

# Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc.

## General Meeting Minutes

### September 14, 2015

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

**Announcements:** Karen made the following announcements.

Judy Rowe donated cones of rayon chenille which are located on the back table. These are free to anyone who would like them.

We currently have 100 members. There are several positions still open so Karen passed 3 x 5 cards around and asked members to put their name and phone number on the card if they would be willing to volunteer to help the guild.

When making announcements, please write out a note, along with your name to help the secretary make sure the announcements are accurate in the minutes.

WGK Brochures are available from Anne Mehring and Melissa Powers. Wafa Sale postcards are available from Nancy Thornton. Both brochures and postcards will be at the front table at the October meeting.

Wafa Sale tags are on the front table. There are different tags for handspun yarn and finished goods. Be sure you get the right ones. You may use your own tags for the sale but the tear off section must be the same size as on the Wafa tags so it will fit in the little sorting boxes used by the treasurer at the sale.

Cut-out cards are also on the front table for sale. Ten cards for \$3. These will be available at each general meeting.

**Programs and Workshops:** Letty Klein welcomed everyone and announced that we need a host family for our speakers in November. Tom and Joanne Blodget will be speaking about the challenges inherent with making linen. If you are able to host our speakers in November, please contact Letty at [lettykk@aol.com](mailto:lettykk@aol.com). Next month (October) our speaker is Heather Macali, a Jacquard Weaver. Please check out the schedule for this year on pages 9 - 11 in the Yearbook.

**Scholarship:** Anne Mehring introduced herself as the "bag lady" and said we have 10 or 12 WGK bags left at \$7 each. After a demonstration of their usefulness by Karen VanderWeele, most of the bags were sold right then. There might still be a couple so if you're interested, contact Anne at [mehring@net-link.net](mailto:mehring@net-link.net) or 269-375-1639. Anne announced that a scholarship committee was formed at the September Board of Directors meeting to make changes in the way scholarships are done. A member-at-large is needed for the committee which will meet in October. Please contact Anne if you're interested.

**Swatch Study Group:** Gail Ross invited new members to join the study group and asked that if you are interested in being in this virtual study group you sign up with Gail by October 15th. at [figeac@att.net](mailto:figeac@att.net). We meet once a year to exchange fiber swatches but otherwise work independently making this a perfect study group choice for those unable to attend other groups due to distance, work/family schedules, or even snowbirds.

**WAFSA Sale:** Nancy Crampton reminded members that the WAFSA sale will again be at the Expo Center (Kalamazoo Fair Grounds) on November 19,20, and 21, 2015. In order to participate, you must be a member of the Weaver's Guild by September 30, 2015. Please read the guidelines (available at the front table) for what can be included in the sale. If you made something you want to take to the sale but it falls outside the guidelines, please bring it to the exemption committee for a decision. The committee will meet for 1/2 hour before the general membership meetings in October and November. The sale layout was changed last year with excellent results and many compliments. It will be arranged similarly this year. The pillows displayed at the MLH show will be prominently located as people come in the door. If you have pillows to sell, they will be added to this display. Items are displayed by type of item rather than by individual artist because we work as a group to promote everyone's work.

Post cards are available now and yard signs will be available at the October meeting. Because they can be used by us and save us money, Nancy asked members to collect the wires from any political yard signs (after the election) that are not collected by the candidates.

**Service Bureau:** Melissa Powers announced the volunteer opportunities in September at Tillers' and Vicksburg. See The Shuttle for specific information of times and dates. Any time members have WGK brochures and/or WAFSA sale postcards displayed while they are demonstrating fiber arts, their time can be counted as volunteer time. Just keep a record and turn it in to Melissa so she can include your hours in the guild total.

**Yearbooks:** Mindy Tai asked members to please pick up their Yearbooks. We need a weaver for next year's yearbook fabric. If you would like to volunteer for this, please contact Mindy at [tai.mindy@gmail.com](mailto:tai.mindy@gmail.com). Mindy asked for a round of applause to thank Nancy Frost for this year's fabric. Also, thank you to the assembly crew of Nancy Frost, Nan Krapf, Nancy Clark, Lestra Hazel, and Anne Mehring.

**Website:** Jill Strobel announced that the website has been rebuilt. There is now a "members only" area and the password is "Members". If you have a business and would like to have a link from our website please send the information to Jill at [heronwork@yahoo.com](mailto:heronwork@yahoo.com). Jill also thanked Secant Technologies for donating their expertise to helping rebuild the website.

President Karen VanderWeele introduced our speaker Steve Bye who spoke about the power of using Photoshop combined with weaving software to design multi-shaft weave structures. After his fun and interesting presentation, Karen quoted Benjamin Franklin, "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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