



MADISON WEAVERS GUILD

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Monday, APRIL 20, 2026 6:30

ZOOM and In Person (link to be sent in separate email)

OakWood Village

Linda Farrelly and Randa Ferreira

Creative Use of Mixed Materials for Weaving

Randa Ferreira and Linda Farrelly will share their experiences weaving with a range of unexpected materials: from leather to paper and everything in between.

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.

2026 PROGRAMS

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

May 18, 2026 – Towel Exchange

MAY MEETING:

SMALL ITEMS EXCHANGE (FORMERLY TOWEL EXCHANGE)

May is the month for exchanging handwoven items. Since not everyone has an extra towel for such an exchange, we are opening up the meeting to any other small handwoven item similar in value to a towel.

Think small runner, small bag, bread cloth, ?????

Every item will receive a number – and at the meeting the numbers will be drawn from a hat.

This will be a good opportunity to share your creativity with the guild.

Board 2024-25

2025-26 Board

President - Inga Foley

Secretary - Linda Farrelly

Treasurer - Cindy Dross—Financial Statement attached

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

There will be some board spots opening up for next year. Please consider running for the board. It is a lot of fun.

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 Art Fair on the Square

We still have room for a few more people to sell items and help with the booth. We will be meeting in the near future to discuss set-up.

Middleton Library Exhibit

The Weavers Guild has reserved the exhibit space at the Middleton library for the month of March 2026. There is still time to view this year's exhibit.

Workshops

The March 7 Inkle Weaving Workshop was fun. If you have finished your Baltic Band, please bring it for show and tell.

The Fall 2026 Workshop is with Deb Essen, on Profile Drafting, October 6 and 7. She has a new book out and it is very good with some very beautiful projects. An email was sent with information and how to sign up.

EQUIPMENT RENTALS

Just a reminder that we have equipment available for rent, check the members only pages of our website for a list.

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

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**.

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?