

**Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc.**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**February 8, 2016**

**Meeting called to order** by President, Karen VanderWeele at 7:00 pm.

**Announcements:** Karen announced that Jochen Ditterich received Handwoven's Teacher of the Year Award. The article announcing it is in the January issue of Handwoven Magazine. This year's MLH Biennial Fiber show will run from March 20 - May 29 at the Dennis Museum Center Northwestern Michigan College, in Traverse City, MI. The exhibit will be pre-judged by photo images which are due to the Dennis by Feb. 28, 2016. The reception for this show is Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Awards will be presented at the reception, and the juror, Phyllis Fredendall, Professor of Fiber and Fashion Design, Finlandia University, Hancock, MI, will give a presentation that evening.

**Library:** Kristi Chapman announced that we are selling duplicate copies of books and magazines. All we ask is that you make a donation of some amount. Money will be used for the purchase of new books and DVD's.

**Scholarship:** Anne Mehring presented and discussed condensed and revised scholarship application and changes to form. The committee petitioned the Board for \$500 for scholarship fund. Each scholarship to be capped at 50% of the total cost - applicant may receive up to 50% of their fee cost in support. Recipient shall provide education or sharing activity (presentation or article, etc.) for WGK General Meeting or The Shuttle, which should be scheduled with the Program Chair - usually the Vice President - and the Scholarship Chair; recipient should demonstrate being an active paid member for at least 1 year by several of the following; having a leadership position, attending guild meetings, working with Service Bureau/WAFA Sale, or participating in a study group.

Two rounds of applications, the first of which is to be emailed or snail mailed to Guild PO Box by April 5th or brought to the April meeting on April 11th. Given any left over funds, applications will be accepted starting in September within 3 months of need.

Review panel convened after the April meeting. The panel consists of 2 Guild members with fiber arts expertise and who are team players and one non-guild member from the local Arts Community. WGK Bd. of Directors contributed other changes or clarification to form.

Nancy Reile announced that Gail Ross has an article in the current Shuttle, Spindle, & Dyepot Magazine about her experience at Vavstuga. Please check it out and congratulate Gail on getting an article published.

**Service Bureau:** Melissa Powers talked about warp donations to the Service bureau.

Holly Jensen announced a Free Felting Workshop (wet and needle) on Saturday, February 27th at 2:00 pm in the lower level of the Portage Public Library. No registration is required. It is being presented by the Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo. Would you consider helping us, or just joining in?

**Programs and Workshops:** Letty Klein announced that next month members Karen and Kal VanderWeele with Lori Evesque will be speaking about Textiles of the Viking Age. Letty also said that April's speaker, Elisabeth Hill, will only be charging us for the cost of plane fare rather than mileage even though she is driving here.

Judith Jones announced that Elisabeth Hill has a project in last month's Handwoven. Also, the West Michigan Area Show deadline is February 22 at noon. WGK gives money to the selected fiber project for the show.

Karen VanderWeele showed some skeins of art yarn produced at the workshop on February 7 and introduced Esther Rodgers, who spoke on Weaving with Textured Yarns.

After the program, Karen VanderWeele closed with a quote from Charles Schultz, "All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:08 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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