



March 19, 2016 Program

Mary Underwood Oscar Beriau and the Quebec Weaving Renaissance



A book introduced during a weaving lesson in 1999 changed Mary's life. Oscar Beriau's book, *Home Weaving*, was supposed to be a resource for drafts and weaving instruction. Instead it became a portal to an adventure that continues with no end in sight. Just who was Oscar Beriau and why would anyone devote years of research, travel, and way too much disposable income to track him down? Beriau's story and influence is fascinating, as is the road taken to research him.

This lecture is a history lesson and trip guide for creating an adventure of your own.

Mary Underwood was not always Beriau obsessed. She jumped into textiles first as a poor graduate student, sewing Frostline kits to stay alive in Michigan winters. Her Norwegian Elkhound pushed her into spinning (yes, started with dog hair) in 1994 and she has since won numerous awards for her yarns. Weaving followed shortly after that. She has been published in "Handwoven," "Handspun Treasures from Rare Wools," and "Spin Off." Exposure to Oscar Beriau came through weaving classes taught by Alice Griswold beginning in 1999. In 2001 Beriau research took front and center in her spare time. Mary's other obsession is Mongolia, which she frequents as often as she can both for research and for adventure. Mary participates in local state, national, and international guilds and study groups, teaches and lectures.

SCHEDULE:

10:30 AM Board Meeting
11:30 PM Social Time - light refreshments.
Bring your own bag lunch if you want.
12:00 PM General Meeting
12:30 PM Program

LOCATION:

Peace Lutheran Church
17029 West 13 Mile Road
Southfield, MI

See us on the web: www.michiganweaversguild.org

LOOK WHAT I HAVE DONE

Reminder to bring your completed projects (or samples from the last workshop) to the March meeting to show what you have done.



REMINDER

Susan Baier
Ericka Proschkow
Debra Edson

You signed up to bring snacks to the March Meeting.



Wool and Fiber Sale
MAY 12, 13, & 14, 2016
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY
9:30 TO 4:30

I am cleaning out some of my long-time fiber collection as well as my mother-in-law's estate rug hooking paraphernalia. The following are only a few of the items in this fiber sale:

- Macomber Add a Harness (8 harnesses, 25-inch weaving width loom) plus a weaving bench, raddle, 3 reeds, leash sticks, an older loom but a nice workshop loom as it folds up and takes up little floor space. \$600
- Schact-Reeves single treadle 30-inch spinning wheel. \$750
- Bosworth Attaché Charka – never used. \$550

THERE WILL BE NO PRE-SALES ON ANY OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW

- 20 boxes of wool material suitable for rug hooking or quilting. This material since it comes in many sizes and is difficult to measure has been weighed against a yard of Door Mill yardage. The price will be \$15 per yard based on that weight. Most of the pieces come in small pieces. Those that are hand dyed will be \$18 per yard. Burlap rug patterns.
- There will be a lot of weaving equipment, some spinning and rug hooking equipment (including two Fraser slitters). There will be an antique spinning wheel or two along with some other antique spinning tools (such as a hatchel, distaffs, temple, vintage charka, etc.).
- There are many books and magazines on a variety of textile subjects; many are out of print and some may be quite expensive.
- There are some weaving and knitting yarns available, older wool dyes from Cushing, some spinning fiber, and some textile art pictures.
- Cushing Perfection Dyes – almost a hundred different colors available. \$2.00/packet.
- Lace of varying sizes, colors, and lengths.

Plus much more

Dianne J. Little - 11040 Berwick - Livonia, MI 48150
SALE WILL BE IN GARAGE, CORNER OF BERWICK AND ELMIRA STREETS
STREET PARKING IS LIMITED

Dorset Loom for Sale

4 shafts - 20 inches wide - Direct tie-up - Includes 12 inch reed
Good for workshops since it folds. Asking \$200.

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We are Still Looking for IDEAS for 2016 - 2017 Lectures and Workshops

Who do you want to hear?
What do you want to learn?

Share your suggestions with Nancy Peck at njpeckmc@gmail.com

Looking for a new PROGRAM CHAIR.

Nancy Peck has had this position for the last 2 years. She is looking for our next chairperson to train.

Contact her at:
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The success of the guild depends on YOU.



**Michigan Weavers Guild
2015-16 Remaining Program Line-Up**

April 14-15, 2016

Workshop: Shimmering Colors: The Magic of Iridescence by Bobbie Irwin

Workshop full. Warp yarns and information will be send to participants.

April 16, 2016

Speaker: Bobbie Irwin, Topic: 'Transparency Weaving'

May 21, 2016

Summer challenge assignments, Stash Exchange, Annual Potluck, Show and Tell and LIBRARY SALE

**2014-2015
MWG Board**

Meeting Chair: Rotates among Board

Exhibits: Boisali Biswas

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Newsletter: Susan Lolli

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MWG LIBRARY CLOSING

We will be offering the books in the MWG library for sale at the May meeting. So browse the offerings (under library on our web site) and see what your are interested in to add to your library.



1947-2017 MWG 70 Years!!

We would like members' input as to how we can celebrate and acknowledge this guild milestone. Please share your thoughts and ideas with Nancy Peck at njpeckmc@gmail.com

Guild History

The Michigan Weavers Guild was formed in 1947.

From the Archives Photos from March 2006 Workshop

60 Years Ago - March 1956

- Program was a summary and exhibit of the work done at a workshop conducted by the Northwest Group.
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50 Years Ago - March 1966

- Speaker was Mary Soyler and the meeting was held at the Calvin Presbyterian Church

40 Years Ago - March 1976

- No information found

30 Years Ago - March 1986

- No information found

20 Years Ago - March 1996

- Margaret Windeknecht gave a two day workshop on Miniature Tapestry.
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10 Years Ago - March 2006

- Speaker was Judy Dominic and her topic was "It's All in the Mud", Bogolanfini. She also held a two day workshop titled "Bogolonfini Modified"



2015- 2016 MEMBERSHIP

Annual Dues are \$30

Pay Online / or mail to:

Joan Koelsch, Membership

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EXHIBITS

March 20 - May 29, 2016	March 2 - May 1, 2016
	
2016 Michigan League of Handweavers: 19th Biennial Fiber Show	Fiber Arts Network of Michigan (FAN) Members Exhibit
Dennos Museum Center 1410 College Drive Traverse City, MI 49686	Central Michigan University Charles V. Park Library Mt. Pleasant, MI
www.mlhguild.org www.dennosmuseum.org	www.cmich.edu

Michigan League of Handweavers Summer Workshops June 2016



There are still openings in MLH workshops, June 3, 4, & 5, 2016 in the following classes:

Dyeing for Blue: Indigo with Shibori Techniques-Jennifer Gould
Working with Thickened Dyes-Suzie Krage
Color and Design in Huck Lace Towels-Rosalie Neilson
Crimp and Create-Dianne Totten
Theo Moorman Adapted for Clothing-Heather Winslow

<http://www.mlhguild.org>



The Handweavers Guild of America, will be having its bi-annual conference in Milwaukee July 30-August 6. "If you weave, spin, dye, make baskets, or use one of the many other fiber techniques we love, plan to be with us for this premier fiber experience! Join thousands of fiber enthusiasts and hundreds of vendors from all over the world, exhibiting and sharing their knowledge. Convergence® classes include novice to advanced instruction in a variety of fiber techniques". Registration opened December 15.



Next **Newsletter** Deadline

April 2, 2016

send any information that may be interesting to members
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