



February 2017

1947-2017 MWG 70 years!!

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Speaker: Jeanie Miller, Curator of Domestic Life, Henry Ford Museum

“Gathering the Threads: Stories Textiles Tell”

Textiles sometimes provide intriguing clues as to their origin: a name remembered and passed down in a family, an inscription woven into a coverlet, names carefully embroidered on a quilt. What can we learn from these clues? Sometimes a lot. Using the skills of a savvy “history detective,” researchers often discover the threads of a story just waiting to be found.



In this presentation, hear how one museum gathers these “threads” to help bring textiles to life--finding and telling stories about the people who made and used them. In this way, quilts, coverlets, clothing, and other textiles become more than just representative, more than a typical example of a genre. In addition to their place in this broader context of American history, these objects acquire a personal narrative, adding a richness and texture to the object. These personal stories help us experience textiles in new ways.



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

In Review....

Last month the guild hosted Joan Sheridan from Heritage Spinning and Weaving in Lake Orion, who shared some of her collection of historical textiles.



Michigan Weavers Guild 2016-17 Remaining Program Line-Up

March 18, 2017

Speaker: Valerie Musselman, "Interaction of Color and Weave Structure in 8 Shaft Crackle Threading"

April 20-21, 2017

Leader: Robyn Spady
The Thrill of Twill, Workshop

WORKSHOP STILL HAS A FEW OPENINGS - DEADLINE 02/18

April 22, 2017

Speaker: Roby Spady
"Weaving Innovations From the Bateman Collection"

May 20, 2017

MWG 70th Celebration, Summer challenge assignments, Stash Exchange,



Guild History

The Michigan Weavers Guild was formed in 1947.

60 Years Ago - February 1957

Miss Kathryn Wellman, a noted weaver and occupational therapist from Philadelphia spoke on “Weaving from Museum Inspiration”. It was based on her three year project of interpreting museum pieces in textiles. Members of surrounding guilds and guests of our own guild members gave a 50 cent donation to help defray traveling expenses.

50 Years Ago - February 1967

Mrs. Edward Gordon demonstrated how to make bags using handwoven materials.

40 Years Ago - February 1977

No information found.

30 Years Ago - February 1987

No information found.

20 Years Ago - February 1997

Ann Shumacker – “Indian Textiles”. Ann had lived and studied in India and shared her experiences through slides and actual textiles.

10 Years Ago - February 2007

Claire Teagan gave a slide show/lecture on Artistic Inspiration

From HGA Convergence 2016 Milwaukee

Member Maxine Fontana had a handwoven and sewn dress selected for the conference “Moving Forward” Fashion show and exhibit. A picture of the piece was in the Spring 2017 issue of Shuttle Spindle & Dyepot.

Congratulation Max!



Michigan Weavers Guild Presents a Workshop by Robyn Spady
"The Thrill of a Twill"

Robyn Spady was introduced to handweaving as baby with her handwoven baby blanket woven by her great-grandmother. Inspired by her *blankie*, she learned to weave at a young age and has been weaving for over 40 years. She completed HGA's Certificate of Excellence (COE) in 2004 with the specialized study *Loom-controlled Stitched Double Cloth*. Robyn is fascinated by the infinite possibilities of crossing threads and loves coming up with new ideas to create fabric and transform it into something new and exciting. She is committed to turning the weaving world on to double-faced fabrics, four-shaft weaves, uncommon and advanced weave structures, and passementerie techniques. Robyn is also the founder and editor of *Heddlecraft* magazine.

Workshop Description: If you know how to weave and would love to create original patterns and then weave them into a variety of designs, then this workshop is for you! This class is for the weaver looking to further their knowledge about twills with an emphasis on advancing and networked twills, but will also cover corkscrew twills and echo weaves. Students will understand how to draft and weave advancing, networked, and integrated twills. They will also explore how versatile a single threading can be and weave a sampler with a variety of patterns and designs. Four-shaft loom minimum; eight shafts recommended.

Level: Adventure-seeking beginner to Advanced

Workshop Format: (Note: This is not a round-robin workshop. You will work on your own loom.)

Students to supply: Pre-warped loom, shuttles, bobbins, wefts per leader's instructions, scissors, etc.

Dates: Thursday, April 20 and Friday, April 21, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Workshop fee: \$160 for Michigan Weavers Guild members and \$195 for non-members, includes \$15 supply fee.

Cancellations: You may cancel up to one month before the workshop for a full refund. If you cancel later than that, we will issue a refund only if we are able to fill your space.

Deadline for registration is February 18, 2017

Robyn Spady "The Thrill of a Twill" Workshop

Sign up online www.michiganweaversguild.org/workshop.html

Or send your check to: Nancy Peck, 15151 Ford Rd., #314., Dearborn, MI 48126

Please make check payable to: Michigan Weavers Guild

Note: **Robyn Spady "The Thrill of a Twill" Workshop**

Name _____ Address _____

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Start Planning.....

The Michigan League of Handweavers Conference and Workshops will be held June 2-7, 2017. Registration has begun.

Go to <http://www.mlhguild.org>

MWG will be sponsoring an exhibit of our work made up of work from the following;

- Summer Challenge - 2015: American Roots
- Summer Challenge - 2016: Crayon Challenge
- Workshop - Robyn Spady: The Thrill of the Twill
- Workshop - Judy Boesky: Making a Ball
- Workshop - Bobby Irwin: Iridescence
- Workshop - Joan Sheridan: Krokbrag
- Explorer Group - Platinum and Amethyst

Looking ahead to 2017-2018 Program year:

October 19-21, 2017

Leader: Karen Donde, Turned Beiderwand: One Threading, Multiple Structures, 8 shaft Workshop.

2016-2017

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Next Newsletter Deadline

March 2, 2017

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Annual Dues are \$30

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