



## MADISON WEAVERS GUILD

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## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

### 7:00 p.m.

## Exploring the Many Facets of Yarn

Pat Hilts, Geke de Vries and Rebecca Reed

*Join us for a demonstration and discussion about fibers and yarn.*

- Learn about the many factors that determine the character of a finished yarn.
- See and touch samples of a variety of raw fibers, and find out about the role their properties play in determining their suitability for various uses.
- Understand the difference between worsted and woolen.
- Compare the behavior of singles and plied yarns, and see how these

differences affect the appearance of a woven fabric.

- Examine novelty yarns and note how they can add interest to a woven fabric.

The yarn swap has been moved to another meeting.

## **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.

**The Constitution and Bylaws are at the end of this newsletter. Please read them before the meeting so we can discuss and get ready for voting.**

### COMING EVENTS

**December Holiday Party:** We will be making a Basic Weaving Pin Doll so you can begin gathering the material in advance. Mary Jo will provide: pin looms, warp, some beads, pipe cleaners, copper wire, pin backs. You will need to bring: 14- 18 str,ight pins with tiny heads or small round heads, a face bead, colorful thrums for the weft, pony beads.

For the Christmas party, we will be making these pin-loomed dolls. Attendees should bring a button with a face or medallion with a face on it, interesting thrums (waste yarns from your loom) and straight pins. Some buttons, yarn, and pins will be available at the party.

<http://www.mreitsmadesign.com/dollart/CLUB/inclass/2004/basicweaving/index.html>

Please view the web page for excellent pictures.



**CONVERGENCE 2016.** As a valued HGA associate, we want you to be among the first to know that HGA's Convergence will be in Milwaukee -- yes, Milwaukee, Wisconsin! -- July 30 -- August 6, 2016!

We are excited to be in Wisconsin and look forward to sharing this fiber arts experience!

Joy Berg

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TAGARI WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY**

The Tagari, a Greek saddlebag is a colorful woven bag used by Greek shepherds to carry everything from a loaf of bread to kindling for the evening fire. This traditional bag lasts for years of daily use. The secret of its strength and durability lies in the method used to weave the woolen yarns. This is a do-it-yourself project, first offered in 2010, when 14 guild members participated and produced the beautiful Tagaris as you will see in the photos below.

Fee: \$15.00. The folder will explain of the construction, the history, and the use of the Tagari. In each folder you will have a choice of four designs along with eight layouts of how to arrange the colors on your bag. Included in the folder are illustrations of how soumak can be added as an embellishment. Each participant will need to purchase 2 pounds of yarn, either from the Yarn Barn or Blackberry Ridge Woolen Mill in Mount Horeb. The reason for purchasing yarn from these two companies is because they each carry the 2-ply bulky yarn @ 600 yards per pound needed. The bag will be woven as a weft-face weave, using Maysville cotton as warp, sett at 8 epi. The shoulder strap can easily be woven on an inkle loom.



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

#### **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**.

## LOOMS FOR SALE

4 harness, 6 treadle folding jack loom with 30" weaving width. No manufacturer's name visible. I didn't unfold it and try it out, but it appears to be in very good condition.

4 harness table loom with 20-22" weaving width (reed in it is 20" but harnesses would allow 22"). No manufacturer's name visible. Excellent condition.

Interested parties can contact him at [tomgeimer@hotmail.com](mailto:tomgeimer@hotmail.com) or [1-608-960-3864](tel:1-608-960-3864) but he is not knowledgeable about looms. These looms are located near Verona. For pictures, please contact former member Janis Merkle at [janis.merkle@gmail.com](mailto:janis.merkle@gmail.com)

## LOOM FOR SALE

Leclerc 36" 4 shaft, six harness floor loom...with bench

Includes extra heddles

Two reeds...8 epi and 10epi

A couple shuttles

Cotton yarns of your choice...white and colors

Various other weaving supplies

Loom located in west Madison

In very good condition

Asking price-\$1500.00

Buyer must transport loom to new location

Please contact Judy Thorpe

[608-772-5438](tel:608-772-5438)

[jthorpe12@charter.net](mailto:jthorpe12@charter.net)

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE: reeds, yarn, books, floor looms, bench, etc. Please contact Emily if you would like the PDF of all available. Seller: Mary MacIntosh.

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

# MADISON WEAVERS GUILD

## INVITATION TO JOIN 2015-16

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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 Vea, 601 Bordner Drive, Madison WI 53705.

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

## MADISON WEAVERS GUILD Membership Form for 2015-16

<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>		

<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> <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Party (help plan and organize) <input type="checkbox"/> Members' show (help plan, organize, execute) <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter (write, find articles) <input type="checkbox"/> Develop/update website <input type="checkbox"/> Weave a swatch for the newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on the board <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate for local schools <input type="checkbox"/> Give a mini workshop, program at a meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Other (what?)	<b>Areas of interest:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> functional items <input type="checkbox"/> pattern drafting <input type="checkbox"/> basketry <input type="checkbox"/> ikat <input type="checkbox"/> tapestry <input type="checkbox"/> rugs <input type="checkbox"/> sales <input type="checkbox"/> spinning <input type="checkbox"/> dyeing  <input type="checkbox"/> felting <input type="checkbox"/> double weave <input type="checkbox"/> field trips <input type="checkbox"/> Other (what?)
<b>Your looms:</b>	
<b>For new members, how did you find out about the guild?</b>	

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## Madison Weavers Guild ~ Show & Tell Projects 2014-15

<b>Project:</b>	<b>Weaver:</b>
<div>space for photo (taken at meeting)</div>	
<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>	

## **By-Laws of the Madison Weavers Guild**

September 2015

### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Madison Weavers Guild is to educate its members and the community in the art of hand weaving and promote interest, appreciation, and skill in weaving and related fiber arts.

### **Article 1. Membership Section 1.1**

Membership shall be open to all individuals interested in supporting weaving, who pay dues at established rates, and abide by standing rules as established by the organization. Membership is not limited by race, color, creed, gender, national origin, religious affiliation or sexual orientation.

### **Section 1.2**

From time to time, at the discretion of the Madison Weavers Guild, honorary life-time membership may be granted to individuals in recognition of exemplary contributions to the organization. All rights and privileges of regular membership shall apply except for voting unless dues are paid.

### **Section 1.3**

Each member in good standing, with dues paid for the year, shall be entitled to one vote in all matters before its members. Decisions shall be determined by a majority of those present, unless otherwise specified by the By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, or Wisconsin statutes.

### **Section 1.4**

Monthly meetings shall be held from September through May, weather permitting. Election of board members shall take place at the Annual meeting in April.

### **Section 1.5**

Members shall have priority consideration for workshops enrollments. Membership is required for participation or sale under the Guild's auspices.

### **Article 2. Dues Section 2.1**

Annual dues for members are for the period September 1 through August 31. Dues not paid by January 1 shall result in removal from the membership roster.

### **Section 2.2**

The schedule of dues shall be determined by the membership and may include discounted rates for students and new members. Dues paid in April or May by new members who started attending in March or later shall extend through the following year.

### **Article 3. Board of Directors Section 3.1**

The Board of Directors shall have the powers, common to such boards, to carry out the purposes and policies of the Guild, within the limits of these by-laws. It shall fix the hour and place of regular Guild meetings, oversee the year's programming, make recommendations to the Guild, and be subject to the orders of the Guild.

### **Section 3.2**

The Board of Directors shall have a minimum of 5 members and a maximum of 12 members.

### **Section 3.3**

The board shall present to the membership at the March meeting a slate of candidates for election to the board. The election shall take place at the Annual Meeting in April. The newly elected directors shall take office at the end of the May meeting and shall serve for one year or until their successors take office. Should a seat become vacant,

the board may appoint a replacement for the balance of the year. A Director may resign at any time by filing a written resignation with the Chair of the Corporation.

#### Section 3.4

The board shall meet at times and places determined by the board. They may meet electronically (including, but not limited to telephone, email) and vote electronically at board meetings. Directions shall receive five days written notice prior to the date of the meeting. Notice shall identify the time and place of the meeting.

#### Section 3.5

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the current board members, and decisions shall be made by a majority of the board members present. Actions taken when the board meets electronically shall require consent to meet in writing of at least five (5) board members, and a vote in writing of at least three (3) board members. Each board member shall have one (1) vote irrespective of the number of positions held. Decisions to spend in excess \$300 for a single event (e.g. workshop or guest speaker) shall require a vote of at least five (5) board members. Substantive actions taken by the board shall be reported to the membership.

#### Section 3.6

Standing committees include the Program Committee, the Workshop Committee, the Exhibit Committee, and the Sales Committee. The board may establish other committees as it deems necessary and useful to carry out the purposes of the guild. Membership in the committees shall be organized by the chairs of those committees. There shall be no minimum number of members required for any committee.

#### Section 3.7

Directors shall receive no compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement of out of pocket expenses as approved by the Board of Directors.

#### Section 3.8

Any action required or permitted by the Articles of Incorporation, these By-laws, or any other provision of law to be taken by the Board of Directors at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if one or more written consents, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all the Directors entitled to vote on the action. Action taken in pursuant to written consent shall be effective when the last Director signs the consent or upon the effective date specified in the consent.

#### Section 3.9

Directors shall be entitled to indemnification as Directors to the extent permitted by Wisconsin law.

#### Article 4. Officers Section 4.1

The Officers shall consist of: President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Program Chair, Workshop Chair, Historian, Newsletter Editor, Web-site Manager, Exhibit Chair, and Sales Chair. Chairs may be combined with others positions as expedient.

#### Section 4.2

The Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors. Each officer shall serve a term of one year. An officer may be removed by a two thirds vote of the board at any time.

#### Section 4.3

Officers may, but are not required to be, members of the Board of Directors. All officers shall serve without compensation except that may be reimbursed for actual out of pocket expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of the office.



#### Section 4.4 President

The President shall be responsible for coordination of the activities of the board, preside over meetings of the board and business portions of the meetings of the membership, and oversee the implementation of committee work. The President shall have the power to call special meetings of the organization, sign checks if the Treasurer is unable to do so, and appoint non-elected chairs of committees.

#### Section 4.5 Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall take minutes of all meetings of the organization, keep records of the meeting minutes, document meeting attendance, maintain correspondence, notify local media of guild meetings and events, and provide information as needed to the Newsletter and Web-site chairpersons in a timely manner.

#### Section 4.6 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have charge of the guild's funds, maintain accounts receivable and payable in a timely manner, and maintain an up-to-date record of the transactions and reconciliation with monthly bank statement. All funds of the guild shall be spent for activities of the guild, in keeping with its purposes. The Treasurer is authorized to make payments for regular activities the guild for events under \$300 and shall present a detailed monthly finance reports to the board. Other expenditures require approval by the board. The Treasurer shall submit a year to date financial report to the membership at the Annual Meeting, and any other reports as requested. The fiscal year is September 1 through August 31. The Treasurer shall maintain the Membership roster, submit membership information to the President, Membership Chair, and the Newsletter Editor, and inform Workshop Chair of payments received for workshops. The Treasurer shall file State and Federal tax documents required under 501(c)(3) status.

#### Section 4.7 Membership Chair

The Membership Chair shall encourage and facilitate membership in the guild, welcome new members and visitors and provide them and prospective members with information about the guild and make follow-up contact. Welcome packets for new members shall include Membership Roster and a copy of the by-laws.

#### Section 4.8 Program Chairperson

The Program Chair shall head the committee that plans and organizes monthly programs for the guild meetings. The Program and Workshop committees shall create an annual survey of member interest to guide their program planning. The Program Chair shall keep the Newsletter Editor and Web-site Manager informed of the program calendar and any updates, and shall perform duties of the President during his or her absence or inability to act.

#### Section 4.9 Workshop Chairperson

The Workshop Chair shall head the committee that plans and organizes the workshops about weaving and other related fiber arts for the year and works with the Program Chair to survey member interest each year.

There shall be at least two workshops annually. The Workshop Chair shall submit a calendar of upcoming events and updates to the Newsletter Editor and Web-site Manager.

#### Section 4.10 Historian

The Historian shall maintain official and unofficial documents, papers, samples, historical records of the organization and shall provide and disseminate said documents as appropriate.

#### Section 4.11 Exhibit Chair

The Exhibit Chair shall plan and organize an annual or bi-annual exhibit of members' work at a local venue. The Exhibit Chair shall inform membership of other invitations for opportunities to exhibit or demonstrate weaving, and shall head the committee for seeing it organized if members wish to participate.

#### Section 4.12 Sales Chair

The Sales Chair shall coordinate participation events such as the Art Fair on the Square and may plan and organize Fine Arts and Crafts Sales sponsored by the Guild at local venues. The Sales Chair shall announce upcoming events to the membership.

#### Section 4.13 Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor shall construct and edit a monthly digital newsletter including upcoming programs and events, general information, and membership news during the months of September through May. The Newsletter Editor shall send out other information as necessary.

#### Section 4.14 Web-site Manager

The Web-site Manager shall maintain and update the Guild's web presence, providing information on the Guild for both members and others interested in the Guild.

#### Article 5. Amendments

these By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at either the previous regular meeting or to each member not less than fourteen (14) days before the meeting. All Guild members shall be notified that an amendment is on the agenda.

### **Articles of Incorporation of the Madison Weavers Guild**

September 2015

Section 1.1 Name: Madison Weavers Guild, Inc. 443 N. Baldwin  
Madison, WI 53703-1703

Section 1.2 This organization is formed under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes, repealed and recreated by 1997 Wisconsin Act 79.

Section 1.3 Location: 443 N. Baldwin, City of Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin

Section 1.4 The initial registered agent is Mary Jo Schiavoni. The mailing address of the initial registered agent is 443 N. Baldwin, Madison, WI 53703-1703.

Section 1.5 Purpose: Madison Weavers Guild is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes within the meaning of Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 (\*Code\*) Section 501(c)(3), or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Specifically, Madison Weavers Guild is organized and operated to:

1. Preserve the rich and diverse tradition of the art and craft of weaving.
2. Encourage excellence, inspire creativity, and enhance the technical development of weavers through educational programs, workshops, networking and other professional development resources.

c. Educate and stimulate public interest in the art and craft of hand weaving and related fiber arts through exhibitions, demonstrations, and sales.

Section 1.6 This Organization shall have members.

Section 1.7 Distributions:

Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is

then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized exclusively for such purposes.

Section 1.8 Incorporator: The name and address of the incorporator is as follows: Mary Jo Schiavoni

443 N. Baldwin

Madison, WI 53703-1703