplies, display pieces and racks, buttons, trims, fabrics, gift items lots of notions, patterns, books, and what ever we find between now and then!

We hope you can join us - we clean out - you clean up!

We will have some display and storage pieces marked "FINAL SALE"; everything else is 50% off, no exceptions, cash or credit card only. We will open for business -

Friday, January 16, 2015 from 9 to 7

Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 9 to 7

Sunday, January 18, 2015 from 9 to 4

And that my friends, will be the end. We hope you can join us

Still stitchin'  
Glory Meyer  
Daisy Den Stitchery  
616-975-7704  
[glorymeyer@aol.com](mailto:glorymeyer@aol.com)

# In the Media

The New York Times had an article on 5 December, 2014 regarding an exhibit by Judith Scott titled "Bound and Unbound". You can view the article at <http://nyti.ms/1yW4nOu>, along with a slideshow of some of her work



Judith Scott (American, 1943-2017), Untitled, 2010. Mixed media. 14 x 14 x 14 in. © 2012 by Judith Scott. Photo: Susan Sponaugher. All rights reserved. Photo by Susan Sponaugher.

## Weavers Turn Silk Into Diabetes Test Strips

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/goatsandso-da/2015/01/08/375442225/weavers-turn-silk->



# ... and the Catalogs

I always find it interesting to look at the fiber items for sale in various catalogs for ideas of what is deemed "popular" at the moment. The following are a small selection from the current crop which highlight dying, knitting and weaving.




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## 2014 - 2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES

**Annual Dues are \$30**  
**Pay Online / or mail to:**

**Arlene Gendelman, Membership**  
**32888 Outland Trail**  
**Bingham Farms MI 48025**

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## ***LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER***

*Michigan Weavers Guild Presents a Workshop by  
Bosali Biswas  
"2015 Dye Day"*

**Bosali** says, "a work of art bears the stamp of individuality and the national bearing of its creator when it springs from inner self and is devoid of any pretensions. Being from India, a country with an extremely rich heritage of Art and Culture, I have always had a deep-rooted attachment to traditional art forms of India and owe some of my stylization to the captivating traditional patterns and the rich array of colors. Adapting to Western Styles and techniques, combining them with my lifelong fascination for ethnic arts around the world, have all been a melting pot for me to create this multicultural 'canvas'."

**Dye Day** led by Bosali Biswas will be some painted warp if there is enough interest and some simple ikat, along with regular tub-dyeing of yarns.

**Dates:** Saturday February 21, 2015

**Time:** 9:30a.m-3:30p.m.

**Location:**

Peace Lutheran Church, 17029 West 13 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076-7749

**Supply list to be provided.**

**The fee** for the workshop is: \$60 for Michigan Weavers Guild members and \$75 for non-members. (includes dyes, applicators and instruction) Participants will provide fiber, yarn or fabric.

Registration deadline is **January 17, 2015**

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### **Dye Day Led by Bosali Biswas**

Sign up online [www.michiganweaversguild.org/?page\\_id=911](http://www.michiganweaversguild.org/?page_id=911)

Or send your check to:

Nancy Peck, 10 Bradford Ct., Dearborn, MI 48126

Please make check payable to: Michigan Weavers Guild

Note: Dye Day Workshop

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_



Michigan Weavers Guild Presents a Two Day Workshop by  
Laurie Autio

**'Budget Jacquard: Variations on Straight Draw'**

Thursday March 19, Friday March 20, 2015

**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER**

**Laurie Autio** has loved creating patterns on graph paper and computers since high school. She has been weaving since 1985, earning her master weaver certificate from Hill Institute in 2000. Her looms range from 4 to 32 shafts but her favorite weaving tool is her brain. Both looms and brain are apt to be occupied by lace and other block weaves, with undulating designs influenced by her time spent studying geology, music, and Japanese textiles. Laurie has served as President of Complex Weavers, Pioneer Valley Weavers, and Weavers of Western MA, and as Dean of the Weavers' Guild of Boston. She was the chief co-editor of *Interlaced: The Weavers' Guild of Boston celebrates 90 years of friendship and education*. She enjoys teaching, writing, and weaving challenges of various types.

**Description:** Straight draw, with the shafts threaded in numerical order (1,2,3,4,5...), may seem limiting or only suited to beginners. However, this versatile threading can be used for far more than simple twills and plain weave. Combining color-and-weave effects, hand-manipulated techniques, and changes in tie-up, treadling variants, materials, and sett with one or more shuttles and a willingness to "think outside the box" one can explore the range of back-strap to jacquard weaving with straight draw, learning much about structure along the way. We will start by look at some of the 4-shaft possibilities, and then see what happens when we expand to straight draw on more shafts.

**Each loom** will be threaded to straight draw, but have different materials, setts, colors, and/or fibers. Weavers will stay at their own loom, weaving their choice of the many treadlings suggested. Bring 4 or 8 loom threaded, tied-up, and ready to weave, with usual weaving and note-taking supplies. Bring weft to share. Warping instructions will be provided ahead of time.

**Time:** 9:30a.m-4:00p.m. Thursday and Friday

**Location:** Peace Lutheran Church, 17029 West 13 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076-7749

**The fee** for the workshop is: \$170 for Michigan Weavers Guild members and \$200 for non-members. (Includes \$10 hand-out fee)

**Registration deadline is January 17, 2014.**

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