



1947-2017 MWG 70 years!!

January 21, 2017 Program

Speaker: Joan Sheridan, Heritage Spinning & Weaving
*Textiles of Our Lives: a brief history of American Textiles
and Towels*

From Handwoven to machine made and plain weave to Turkish, this presentation will cover the use, production and embellishment of textiles in America. Learn how the melting pot and factories influenced our relationship to textiles. You will see towels and other household textiles covering over 200 years. Be inspired to weave your own.

Joan Sheridan is a weaver, knitter, spinner, fiber explorer and owner of Heritage Spinning and Weaving since 2000. Joan volunteers in the textile conservation department at The Henry Ford Museum and has collected textiles since the age of 11.



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....

In November, the guild had a field trip to The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn Michigan, for the special exhibit "American Style and Spirit - 130 Years of Fashions and Lives of an Entrepreneurial Family". If you were not able to attend, the exhibit is worth seeing. It will be at the museum through April 2, 2017.



Michigan Weavers Guild 2016-17 Remaining Program Line-Up

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.

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

April 22, 2017

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

May 20, 2017

MWG 70th Celebration, Summer challenge assignments, Stash Exchange, Annual Potluck, Show and Tell

Guild History

The Michigan Weavers Guild was formed in 1947.

60 Years Ago - January 1957

- Mary Ellen Gladden of the Michigan Bell Telephone company gave a talk titled “Color Comes Calling. She used “actual swatches of fabrics, wallpaper, and painted backgrounds to decorate rooms most attractively. The meeting was held at the City Club.
- The traveling exhibit was from the Happy Acres Studio in Loveland, Ohio.

50 Years Ago - January 1967

Five members presented their study of two harness weave which included many samples and a demonstration.

40 Years Ago - January 1977

No information found.

30 Years Ago - January 1987

No information found.

20 Years Ago - January 1997

Doris Louie “The Life and Times of a Tapestry Weaver”. Doris was a weaver from New Mexico studying at Cranbrook.

10 Years Ago - January 2007

Member Pat Wiley gave a slide show/lecture titled “Journey of an Artist”. After the lecture, Pat generously donated the fee back to the guild to be used for 60th Anniversary luncheon expenses.

Weaving Studio For Sale!

Schacht 8H Baby Wolf (includes high castle, stroller, tray, double back beam, and bench), AVL electric bobbin winder, Schacht vertical warping reel, carefully curated weaving book collection, Weaver’s Magazine collection, warping supplies, and yarns (wool & cotton).

List price for all is over \$5,500.00. Asking \$3,500.00 or best offer. Pick up in Michigan.

Contact Stefanie at stefanie3231@gmail.com.

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 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(home) _____ (cell) _____

Email _____

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: Krokbragd
- 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.

2015-2016

MWG Board

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Next Newsletter Deadline

February 2, 2017

send any information that may be interesting to members
to: slolli@comcast.net

2016- 2017 MEMBERSHIP

Annual Dues are \$30

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