

# MADISON WEAVERS GUILD

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## MONDAY, September 15, 2014

### 7:00 P.M.

## REBECCA REED ON COLOR THEORY AND COMBINING COLORS AND FIBERS

in preparation for our upcoming workshop.

Bring a friend! New weavers are welcome!

### **Oakwood Village, Westmoreland Room.**

#### **Directions:**

Oakwood Village is located on Mineral Point Rd. in Madison. Turn south on Island and take the drive to the left. Go past the Resale Shop and park in the visitor parking. The Westmoreland Room is in the Heritage Oaks Building. There is limited parking in front of the Heritage Oaks building.

### **Color Gamp Study Project for Fall 2014**

After thinking it through we realized that the timing of the color workshop - prep, loom set-up and weaving - will take longer than a 2 day workshop.

We came up with a different idea that allows for more flexibility and a lot less stress. We hope it will attract many participants.

**The purpose of this color study** is to explore the interaction of colors in warp and weft. Adding the grey scale will show the values interaction with all the colors. Choosing the right weft can be difficult. Learning about grey tones will help you in finding the right value of the color for your weft.

We will order the yarn and provide weaving instructions. You will set up your own loom, floor or table, and work at home. You can weave at your own speed when time is convenient. You have a choice of weaving the gamp in plain weave or twill.

Lunatic fringe offers a 12 color kit for 3 projects. We will add white, 5 greys and black. If we order the yarn together we will get a sales discount. Material costs per person are about \$60.00. To cut down on warping and weaving time you can use 5/2 perle cotton set at 18 epi and woven at 18 ppi where or a 10/2 cotton to be set at 24 epi and woven at 24 ppi. At 24 epi make sure you have enough heddles on each shaft.

**Time line:**

**September 15** – Rebecca will present a program on Color at the Guild meeting. You can sign up for the color gamp study project and choose between 5/2 and 10/2 perle cotton. Please be ready to prepay by check for the yarn cost of \$60.00.

**October 19** – Yarn pick up at the Guild meeting. If you would like to receive the yarn kit earlier, we will send an email as soon as it is available and where you can pick it up. Bring your color study to the fall meetings for show and tell.

**January 19, 2015** – Discussion of Color Gamps at Guild meeting. Prep for next color workshop. Bring your color study projects to share with others. We will look at how the colors interact. Can you find areas with complementary and other combinations, or iridescence?

**Follow-up 2 day workshop in color exploration** [Jan, Feb or March] Date to be determined later. Round Robin with various color combinations, transition of colors, iridescence, pattern. After the workshop you are encouraged to weave a project of your choice – scarf, placemats, fabric, whatever.

**Fall 2015** – sewing workshop to turn fabric into a vest or other garment.

Please join us for the September meeting. If you cannot attend and are interested in participating in the Color Gamp Study, please send a check made out to Madison Weavers Guild for \$60.00 to Susan Fortney, 5746 Norfolk Dr., Fitchburg, WI 53719. Questions, call Susan 273-1195.

DUES for the 2014-15 Season are due. Please fill out the Membership Form at the end of the newsletter and mail it to the address on the form or bring it to the September meeting.

Also, the Show and Tell Form is included, please fill out in advance.

COMING EVENTS

**Fine Art and Craft Show**

sponsored by the Madison Weavers Guild will be held at

**OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS**

**Saturday, November 8 and Sunday, November 9 from 10 am - 4 pm.**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF 2014-15 MEETINGS

overall theme of this year's meetings will be “Color”

September – Presentation by Rebecca Reed on color theory and combining colors and fibers, also ordering fibers from Lunatic Fringe for individual color gamps

October – discussion of what has been woven by members related to the color gamps

November – Pat Hilts will present a discussion of early drafts, the revival of handwaving and hisorical weavers

December – party, and we still need a host

January – Combining weaving with other needlework techniques and preparations for color workshop in this spring

February – discussion regarding Olbrich Show, also bring in yardage or weavings by members and discussion of what may be done to creatively use them

March -Jan Klingman will discuss Alpaca yarn and judging, along with the raising and care of alpacas

April -Beverly Gordon will discuss “Inspirations”, along with samples of world-wide weavings

May – Karen Ann Hoffman will discuss Native American Beading techniques, and use of color for inspirations

June - recap of this year's meetings, also bring yarns and tools for swap or sale

**The program committee welcomes ideas and feedback at any time.**

#### COMING EVENTS

##### **Elizabeth Tuttle's Fulled Wool Compositions**

at The Dining Room, 209 Main Street, Monticello

Check website for ending date.

[www.209main.com](http://www.209main.com)

##### **Transcommunality by Laura Anderson Barbata**

September 19 - November 21, 2014

Opening Fiesta September 28 from 3-5 pm

2-3 pm Artist Lecture by Laura Anderson Barbata

Ruth Davis Design Gallery, School of Human Ecology, 1300 Linden Drive, Madison

For additional events see their website.

Get Ready for MidWest Weavers Conference 2015 in St Paul, MN

##### **Urban Fiber with a Minnesota Twist**

from June 18-20, 2015

Pre-conference workshops June 15-17.

Check out their website to look at classes, fashion show titles, etc. at

[www.midwestweavers.org](http://www.midwestweavers.org)



## Glimpse of Guatemala Open House

Thursday, September 11  
6 – 8 pm

5214 Shawano Terrace in Madison  
(near Whitney Way and Mineral Point Road)

- **Meet Emy and Cesar Xicay**, Kakchiquel friends from Guatemala
  - Emy, an expert weaver, will demonstrate backstrap weaving
  - Cesar will be selling a selection of Guatemalan items
- **Learn about Behrhorst Partners for Development (BPD)**, the Guatemalan organization I'm passionate about, and an "off the beaten tracks" tour to Guatemala in January
- **Enjoy cold drinks and sweet and savory snacks!**

*Please RSVP to Narra Cox if possible ([narrasmithcox@yahoo.com](mailto:narrasmithcox@yahoo.com) or 231-3239) but if not come anyway, and bring a friend!*

### **Middleton library - display case**

Angie Roberts is requesting to reserve the display case for an exhibit of the Madison Weavers Guild for the months of October in 2014 and February in 2016.

### **Area Weaving Stores:**

Fiberwood Studio. 2709 N 92nd, Milwaukee. 414-302-1849

Sievers. Birch Court, Washington Island. 920-847-2264  
Apple Hollow Fiber Arts, Sturgeon Bay. 888-324-8302  
Mielke's Farm. 2550 Co. Rd 11, Rudolph. 715-344-4104  
Bahr Creek Llamas and Fiber Shop. N 1021 Sauk Trail Rd, Cedar Grove. 920-668-6417  
Studio S. Hwy A and 89, south of Whitewater. 608-883-2123  
Susan's Fiber Shop. N250 Hwy A, Columbus. 888-603-4237

## **Classifieds**

We will always welcome submissions of articles, reviews of books, shows or exhibits, letters to the editor, classifieds, samples, artwork, etc. to include in future newsletters. If you would like to contribute, please send to Emily Nie, 2500 Bootmaker Dr., Beloit, WI 53511; 608-362-8062; [ricordanza@charter.net](mailto:ricordanza@charter.net). Note the deadline for submissions and ads is **the first of the month**.

**Looking for a loom?** If you are looking for a loom and found a used one, some of the mentors can help you. In addition to weaving problems, checking out a good used loom could be a difficult thing for a new weaver.

## **Looms Available**

### **Loom For Sale**

Custom-made, collapsible "tapestry" loom. Solid wood frame. Measures approximately 18" wide by 31" high. Offer includes more than a dozen skeins of yarn. Asking \$100 for the loom and skeins of yarn. Contact information: Sharon @ 608-238-6494

Kromski Harp Rigid Heddle Loom with stand and extras including size 10 and a size 8 heddles. Used once. 24-inch. If purchased new, sells for about \$420 plus tax and/or shipping. Asking \$220.00. Contact Emily at [ricordanza@charter.net](mailto:ricordanza@charter.net) for info.

Madison Weavers Guild ~ Show & Tell Projects 2014-15

<b>Project:</b>	<b>Weaver:</b>
<b>space for photo (taken at meeting)</b>	
<b>Weave Structure:</b>	
<b>Source:</b>	
<b>Yarns</b> – indicate fiber content and size (e.g., 10/2 cotton), and colors	
<b>Warp:</b>	
<b>Weft:</b>	
<b>Equipment:</b> ____ - harness loom      ____ - dent reed	
<b>Sett:</b>	
<b>Warp:</b> ____ epi <b>Sleying:</b> _____ (number of threads per dent or pattern)	
<b>Weft:</b> ____ ppi	
<b>Notes:</b>	

# MADISON WEAVERS GUILD

INVITATION TO JOIN 2014-15

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The Madison Weavers Guild welcomes, as a member, any person interested in weaving and fiber arts.

Meetings and the monthly programs are the **third Monday of the month**, September through May. Members are sent a monthly newsletter that includes program announcements, reports on general guild activities, notices for interest groups, sales opportunities information, occasional swatches, listing of local yarn and weaving supply stores, and classifieds. Other advantages to members are the membership directory, eligibility for participation in sales, membership rate for workshops, social events, and perhaps most important -- the enthusiasm, support and sharing of fellow members.

Memberships are \$20.00 per year, \$15.00 for new members (first year), and \$5.00 for students. The membership year begins in September. Members enrolled by the October meeting will be included in the membership directory.

Please fill out this form and bring it and your check (**payable to Madison Weavers Guild**) to a meeting or mail them to: Jane Veal, 601 Bordner Drive, Madison WI 53705.

For more information, call Geke de Vries at 608-238-3425.

## MADISON WEAVERS GUILD Membership Form for 2014-15

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>PHONE:</b>	<b>Membership Category</b> __ New \$ 15.00 __ Renew \$ 20.00 __ Student (w/ID) \$ 5.00
<b>ADDRESS:</b> (include Zip)		
<b>E-MAIL:</b>		
<b>WEBSITE:</b>		

**What interests you about being a member of the guild?**

**Ideas for future programs. What topics would you like to learn more about?**

**Other guild activities you'd be willing to take part in:**

- Holiday Party (help plan and organize)
- Members' show (help plan, organize, execute)
- Newsletter (write, find articles)
- Develop/update website
- Weave a swatch for the newsletter
- Serve on the board
- Demonstrate for local schools
- Give a mini workshop, program at a meeting
- Other (what?)

**Areas of interest:**

- functional items
- pattern drafting
- basketry
- ikat
- tapestry
- rugs
- sales
- spinning
- dyeing
- felting
- double weave
- field trips
- Other (what?)

**Your looms:**

**For new members, how did you find out about the guild?**

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