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A note from your president.....

Holiday Greetings to The Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc Members!

As the year winds down we are celebrating: Celebrating a wonderful WAFA sale that just finished; Celebrating friends and family as Thanksgiving fast approaches; Celebrating the coming of the December guild meeting; Celebrating the final holidays of the year. A busy time!

Our December meeting will be Monday, December 8 at the Portage Senior Center. This will be a low key get together to enjoy the company of our weaving, spinning, and fiber buddies. Come and enjoy holiday food and friendship. The short meeting will begin at 7:00 PM and enjoying holiday refreshments will follow.

Please bring a half dozen of your favorite cookies to the December meeting to help make the holiday food table very inviting.

Thinking ahead to our MLH Guild Exhibit. It has been decided to have our members work on the MLH project by creating a wonderful pillow, or two. Nancy Crampton will give us a few pointers about making pillows at the December guild meeting. We will display these pillows at the May meeting, at MLH in early June, and then take the display to the fall WAFA sale, and sell our wonderful creations. (Not to worry, if you do not want to part with your pillow(s), you may keep it/them).

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**GARAGE
SALE**

**Check out the
fiber finds at the
Guild's annual
Garage Sale**

Bring any fiber related items you want to sell or give away and be sure to check out what other members are offering.

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ROSALIE NEILSON WORKSHOP

A Workshop/Demo sign up form is enclosed in this SHUTTLE and available on our website:

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Rosalie Neilson, March 7-8, 2015: Color & Design in Huck Lace Towels Huck lace is a weave structure that produces three distinct textures: warp floats, weft floats, and plain weave. Woven on a 4-shaft loom, huck lace is a 2-block structure capable of producing sixteen different effects. Woven on an 8-shaft loom, huck lace is a 6-block structure capable of producing over a million designs. REALLY! Weavers will use four different colors of 8/2 cotton and thread their looms prior to the workshop. Warping instructions will explain the placement of color. Weavers will work exclusively on their own looms developing a series of designs. There will be four different drafts to choose from depending on the number of shafts and the width of the loom.

2014-15 PROGRAMS

7 pm

Portage Senior Center

Doors open at 6:30 pm

December 8- Holiday Celebration and Garage Sale. Bring a half dozen of your favorite cookies to add to the Holiday food table.

February 9-Amy Tyler “Show Me a Miracle” I once attended a lecture by renowned dance historian and critic, Walter Sorell. An audience member asked him, “What do you look for when you critique a dance performance?” He responded, “I seek from dance what I seek from life: Show me a miracle.” Although he was talking about the *product* of an artistic endeavor, I think the same applies to the creative *process*. There are miracles all around us. We can find creative inspiration in many sources, both artistic and mundane. Mostly, you just need to keep your eyes and your mind open to patterns and possibilities. In this presentation, I will share sources that I have found personally inspiring in creating my knit designs. I hope, too, to provide you with ideas for finding your own sources of inspiration.

March 9-Rosalie Neilson “The Power of Block

Design” What is a block? A block is a basic unit of design. It can be as simple as a patch of color or as complex as a pattern or texture. For artists in most media, a block is something tangible which can be arranged into specific patterns. For a quilter, a block is a square of fabric; for a mosaic artist, it is a tile; for a surface designer, it may be an application of dye on a cloth. For a weaver, however, a block is more abstract and will have different manifestations in different weave structures. A block design intended for a woven textile must be expressed through a weave structure. Therefore, decoding the blocks in a design requires a weaving plan complete with threading, treadling, and tie-up which corresponds to a specific weave structure. Learn how one weaver used the textures of 4-shaft huck lace to develop the definitive set of two, three and four block motifs which become the building blocks of complex block designs with literally millions of patterns to be discovered by the adventurous weaver/designer.

April 13-Su Butler “Understanding Rayon Chenille”

Rayon chenille scares many weavers. Su will help you understand the fiber and the idiosyncrasies of successfully weaving with it. Learn how it is made, how to handle it before, during and after weaving, appropriate weave structures and more! See beautiful samples of rayon chenille weaving! Come armed with questions and be ready to learn all about weaving with sumptuous rayon chenille!

May 11- Annual Business Meeting and Presentations from Study Groups

As my Thank You!



At Seminars 2014, I attended a total of 6 seminars. I have already shared with you my experiences in three of the seminars. Look for reviews of the remaining three seminars in 2015 issues of The Shuttle.

Library News

I need your help. We have several classic videos in our library. Since the videotape format is quickly becoming obsolete, I would like to copy them onto DVDs. Do you have a combination VCR/DVR that I can borrow? (a manual would be helpful too!). Please drop me a line or see me at the December meeting if you can help me with this. Thanks!

We are missing a DVD "Warping Your Loom" with Madelyn VanderHoogt. If you happen to run across it, please drop it in the library return basket at the next meeting – no questions asked!

Don't forget your guild library has over 600 books, new and classic. Topics range from basic techniques to specific weave structures, spinning, dyeing, color theory, artists' portfolios and pattern books. Go to our on-line listing and search by author, title, or even keyword (I think they're called 'tags' now). If you see something you like, just drop me an email, and I will bring it to the next meeting. Here it is:

www.librarything.com/catalog/WeaversGuildKazoo

- Kristi Chapman, Guild Librarian

STUDY GROUPS

Join a Study Group!

For more information, contact the study group leader.

Four Harness-Marcia Freridge – meets second Thursday at 9:30 am at members' homes.

Moonbeamers-Helen Lemmer – meets fourth Monday at 7 pm at members' homes.

Multi-Harness-Nancy Frost – meets third Wednesday at 9:30 am at members' homes.

Spinners-Terri Smith/Carolyn Snyder – meets third Friday 10 am to 2 pm at Parchment Library.

Swatch Exchange-Gail Ross – a virtual study group. I hope you all have very **Happy Holidays and Happy Weaving!** See you in 2015." Gail

Triangle Loom....Lenore Snyder
Place and date TBD, interested members please contact Lenore at 517-437-4904 or email lenore@lenorej.com

Fiber Events/Exhibits Calls for Artists

First United Methodist Church CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS: Feb. 6-18; \$20 for one entry, \$10 for 2nd entry; deadline/delivery, Jan. 30 and Jan. 31; www.thecelebrationofthearts.com; 227 Fulton, SE, Grand Rapids 49503.

NEW FIBERS 2014, a national survey of contemporary fiber art presented by FAN (Fiber Arts Network of Michigan); Oct. 27-Dec. 10, University Gallery, EMU Student Center, 900 Oakwood St., Ypsilanti, Michigan

SDA West Michigan meeting, Saturday, January 10 at the Plainwell's Ransom Library. If interested in attending and you know you're not yet on the list, please email Jennifer Gould at jgould1526@gmail.com; 616-878-1526.

LowellArts! Holiday Show: Nov. 13-Dec. 23. 149 S. Hudson, Lowell, Michigan 49331
616.897.8545; www.lowellartsmi.org

Grove Gallery Holiday Show: Nov. 7-Dec.; East Lansing artists co-op with many MLH and textile members; 325 Grove St., East Lansing MI 48823; 517-333-7180; closed Mondays; grovegallerycoop.com.

HOLLY DAYS at Everyday People Café in Douglas, MI. Local artists will have hand crafted wares to sell. Dec 2, 9, and 16. 5:30-8:30 PM. Refreshments.

WAFA News

Thanks to all for your participation in the sale. Our 2014 annual sale is over and in my opinion, it was among our best! It seemed to me that we had the support of our members and the displays looked wonderful.

A special thanks needs to go to the members of the WAFA sale committee. These are hardworking members of the guild who make the whole sale effort smooth and seemingly effortless! Thanks to everyone who contributed props, Christmas decorations and the work that was for sale. We received many compliments on Four-Harness' table set up. Thanks to Judith Jones for organizing this display.

Thanks to all our members who demonstrated spinning, weaving and warping which helped make the sale memorable. And thanks to all who worked setting up, selling and taking down our work.

Having the sale at the fairgrounds has made it possible to have the yarn and the other items for sale in the same room. This is important in highlighting the work of all our members.

Our information is preliminary at this time, but the raw numbers indicate that our sales were higher than last year. Jill will be making a formal reporting for the February Shuttle.

Please call me for further information.

Nancy Crampton

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Missing/Found Items from the WAFA Sale

We have ended up with a few items that were not picked up:

Small quilt rack,
Dress form with a square wire stand
Size 8 black boots

And a few items that are missing:

Jochen Ditterich is missing a bin
Mary Ippel is missing a blue garment bag.
a pair of size 8 black boots

President note, continued

Remember the color theme for the 2015 MLH Guild Exhibit is the color of the sunrise or sunset. That basically includes all the colors of the rainbow, so start thinking about constructing a wonderful pillow or two for this exciting project. For those in study groups, think about coordinating your study group project with this project, so when you thread up your loom for your study group project, also put on an extra yard, or two for the guild exhibit pillows.

Finally this note to you would be remiss if it did not congratulate the leaders of our WAFA Sale, the workers of the WAFA Sale, the contributors of the merchandise for the WAFA Sale, the shoppers of the WAFA Sale, and the securers of the props for the WAFA Sale!

Some of these people went way above and beyond in working on the sale. At least ten people worked every single shift. Wow! Kristi Chapman went the day before the Sale to Chipman's to shovel out the drive to the storage barn, and to trim some branches that overhung the drive. She spent most of the day shoveling, which was no small feat. It is amazing she was not limping around the Sale! Wow! Nancy Crampton and her WAFA Board members put in long hours, as did the Sale Treasurer and her assistant, Jill Strobel and Nancy Thornton. Wow!

Once again the people in the back booth did a fantastic job, and within the week have sent out all the checks to the members who sold items in the sale. The wonderful way this committee works together is truly a asset to WAFA and the WGK, Inc.!

Thank you for all everyone did to make this sale so successful, and here's wishing everyone in the Guild a wonderful Holiday Season!

Fondly,

Cathy McCarthy

Your 2014-2015 President

A Great Big Thank You to those who helped weave the fabric for the MLH Swatch exchange

Nancy Arlidge, Nancy Clark, Helen Duffy, Terri Feldt, Marcia Freridge, Irene Golilke, Sue Gudme, Cathy McCarthy, and Sue Rice all helped weave the **beautiful** fabric that will be shared with all members of MLH in the annual swatch pages. Be sure to thank them!

WGK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER-JANUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Board Meeting 2 pm	4	5	6
7	8 Triangle Loom - call Lenore for details General Guild Meeting 7 pm	9	10	11 Four Harness 9:30 am	12	13
14	15	16	17 MultiHarness 9:30 am	18	19 Spinners 10 am-2pm	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Moonbeamers 7 pm	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Four Harness 9:30 am	9	10
11	12	13	14 MultiHarness 9:30 am	15	16 Spinners 10 am-2pm	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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2014 SHUTTLE deadlines

For February 2015 – January 23, 2015

Send items for the SHUTTLE to the SHUTTLE Editor at martag1111@yahoo.com



Woodland Weavers & Spinners
Textile Arts Market
Shop Michigan

2014

Friday December 12 1-8 pm &
Saturday December 13 10 am to 4 pm

Calvin College Prince Conference Center,
1800 E Beltline SE G.R. MI

For more information www.wwas.org

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