



MADISON WEAVERS GUILD

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Emily Nie:

INTRODUCTION TO THE INKLE LOOM

Inkle Looms are little specialized looms for making narrow bands. They are portable and inexpensive and easy to make in a home workshop. Most major loom companies sell them, so they are easy to find. They are also easy to find on the used market. When you find an inkle loom and you have never made a band on one, you might be totally confused on how this loom (is it even a loom?) works. The mystery will become clear once you see how these work and what you can do with them.

MEETING 6:30 p.m. In person at Oakwood Village and on ZOOM.

Topic: Madison weavers guild meeting Time: Nov 17, 2025 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84515266123?pwd=xwFbERW73EsMqiWgihJeRKN07N63aP.1>

Meeting ID: 845 1526 6123 Passcode: 357697

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. After entering, go immediately to the right past the front desk to the Nakoma room. There is limited parking in front of the Heritage Oaks building.

2025-26 PROGRAMS

November 17, 2025 – Emily Nie –Introduction to Inkle Loom

December 15, 2025 – Christmas Party at Oakwood – Pat Bullen Kumihimo with beads

Kumihimo Wreath Holiday Make it and Take it with Pat Bullen. December 15th meeting

This is an -strand braided cord that can be used to create a wreath, tree garland or bookmark. Pat will have 4 simple patterns.

Provided for the meeting

- Braiding pad
- Strands of green
- Finishing touches
- Instructional handouts

Options to bring:

- Embroidery floss skeins
- Christmas-y yarn
- Size 60 or larger beads
- Beading thread and needle
- Scissors and glue

Pat notes: do not buy a Kumihimo braiding disk, the braiding pad she has is much better.

January 19, 2026 – Sara Von Tresckow – Loom Mechanics

February 16, 2026 – Sara Von Tresckow and Marty Detering – Fiber Facts

March 23, 2026 – Deb Essen – Introduction to Supplemental Warps

March, TBD- Inkle and Band weaving Workshop. Details will be announced.

April 20, 2026 – Linda Farrelly and Randa Ferreira – Creative use of mixed materials for weaving

May 18, 2026 – Towel Exchange

Board 2024-25

2025-26 Board

President - Inga Foley

Secretary - Linda Farrelly

Treasurer - Cindy Dross

Membership - Patti Tesdal

Programs – Sara Von Tresckow

Workshop - Marty Detering, Terri Kopish, Co-chairs

Exhibits – Barry Owens

Sales – Kathy Nauta
Historian -
Website - Rhonda Brodbeck
Newsletter - Emily Nie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wisconsin Handweavers, which is based in Milwaukee, will be hosting the Midwest Weaving Conference June 6-13, 2027. They will be looking for volunteers, suggestions for presenters and for guilds to provide items for the goodie bags. Nancy Wilson is the president of the group (and also a member of our guild) and you can contact her at: President@wihandweavers.org. if you want to volunteer and/or have suggestions. There will be additional information coming out as the date gets closer.

Library

THE MADISON WEAVERS GUILD LENDING LIBRARY IS GENTLY GROWING.

Books from Meryle Welhaven's collection now part of Madison Weavers Guild lending library.

Since this is a new venture for the guild, the best way to borrow a book is to contact Marty Detering directly. 610-470-3631 or marty3day@aol.com

If one or more of the titles is of interest to you, Marty can bring the books to a meeting. You are welcome to look through them, and choose what you wish to borrow. Simple and easy. We ask that you return that book at the next meeting. Books can be renewed as long as another person is not interested in borrowing it.

I will bring to meetings, new additions to the library for perusal by members. All items in our library are donations, and I wish to thank all those who have thought of us with their generosity.

So get your looms in weaving order and think about planning a next project. I'm sure there is a draft out there calling your name.

Happy weaving, Marty Detering

Exhibits and Sales

The Weavers Guild has reserved the exhibit space at the Middleton library for the month of March 2026. Give some thought to providing a piece you have woven to be included so it can be part of another good display for the month of March. Our displays have, we've been told, been popular. Details about putting the display together will start coming out in the new year.

Barry Owens, Chair

Fine Art and Craft Sale

February 2026 Olbrich Botanical Gardens

We had all the spaces filled and received a lot of very nice feedback from the visitors! We had 7 new-to-us artists. We are grateful for the help received from the guild members who volunteered.

I was interviewed by Channel 3000 and was able to give credit to the guild as the sponsor and plug the upcoming show in February. Our application for the February show (7th and 8th) is open with a deadline of November 7th. Our jury will meet on November 14th or 15th, depending on the schedule, with selection announced on November 21. A newsletter went out to our mailing list with the link to the application on our website, and they are beginning to roll in.

According to Olbrich staff, approximately 2500 people came through the building - not all came to see the show, but it gives us a number to work with. That number is slightly down from previous years.

Kipp

December 6 Delafield WI: Wisconsin Handweavers Sale and Demonstrations. Hawk's Inn and Delafield History Center 426 Wells St., Delafield, WI.

Workshops

March 2026 workshop on Inkle weaving, time and date to be announced.

We are looking for ideas for the Fall 2026 workshop.

STUDY GROUPS

There has been interest expressed in forming study groups. What would you like to study? Would you like to do it in person or on zoom, perhaps lead a study group? Contact Inga Foley if you are interested.

MWG Financial Statement

attached

MWG WEBSITE www.madisonweaversguild.com

For website submissions, please get in touch with Rhonda Brodbeck. If there are additions, changes or suggestions for the website, please let Rhonda know. If you are interested in taking over the website, or helping, please let Rhonda know.

MWG FACEBOOK PAGE

Please like us on Facebook and ask to join our Facebook page. Answer the questions or you won't be allowed in!! 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) 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

Hook and Shuttle, 206 W Main St Palmyra WI 262-594-0281

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

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. Note the deadline for submissions and ads is **the TENTH of the month**.

Check out our website for current equipment listings.

MADISON WEAVERS GUILD

INVITATION TO JOIN 2025-26

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.

The membership year begins in September, dues are due by the end of September or a late fee will be required.

Please fill out this form and bring it and your check (**payable to Madison Weavers Guild**) to a meeting or mail them to: Cindy Dross 3725 Bonnie Ct., Sheboygan, WI 53083

● **MADISON WEAVERS GUILD Membership Form for 2025-26**

NAME:	PHONE:	Membership Category ☐ New \$ 30.00 ☐ Renew (2025-26) \$ 45.00 ☐ Renew after September 30 \$45.00 ☐ Student (w/ ID) \$ 20.00
	CELL:	
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 ☐ bobbin lace ☐ 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?	