

MADISON WEAVERS GUILD

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MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015

2014-15 YEAR Wrap-Up

7:00 P.M.

Discussion points for the May meeting

Over the past years the Madison Weavers Guild has grown from fewer than 20 to over 40 members. It is great to see there is a renewed interest in weaving. Now that the Guild has many more members and is growing it might be a good idea to provide a little more structure to the organization of the Guild. We hope more members are willing to take on tasks to keep the Guild running smoothly. Consider volunteering - it is a great way to get to know other Guild members.

At the May meeting the Guild will review the past year and make plans for the coming year 2015-16. Susan Fortney is working on a survey to gather ideas for programs and workshops for next year.

Volunteers for the 2014-15 year were:

Programs and running the meetings: Susan Fortney and Dianne Ruch

Treasurer: Jane Vea

Membership: Jane Vea

Workshops: Susan Fortney, Rebecca Reed, Dianne Ruch, Geke de Vries

Red book [records of projects and hand-outs]: Angie Roberts

Newsletter: Emily Nie

Website: Julie Moehn and Kate Lieber

Coordinator with Oakwood: Kate Lieber

Exhibit Chair Middleton Library: Angie Roberts

Sales Chairs: Geke de Vries, Rebecca Reed, Emily Nie

Thanks to all of you for volunteering your time to make the Guild run smoothly.

Suggested new positions of President/Co-Presidents and Recording Secretary:

During the past year, the responsibilities of the Program Chairs was not always clear. The coordination of the various Guild activities was added to the planning of the programs thus increasing their responsibilities. In order to better communicate and coordinate within the guild a position of President/Co-Presidents is suggested.

In the past Pat Hilts usually provided a write-up of the program for the newsletter. It would be nice for those unable to attend the meeting and those wanting to review the information to read about the program in the newsletter. This could be the task of a Recording Secretary.

Other tasks that have been raised in the past:

By-laws

Non-profit status

Basic letter of intent for speakers

Brochure for new members/hand-out at art fairs

Agenda for the May meeting:

Discussion of tasks for the 2015/16 membership year

Continuing and new volunteers for:

President [or Co-Chairs]

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

Membership

Program Committee [2 or more]

Workshop Committee [2 or more]

Newsletter

Website

Red Book [records of projects and hand-outs]

Coordinator with Oakwood

Exhibit Chair [Middleton Library]

Sales Chair

Other

Again, please consider volunteering. It is fun getting to know each other through working together for the benefit of the Guild.

Other items:

Survey – Susan Fortney and Dianne Ruch

MWG contributions to benefit the Weaving Program at Oakwood – Geke and Kate

Place for workshops

Show and Tell

Treats at the meeting

Other

Committees to work on:

- By-laws
- Non-profit status
- Basic letter of intent for speakers
- Brochure for new members/hand-out at art fair
- Other

Please remember to fill out the interest survey for the upcoming year emailed to you at the end of April. Feedback is very important for future planning. Please either bring your completed survey to the May 18 meeting or mail your surveys to Susan Fortney.

If you participated in the Color & Weave Workshop, don't forget the **early meeting at 6:00 on**

May 18. We want to discuss potential plans for a summer follow-up workshop.

Hello Color Workshop Weavers,

To review and continue the color study it seems a good idea to schedule a follow-up meeting with all workshop participants before the May Guild meeting - **to be held on Monday, May 18 from 6 - 7 pm at Oakwood.**

Guild members interested in weaving a project inspired by color over the summer are also invited.

Review of Color Workshop:

General comments about the workshop:

- what went well
- suggestions for improvement

Looking at color combinations and patterns:

- what do you like
- do differently
- what would it be good for [scarf, shawl, placemat, runner, towel, fabric for vest or jacket, etc]
- yarn choices
- other

Please bring your samples.

Invitation/challenge:

Over the summer weave your own project as a follow-up inspired by the color study.

This can be a scarf, shawl, placemat, runner, towel, or fabric for a vest or jacket.

For those weaving fabric there will be a sewing workshop in fall. Date to be determined later.

If you have a sewing pattern, sample of vest or jacket, you would like to use or share with others please bring it to the meeting.

This pre-meeting is open to all Guild members interested in weaving a project inspired by color over the summer. We encourage you to take the next step by sewing your own garment.

The workshop committee:
Susan Fortney
Rebecca Reed
Dianne Ruch
Geke de Vries

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.

COMING EVENTS

The Madison Weavers Guild

2015 Fine Art and Craft Sale

offers a unique show at

Olbrich Botanical Gardens, our new location.

For over twenty-five years, artists from Wisconsin and neighboring states have been selected for their high quality of creative expression.

Our show has acquired a reputation for high quality, and attracts larger numbers of applicants every year.

We are dedicated to selecting artists in keeping with the integrity of this fine art and craft show.

29th Annual

The Madison Weavers Guild

2015 Fine Art and Craft Sale

at Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Saturday, October 31, 2015 10 am-4 pm

Sunday, November 1, 2015 10 am-4 pm

Location:

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

3330 Atwood Avenue Madison, Wisconsin

Madison Handweavers C/O Geke de Vries 1009 Merrill Springs Road Madison, WI 53705

SEE THE ATTACHMENT FOR THE APPLICATION

Lodi Alpacas Shearing Day, Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. N1792 Ryan Road, Lodi, WI 608-576-8607 Jan Clingman

Fiber on the Farm, Saturday, June 13, 2015 Sat: 9am-6pm; Sun: 10am-4pm

Silver Creek Alpacas

N1897 County Road M

Watertown WI 53098

(414) 807-6785 Georgia Meyer

National Alpaca Farm Days

Lodi Alpacas at Whistling Valley Farm

N1792 Ryan Road, Lodi, WI 608-576-8607 Jan Clingman
Saturday, September 26, 2015 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For show and tell use the Show and Tell Form included, please fill out in advance.

COMING EVENTS

Meeting 2015 Art Fair on the Square

for all participating weavers on Monday, June 8 at 7 pm

at the home of Geke de Vries

1009 Merrill Springs Road

Madison

Tel: 608-238-3425

Participating weavers are:

Sandy Burns, Nancy Garden, Kate Lieber, Julie Moehn, Emily Nie, Rebecca Reed and Geke de Vries.

Others interested in helping out at the art fair are also invited.

Please bring a list of your inventory to coordinate all necessary equipment.

We will discuss set-up, check out, arrival time, etc.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Geke

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF 2014-15 MEETINGS

May-recap of the year, planning for next year, seeking individuals to plan programs for 2015/16

The program committee welcomes ideas and feedback at any time.

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

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 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.

GUILD DONATION AVAILABLE

We have had a Varpa Finnish counter-march loom donated to the guild. It was purchased 20+ years ago and has not been used in a decade. It is in 3 large boxes which we have not looked at. The pictures the owner sent along showed a 4 harness loom. She thought it is a Finlandia and what I have read about that loom is that it is an 8 harness loom. It could be that she didn't set all the harnesses up or that it is a 4 harness loom. We don't have the dimensions either. It could be a 48" weaving width or it could be 60". Please let Kate Lieber or Dianne Ruch if you are interested. We are interested in reasonable donation.

Madison Weavers Guild ~ Show & Tell Projects 2014-15

Project:	Weaver:
space for photo (taken at meeting)	
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:	