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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017

KUMIHIMO with Fern Delaney

Please notice room change!

7:00 p.m. Oakwood Village, Exercise Room.

Oakwood Village is on Mineral Point Road in Madison. Meeting directions for exercise room: February meeting is in the exercise room of the Oaks building. This is the most western building at Oakwood. Turn in on Island Drive, turn right. First building is the Towers the next is Oaks. The door is locked so someone will meet you at the entrance to let you in and send you to the exercise room on the 2nd floor. Please be prompt.

Fern Delaney will be presenting an introduction to kumihimo. Kumihimo is the Japanese art of fiber braiding. The word kumihimo means gathered threads. It is an ancient means of creating cords and bands that were used for samurai armor and

continue to be used even today as part of a traditional kimono. It is a relaxing pastime that can be enjoyed by all who love fiber in its many forms.

Vickie says: A Library display goes up in Middleton Library in March 2017.

It's time to gather pieces for the Middleton Library Display for the month of March. Angie will be in Australia for the set up so we will just have to carry on without her expertise. She will be back to see the display so let's make her proud.

Please bring your item to the February meeting. If that is not convenient, contact Vickie Julka (608-239-3711). Be sure to include a card with your name, fiber content and weave structure. We will make labels based on that information.

It looks like we will set up on Saturday, Feb. 25. More information will come at the February meeting.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Feb. Fern Delaney- Kumihimo, Japanese braiding demo, tell members to bring items they wish to display in the Middleton Library display to Feb. meeting , pictures will be taken for the directory

Mar. Barry Owens-bound weave rugs, slate of officers put forth to be voted on in April

April Mary Ann Fairbanks- solar fabrics, annual meeting and election of officers

May Julie Moehn- Fiberworks

EXHIBITS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crossing Mountains and Other Adventures Rumi O'Brien is that rare storyteller who can transport you to another time and place, introduce you to a colorful cast of characters, and spin an epic tale without ever saying a word. Her stories are told with fabric, needle, thread, and thimble – tools and materials that work together to create the whimsical quilts that are her signature. These story quilts center on the theme of adventure, both the everyday and the existential, as Rumi and her friends dig ponds, hunt for morel mushrooms, make friends with fish, cross mountains, and dance on Jello.

As a Japanese-American, Rumi expertly combines the folk art traditions of both countries to create a hybrid quilting style of her very own. Inspired by American folk quilts, Rumi began quilting in the early 1980s. She found immediate success with her first quilt, *The Journey Home*, pieced and appliquéd with beautiful Japanese *katazome* fabrics and hand-quilted with a bold nature-based design. It also marks the first appearance of the diamond-faced hero of so many of Rumi's stories: a cloth version of *yakko-san*, a traditional origami design based on the human figure.

Crossing Mountains and Other Adventures gathers together 16 of Rumi's story quilts as well as watercolor paintings, folk art, and origami on loan from the Jura Silverman Gallery and local collectors. Together, this material tells its own story, that of a beloved Madison-based artist who continues to charm and delight viewers with her unique artistic style.

Opening reception: Sunday, January 29, 1 pm to 3 pm

Ruth Davis Design Gallery hours:

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday: Noon to 4:00 pm



ART FAIR ON THE SQUARE

Attention all Weavers:

One of the Midwest's most popular and highly regarded outdoor celebrations of the arts will return to the Capitol Square July 8 and 9, 2017 as MMoCA presents the 59th annual Art Fair on the Square. With its mix of music, entertainment, and outdoor dining, as well as nearly 500 artists exhibiting paintings, prints,

photographs, sculpture, jewelry, handmade clothing and accessories, and fine craft, the fair draws nearly 200,000 visitors to Madison's Capitol Square.

You are invited to participate - either selling your textile treasures - or volunteering to assist in the setup and management of the booth. The Madison Weavers' Guild applies for two adjoining booths. Your work is juried by your fellow weavers and costs a mere \$50 + a shared portion of your sales to cover the cost of the booths. This is a excellent opportunity to either sell or help in the booths.

Application forms will be available at the February meeting and will need to be submitted by the February meeting along with the \$50 fee; a few planning meetings will be scheduled before the actual Fair; and setup will be early Saturday morning July 8th, with takedown on late Sunday afternoon the 9th. With enough volunteers, everyone will take a shift selling and have a chance to view other artists' works. Please consider this, as it really is a wonderful experience!

COMING EVENTS

June 12 – 17, 2017: Midwest Weavers Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana
Registration opens January 8, 2017 www.midwestweavers.org/conference

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. Note the deadline for submissions and ads is **the TENTH of the month**. Anyone want to buy a loom? I have another one coming and need to make some room! \$325 Little Dandy 2 harness rug loom and accessories

Here is a blog post with more details:

<https://kareninthewoods-kareninthewoods.blogspot.com/2017/02/little-dandy-rug-loom-for-sale-wisconsin.html>

KarenInTheWoods

MADISON WEAVERS GUILD

INVITATION TO JOIN 2016-7

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 Vea, 601 Bordner Drive, Madison WI 53705.

MADISON WEAVERS GUILD Membership Form for 2016-7

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

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?

Madison Weavers Guild ~ Show & Tell Projects 2016-7

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