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## **MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017**

### **7:00 p.m. Oakwood Village, Westmoreland Room.**

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.

Reminder: at the January meeting, photos will be taken for those who wish to have their photo as part of a pictorial directory of Guild members. It was felt that having a picture of a member might make it easier for each of us to remember who's who. The directory will only be available to paid members and will be distributed at a future meeting. For those who are concerned about privacy issues, this directory will not be sent via email nor be accessible on our website. It is also totally optional. So look pretty and smile at the camera on Monday!

**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.

Angie Roberts- A Library display goes up in Middleton Library in March 2017. Please bring your woven items to the February meeting.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Jan. 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

Feb. Gulessarian-private collection of rugs, a trip to StonyHill Antiques for a look at his rugs, huipils, molas.

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



**February Art Sale at Olbrich Gardens** February 11 and 12.

**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 January 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](http://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](mailto:ricordanza@charter.net). Note the deadline for submissions and ads is **the TENTH of the month**.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:**  
**Director of the Alice Bertschy Kadish (ABK) Weaving Center at Gaenslen School**  
Milwaukee Public Schools  
Department of Recreation and Community Services  
5225 W. Vliet Street, Room 56  
Milwaukee, WI 53208 Phone (414) 475-8180

The ABK Weaving Center is a Milwaukee Public School Adult Recreation Facility located on the lower level of Gaenslen School, 1250 East Burleigh St. Please apply for the position online <http://milwaukeeerecreation.net/rec/Employment.htm>. This position is subject to a criminal background check and interview.

In addition to applying online, please submit the following via email to Julie McLaren at [Julie@MilwaukeeRecreation.net](mailto:Julie@MilwaukeeRecreation.net):

- A resumé
- Supplemental application addendum below.
- Narrative explaining why you should fill the position (no more than one page).
- Three digital photos of your recent weaving/fiber arts work.

Applications will be accepted for the position starting **January 1, 2017**; completed applications must be submitted on or before **Feb. 15, 2017**. Qualified candidates will be invited to an interview after that date.

## **ABK WEAVING DIRECTOR APPLICATION ADDENDUM**

### **OTHER SKILLS**

#### **Textiles:**

- \_\_\_\_ Weaving
- \_\_\_\_ Spinning
- \_\_\_\_ Knitting
- \_\_\_\_ Basketry
- \_\_\_\_ Surface Design/Dyeing
- \_\_\_\_ Crocheting
- \_\_\_\_ Sewing
- \_\_\_\_ Teaching
- \_\_\_\_ Loom Repair
- \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Administrative:**

- \_\_\_\_ Self-motivation
- \_\_\_\_ Leadership
- \_\_\_\_ Organization
- \_\_\_\_ Customer Service/Public Relations
- \_\_\_\_ Marketing
- \_\_\_\_ Volunteer Management
- \_\_\_\_ Computer Use (list programs used) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ Website Design & Management



**MILWAUKEE  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



## POSITION DESCRIPTION

### MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

<b>JOB TITLE:</b> ABK Weaving Center Director	<b>EMPLOYMENT TYPE:</b> Seasonal, Part-Time
<b>PROGRAM AREA:</b> Gaenslen Community Center	<b>JOB CODE:</b> 8505
<b>STARTING HOURLY RATE:</b> \$18.00 - \$20.00	<b>HOURS PER WEEK:</b> Min. of 20 hrs/week
<b>POSITION SUMMARY:</b> <p>The Weaving Director supervises all aspects of the ABK Weaving Center at Gaenslen School acting as the direct service provider for the Weaving &amp; Fiber Arts Program. The success of the program is dependent upon the energy, attitude, and commitment of the Weaving Director. This position is responsible for managing the development, publicity, implementation, supervision, monitoring and evaluation of weaving and fiber arts programs for adults and children. The Director supervises, evaluates and assists in hiring part-time instructors. The Director liaisons with the Wisconsin Handweavers Inc. (WHI), the ABK Board of Directors, Gaenslen School, Milwaukee Recreation and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.</p>	

#### POSITION OVERVIEW:

- Enforce all Milwaukee Public Schools and Milwaukee Recreation policies and rules.
- Understand and abide by all policies and procedures outlined in the Part-Time Employee Manual.
- Understand and abide by all policies and procedures outlined in the Community Center Staff Manual.
- Working knowledge of community center policies, procedures, programs, and services.
- Assist with the completion and accuracy of bi-weekly payroll (manually), for all Weaving Center instructors.
- Assist with Weaving Class registrations, manually and within RecTrac registration software, as needed.
- Supervise and coordinate the daily operation of the Weaving Center and its programming.
- Supervise and coordinate the maintenance of the physical facilities of the center, including basic loom maintenance and repair.
- Coordinate and facilitate the use of the classroom with WHI, Gaenslen School and Recreation Classes.
- Provide ongoing evaluation, supervision, recruitment, training and orientation of the part-time teaching staff.
- Provide support, guidance and leadership for all part-time employees and volunteers.
- Supervise the purchase and maintenance of needed equipment and supplies, and monitor Weaving Center inventory.
- Maintain financial records associated with the studio and liaison with the Board's Treasurer on financial issues.
- Promote continued high community participation in classes.
- Record, refer to and keep current the evaluation process by the class participants.
- Promote the Center's facilities and programs through the use of, development of, and distribution of informational materials and media releases.
- Facilitate the updating of promotional materials, social media, and websites.
- Oversee and co-ordinate the use of incident and accident reports to assist the teachers in their work.
- Supervise and co-ordinate the various Gaenslen display areas the Center maintains for visual promotion of fiber arts.
- Attend all ABK Board of Directors' meetings and WHI board meetings.
- Actively assist the ABK Board of Directors and WHI in the guidance of the Center.
- Complete reports for presentation to the Board of Directors.
- Complete reports and maintain records relative to loom maintenance.
- Work with community partners to achieve the goals in the Mission Statement.
- Establish partnerships with institutions and groups to further enhance fiber arts in the community.
- Supervise and facilitate the process involved in the receipt of donations.
- Perform additional duties as defined from time to time by the ABK Board of Directors.
- Effectively communicate with participants/patrons, Recreation Supervisors, Part-Time Recreation Staff, Building Engineers, and Principals, or designees (where applicable).
- Other duties and projects as assigned.
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# 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

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>PHONE:</b>	<b>Membership Category</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> New \$ 15.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Renew \$ 20.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 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?**

Madison Weavers Guild ~ Show & Tell Projects 2016-7

<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>	