

**MADISON WEAVERS GUILD**

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Monday, October 17, 2022

SPRANG with Carol James

MEETING 7:00 p.m. at Oakwood Village

Nakoma Room

**Directions to Oakwood Village meeting space:**

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 Nakoma Room (next to the Westmoreland Room) can be found by entering the Heritage Oaks Building and After parking, walk to the Main Entrance (see red line on map below). After entering, go immediately to the right past the front desk to the Nakoma room. Tell Jane at the desk you are here for the Weavers Guild meeting. She will take your temperature, but you will not have to sign in at the kiosk. There is limited parking in front of the Heritage Oaks building.



Masks may be required to be worn when indoors. Covid release forms will be required.

This Meeting will be IN PERSON! Watch for a Zoom link via email.

**2022-2023 Board**

President: Sandy Burns

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Madison Lawn Garden Committee





Workshop: Laura Gavins, Committee  
 Exhibit: Angie Roberts, Committee  
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 Website: Rhonda Brodbeck  
 Newsletter: Emily Nie

We are looking at using Google Lists for getting information out to you quickly. It can be used by all members and is very secure. Information will be forthcoming on how to use this feature.

#### PROGRAMS FOR THE 22-23 SEASON

October: Carol James "Sprang"  
 November: Emily Nie "Band Weaving" and Market Day/Yard Sale/Guild Swap  
 December: Holiday Party  
 January: Connie Lippart "Tapestry Wedge Weaving"  
 February – Date Change: Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> Zoom with Katherin Weber "Designing at the Loom with Multiple Warp Chains"  
 March: Mary Burns "Women and Water, A Global Exhibit"  
 April: Lily Hope "Ravenstail/Chilkat Weaving"  
 May: Book Review, Friendship Bag

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### Middleton Library Display

Our display is set for January and February 2023.

##### Fun fiber fact:

In the 1500 Spain was known for the finest wool breed (Merino) in the world. Merino sheep were kept under strict monopoly by the royal family. I first heard of Merino wool when I bought my first pair of Smartwool socks from REI. I thought Merino sheep were developed in Australia. This may not be new information to spinners and knitters; I learned this from the Weave A Real Peace (WARP) newsletter. This was part of an article about the origin of the Churro breed of sheep that the Navajo used for their textiles. The royals would provision the early exploration and colonizing ships with 'churras' which had a coarse wool.

I have been interested in WARP for many years but first attended the 2021 (also 2022) meeting because it was free and online and it was the pandemic. WARP was founded in 1992 at Weaver's Convergence as a community of textile people who worked with artisans all over the world in fair trade or development work. I discovered the monthly panel discussions around the same time. These are free and open to all. (see <https://weavearealpeace.wildapricot.org/events>)

With more online presentations they have hired an administrator and also are looking for more members. Our guild program in April will be from Lily Hope about Ravenstail/Chilkat weaving who was the keynote speaker at the 2022 Warp meeting.

If you are watching Tea Textile presentations in person or on youtube, Deborah Chandler will be featured on Tuesday October 19. <https://weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/> She is a founder of WARP.

Kate Lieber

**MEMBERSHIP:** Renew now for the 2022-23 season. A renewal form is at the end.

#### MWG WEBSITE [www.madisonweaversguild.com](http://www.madisonweaversguild.com)

For website submissions, please get in touch with Rhonda Brodbeck.

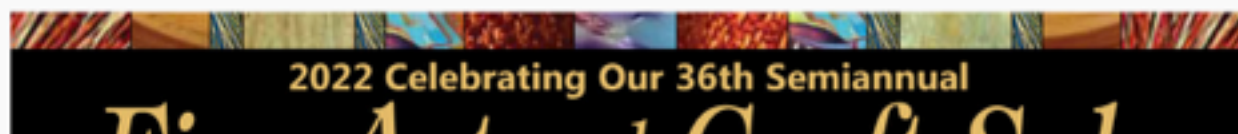
The following links are for the new website and Facebook page for our fine art and craft sale's artists that usually show at our Olbrich Garden sales. Please visit the pages. There are a lot of great gift ideas for your holiday shopping.

[www.fineartandcraftsale.com](http://www.fineartandcraftsale.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/fineartandcraftsale>

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**2022 Celebrating Our 36th Semiannual**  
***Fine Art and Craft Sale***  
 Sponsored by the Madison Weavers Guild and Growing Gifts Shop at Olbrich Gardens  
**Saturday, October 22, 10-4 & Sunday, October 23, 10-4**

  
 Lori Taubert, Jewelry

  
 Kyle Hendrix, Ceramics

  
 Sandy Burns, Weaving

  
 Susan Galkowski, Brooms

  
 Ted Pinkerton, Wood

**Over 40 artisans**  
 Fiber • Jewelry • Pottery • Painting • Drawing • Wood Art Glass • Leather • Etching • Baskets • Weaving • Wearable Art • Mixed Media • Photography

**Olbrich Botanical Gardens** 3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison, WI  
 FineArtandCraftSale.com | [fineartandcraftsale](#) | [MadisonWeaversGuild.com](#)

## Threading the Needle

*Threading the Needle* is a Fiber Art exhibit by Madison Contemporary Fiber Artists. It is on display at the Middleton Public Library from October 3 through December 17, 2022.

Please take a look to see if this might be a space for a next Weavers Guild exhibit.

The art piece below was created by LaVay Scott.



## FinnFest USA program about RagRug weaving

Another organization I found during the pandemic were programs about Scandinavian music, arts and culture. FinnFest USA is one that is geared to Finnish Americans. Sustaining Scandinavian Folk Arts in the Upper Midwest (<https://folklife.wisc.edu/projects/public-events/>) is more general.

If you are interested in rag weaving and upper peninsula family stories, I recommend this you tube video. (<https://finnfest.us/pages/videos>)

If you are interested in traveling and taking classes, try the Finnish American Folk School <https://www.finlandia.edu/fahc/finnish-american-folk-school/>

Kate Lieber

The Fibershed folks are hosting another Stash Swap on Saturday Oct 22 from 1-3 at the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center.

All fiber related craft materials, tools, and books are welcome (even partially finished projects).







No need to bring anything to take something new home. No need to take anything home if you bring a contribution. The goal is to send materials to a home where they will be used.



#### 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Weaving History Conference

We're thrilled to announce that registration is now open for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Weaving History Conference! Following the huge success of last year, the conference will be held virtually again over three days: October 24-26. There is a suggested donation of \$50, however any amount is greatly appreciated and all proceeds benefit the Handweaving Museum. Take a look at our website for a list of the amazing presentations we have lined up, a day-by-day agenda, and to register: <https://tiartscenter.org/weaving-history-conference/>

Please contact me with any questions, concerns, or issues with registration. We truly hope that you can join us and look forward to "seeing" you soon!

Marina, Curator

- Thousand Islands Arts Center ~ Home of the Handweaving Museum
- 314 John Street, Clayton, NY 13624
- (315) 686-4123
- TIArtsCenter.org

#### Midwest Weavers Association

Save the date!

The 2023 Midwest Weavers conference, **Confluence of Threads** will be hosted by the Des Moines Weavers and Spinners Guild, **June 12-17, 2023**. A preliminary Class Schedule is listed at <https://midwestweavers.org>. Registration opens January 2023. Several guild members have attended these meetings and are available to answer questions. It is planned that we make small potholders for the Goody Bags. Check out Piglet's Perfect Potholders website for designs.

More info later!

#### 2025 MIDWEST WEAVERS CONFERENCE

The Wisconsin Handweavers Inc. is hoping to host the 2025 Midwest Weavers Conference, probably in the Milwaukee area. Planning is just getting underway. They could use our help. To start, what kind of workshops are you interested in? Who would you like for a Keynote Speaker? What about local or area teachers for the workshops? Any of you interested in teaching a workshop? What vendors would you like to see? Is there a theme you have in mind? I'm not sure if they will need your physical help, more on that later. Any and all ideas appreciated. Send them to me at [ricordanza@charter.net](mailto:ricordanza@charter.net).

#### ART FAIR ON THE SQUARE

We had a very successful sale this year. If you are interested in selling your work in 2023, stay tuned for information.

#### PLEASE SAVE YOUR EMPTY YARN CONES





Martha, a friend of mine, is a member of Who's New in Madison. Each year members select a non-profit organization that will be the beneficiary of all funds raised at their annual bazaar. This year the funds will be donated to Open Doors for Refugees.

One of their new projects for the fundraiser is making fiber trees by using empty yarn cones as a base for the trees. The cones can be any size and made of paper or plastic.

Please save your empty yarn cones and **bring them to the October Guild meeting** or to the **Fine Art and Craft Sale at Olbrich Gardens** on October 22 or 23. Please drop your cones off at Geke and Rebecca's booth in the Learning Center. They will collect them for me.

Many thanks for contributing your cones to this very important cause.

With much appreciation,  
Martha



#### MWG FACEBOOK PAGE

Please like us on Facebook and ask to join our Facebook page. Answer the questions if I don't know who you are! When you become a member, please post something! Already a member? Post something!

#### RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS:

Many fiber retail shops have an on-line presence. To keep them in business, please check their websites and do some mail-orders, if you can.

#### The Woolery and Halcyon Yarn Guild Member Reward Programs

Shopping can benefit the Guild

Perhaps you have a new resolution for this year that you will not stock up on yarn, but if you find you need to restock some of your favorites, please consider using our website ([www.madisonweaversguild.com](http://www.madisonweaversguild.com)) if you will order from the **Woolery or Halcyon Yarn**. Both of these sources return a percentage of your order to our guild. The links are on our resources page. If your item's cost compares favorably on either of these sites please follow the instructions with the logos on the resources page.

**Woolery** discounts and shipping: If you order \$100.01 or more select "Flat Rate" shipping option and your shipping is free (see their website for exceptions). Yarn discounts are \$150 or more and get 10% off or \$300 and get 15% off. If you order enough yarn to get the 10% discount with the free shipping, this is a decent discount.

**Halcyon** sells many kinds of fiber; they have their own signature yarns, high quality heavy rug wools and UKI fiber in many colors. Discounts are available when you buy in quantity. This is place to shop if you are looking for a rich color





palette and for yarns that are not available in other shops.

#### AREA WEAVING STORES

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

Sievers, Birch Court, Washington Island, 920-847-2264

Bahr Creek Llamas and Fiber Shop, N 1021 Sauk Trail Rd, Cedar Grove, 920-668-6417

Susan's Fiber Shop, N250 Hwy A, Columbus, 888-603-4237

Mielke's Fiber Arts, N4826 21st Ave Mauston WI 53948 608-350-0600

Lost Art Fiber and Textile Studio 519 Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha

WWW.Woolgatherers.com, Fond du Lac, WI

The Fine Line in St. Charles, IL

**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 TENTH of the month**.

#### 8-shaft Jack Floor Loom For Sale, in very good condition



Beautifully handcrafted of maple with bird's-eye maple on front beam

Dimensions: Weaving width 45 in.; loom width 60 in.

Height 48 in.

Depth 31 in. folded, 42 in. extended

8 shafts, 12 treadles

Castle storage shelf with removable tray for access to shafts

String heddles for easier threading (also quieter than metal heddles)

Includes:

bench (height 25 1/4 in, width 49 in, depth 11 1/2 in.), maple, with 3 storage compartments

hand-crafted warping board

6 reeds (8, 10, 12, 15, 18, 20 dents/inch)

22 stick shuttles of various sizes; 1 boat shuttle; 2 temples

lease sticks and warp sticks

Weaving tension regulated by warp beam friction brake and cloth beam ratchet

Folding back beam assembly for moving and storage

Removable front beam facilitates warping; removable bottom-pivot beater; canvas aprons

This is a wonderful loom—very smooth action

Price: \$3,300 Cash only Local pick-up in Madison, WI One owner No returns

Contact: Pam Palmer (608) 232-0298 [pampalmer@att.net](mailto:pampalmer@att.net)

**Gilmore floor loom \$480.** 45" weaving width, 4-shaft/6-treadle X-frame loom made of beautiful hard maple. Loom folds up and warp beam is easily removed for transport and threading. 10-dent reed. Footprint is 55" wide x 45" deep when ready to weave. Nice sturdy loom great for lace to rugs. Contact Nancy Garden [nancyg22368@hotmail.com](mailto:nancyg22368@hotmail.com)







**MADISON WEAVERS GUILD  
INVITATION TO JOIN 2022-23**

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, for our meeting months, 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.

Regular memberships are \$20.00 per year, \$15.00 for new members (first year), and \$5.00 for students.

The membership year begins in September.

Please fill out this form and bring it and your check (**payable to Madison Weavers Guild**) to a meeting or mail them to:  
Kathy Derene 5702 Old Sauk Rd., Madison WI 53705

**MADISON WEAVERS GUILD Membership Form for 2022-23**

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

<b>What interests you about being a member of the Guild?</b>	
<b>Ideas for future programs. What topics would you like to learn more about?</b>	
<b>Other guild activities you'd be willing to take part in:</b> ___ 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?)	<b>Areas of interest:</b> ___ functional items     ___ felting ___ pattern drafting     ___ double weave ___ basketry             ___ field trips ___ bobbin lace         ___ Other(what?) ___ ikat ___ tapestry ___ rugs ___ sales ___ spinning ___ dyeing
<b>Your looms:</b>	
<b>For new members, how did you find out about the Guild?</b>	

