

Michigan Weavers Guild Presents a Workshop by Denise Kovnat
“Collapse Weave Techniques on 4 and 8 Shafts”

Dates: Thursday, April 19 and Friday, April 20, 2018 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Place: Peace Lutheran Church, 17029 West 13 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076-7749

Denise Kovnat has been weaving for 20 years and knitting forever – all because of the joy and satisfaction that comes from working with yarn and figuring out what it wants to do. Her favorite work at this point involves the organic mysteries of collapse weave and the colorful delights of painting warps for extended parallel threaded structures like Turned Taqueté and Echo Weave. She enjoys making garments that show off what handwoven fabrics can do – and to that end she has had garments juried into every HGA Convergence fashion show since 2008, most recently winning the Seattle Weavers Guild Award for Best Use of Color for my coat, “Blue Rills.” She has taught at Convergence, at MAFA conferences, and at guilds throughout the eastern United States.

Workshop Description: Here’s how to take your fabric from flat and geometric on the loom to textured and organically shaped – just by adding water and a bit of soap! The technique is called collapse weave, and it only appears complicated. Many interesting effects can be achieved on just 4 harnesses, but those who wish to explore this technique on 8 shafts or more are welcome to do so. Drawdowns and warps will be provided in advance, with weft yarns provided at the workshop. *In this workshop, we will look at:*

- 1) *differential shrinkage* – where one fiber (such as wool) shrinks and the other (such as cotton) doesn't;
- 2) *structure* – using floats, twills, and plain weave that work together to create physical ridges and pleats in your fabric; and
- 3) *yarns* – including overtwist and/or singles yarns as well as exotic steel/wool blends that create bumps, pleats, and poufs in your cloth.

Each student will weave 2-3 structures on one threading ***on their own looms***, cut off a sample or two, and watch it crinkle and poof in the washing. Students will come away with a handout of drafts of each structure in the class along with a deeper understanding of how to create texture, interest, and organic-looking beauty in their weaving.

Level: Novice to advanced. Must know how to warp a loom and read a drawdown.

Students to supply: Pre-warped loom with leader supplied pre-wound warps sent to participants ahead of time. All necessary weaving tools shuttles, bobbins, scissors, and extra weft yarns you may want to try. Optional: Bobbin winders.

Workshop fee: \$155 for Michigan Weavers Guild members and \$185 for non-members, includes \$40 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 17, 2018

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

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Number of Shafts on Loom _____