

**Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc.**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Sept. 8, 2014**

**Meeting called to order** by President, Cathy McCarthy, at 7:00pm. Cathy welcomed everyone for the start of the year and introduced the following new members present.

Nancy Arlidge

Paula Clare

Linda Innes

Melissa Powers

The following new members not present.

Rhonda Alrick

Susan Gudme

Kathy Griffioen

Kathleen Blake

Cathy also introduced and thanked in advance the following Guild Key Workers:

Cyndee Mishler - Hospitality

Mindy Tai - Year Book Editor

Gail Ross - made Yearbook fabric

Kristi Chapman - Librarian

Martha Reeves - Library Storage

Marta Williams - Greeter; Membership chair; The Shuttle editor and distributor, welcoming new members

Nancy Frost - Equipment rental (Weaving and Spinning)

Judith Jones - Education

Melissa Powers - Service Bureau Coordinator

Anne Mehring - Scholarships

Joanne Casey Smith - Archivist/Historian/Slide Librarian

Stephanie Kyhn - Roving photographer

Gretchen Huggett - Art Council Rep

Cathy McCarthy - MLH Rep

Terri Smith - Mentor Program

Letty Klein - Workshop Coordinator

WAFA Board Officers & Members

Nancy Crampton - Chair,

Cory Zann - Secretary

Jill Strobel - Treasurer

Judi Southwell - Publicity

Jan Bowen - Member

Deb Cline - Member

Esther James - Member

Kristi Chapman - Member

Cathy McCarthy - Member

WAFA Exemption Committee Members - Anne Mehring, Karen Kendall, and Nancy Clark

WGK Officers - Letty Klein, VP  
Nan Krapf, Treasurer.

Marcia Freridge, Secretary

**Study Group Chairpersons**

Marcia Freridge - 4-Harness  
Helen Lemmer - Moon Beamers  
Nancy Frost - Multi-harness  
Terri Smith/Carolyn Snyder - Spinners  
Lenore Snyder - Triangle Loom

**MLH Report:**

At the 2014 Biennial Fiber Show in Holland, MI, several of our members received awards.

The **Michigan League of Handweavers** Biennial Conference will be held June 5-7, 2015 at Hope College in Holland, MI. The Workshops will follow on June 8-10. MLH will 1) Ask us to do an as yet undesignated job. 2) Have a Guild exhibit and 3) Be prepared to showcase WGK people in the four shows: Fashion, Accessory, Functional Fiber, and Fine Art.

Our Guild is responsible for weaving fabric for the yearbook this year. By September 22, a loom will be set up at Gretchen and Helen's studio, Kalamazoo Fiber and Dye Studio, 432 E. Paterson St., Kalamazoo. Please call Helen at 269-532-4870 to schedule your weaving time. We hope many of you can weave a section of the fabric. Make sure to leave your name on the sign-in clipboard by the loom so you can receive credit for helping out.

**Announcements:**

Nancy Crampton, WAFA chairperson, reminded us that to be included in the sale, you must be a member by September 30, 2014. Yard signs are available to put out the week before the sale, also, postcards are available to distribute. Pick them up at WGK meetings.

Some of the WAFA Sale advertising is being combined with the Art Etc. and Potters Guild sale. A webpage is being set up to show pictures of artists' work. If you want to be included, send a photo to Nancy. More information will be available about due dates, etc. in the next Shuttle.

Judi Southwell needs help setting up a Facebook page for the sale. If you have any experience or are willing to learn, please call Judi 269-375-1375.

During the WAFA sale, many Guild members are needed to set up the sale, to work the room, to help people select items, to discourage shop lifting, to work checkout, and to help take down after the sale. Please sign up for specific hours when the sign-up sheets are circulated at future meetings, even if you don't have items in the sale. This sale is the main money producer for the Guild which allows us to have such great quality presenters at our monthly meetings and

award scholarships to Guild members. We need Guild members' help all three days.

Melissa Powers, Service Bureau Coordinator, needs volunteers to demonstrate spinning and/or weaving for Tillers International on Sept. 21, and Vicksburg Harvest Festival, Sept. 28. If you can help, please call Melissa at 269-721-3741. Thank you. Also, the Service Bureau floor loom is missing. If you know its location, please contact Melissa.

Kristi Chapman, Librarian, urged members to return books and magazines that you have out on loan so other members can borrow them. The library has many great quality books on numerous topics so be sure to check them out. You can call Kristi (269-329-3221) or Martha Reeves (269-324-5546) and they'll be happy to bring books or magazines to the monthly meetings or arrange other ways for you to get what you need.

Lenore Snyder - Triangle Weaving study group started tonight. Lenore will be here at 5:30pm, before the October and November meetings. She will bring some small triangle looms so anyone interested in trying it can learn the techniques.

Terri Smith, Mentor Program Coordinator, needs mentors in the Augusta area and Spring Valley/ Mount Olivet area. Please give her a call (269-365-2464) if you are able to help out. If a mentor helped you, please return the favor for a new member.

Mindy Tai, Yearbook Editor, announced that the current yearbooks are available and have been distributed. We need a weaver for next year's fabric. Please contact her (269-329-0706 or cell phone 269-207-3226) if you are interested.

Marta Williams, Membership Chair, said we need to give a count to the Senior Center for each meeting so be sure to take your name tag each month because that is how she makes the count.

Scholarship form and guidelines are on the website. If you have any questions, please call Anne Mehring (269-375-1639 or cell phone 269-370-1876).

Any members who wants to join the Swatch Exchange group for 2014-15 must sign up by Oct. 15, 2014. Please email Gail Ross at figeac@att.net.

### **Meeting Program**

Cathy McCarthy introduced Inge Dam, a Master Weaver from Ontario Handweavers and Spinners. To earn her Master certificate, she completed an in-depth study of Iron Age textiles from the Scandinavian countries, especially Denmark. These textiles had borders on them that were made by tablet or card weaving. Inge explained how to use tablet weaving to make separate bands and also how to incorporate them into fabrics on the loom. Members modeled each garment as Inge explained how she had made it. This fashion show of beautiful garments made on her loom included tablet weaving in the fabrics as well as decorative bands originally made separately and attached to the woven fabric. Many are based on the Iron Age fabrics she studied for her Master Weaver certificate.

**Meeting ended at 8:10pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Marcia Freridge*

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