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“Throw in the Towel”

The “Throw in the Towel” Event has been long in coming but we plan to offer at least the visuals if not the real way we want to engage with tactile engagement. Gail has been working to gather towel examples and is ready to show off what our members have been doing in the last year plus. We miss our WGK meetings and our time to talk. But the ‘Towel’ program is a way to get together and Ohhh’s and Ahhh’s over what makes us special. Please send your towel entries as soon as possible to give Gail time to make the presentation a close to what we miss about our guild. You can reach Gail Pilgrim at figeac@att.net

**On Zoom September 13, 2021.
You will receive zoom links from
Terri Feldt, our zoom magician**

6:00 PM SOCIAL TIME,

6:30 PM W&A DISCUSSION

**7:00 PM GENERAL MEETING WITH
SPEAKER GAIL ROSS (PILGRIM)**

**SHOW & TELL SLIDE PRESENTATION
OF , "THROW IN THE TOWEL" EX-
CHANGE .**

*Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc.**President Letter*

September 3, 2021

Hello to all,

Once again, we start our year in uncertainty due to the Pandemic and most of our programs will be on Zoom for safety's sake. Something you should know is if anyone has taken a class at the Kalamazoo Institute of Art this year, they may participate in their Holiday Sale, otherwise we will not be selling under the Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo due to lack of organization.

There is still time to sign up for any classes at the KIA to become eligible to sell at their sale.

Mindy Tai is working on 2021 -2022 yearbook and it'll soon arrive in the mail to those who signed up this year's membership. There still is time to sign up. Please check the Shuttle for the membership form or call me at (269) 501-0924. I think you'll find this year's wide array of programs of interest.

We start off on Zoom, Monday September 13th @ 6:00 PM for social time, 6:30 WAFA's meeting commences and after their adjournment, our meeting will begin with an election of unopposed officers We still need a Vice President. Gail Pilgrim will be giving a PowerPoint on towels. Show & Tell of the "Throw In The Towel Exchange" is planned and the towel exchange will be organized by Gail for those who participated.

All the best to you that life beholds,

Susan Rice

WGK President

2020-2021 Officers and Committee Chairs

President – Susan Rice
 Vice President – vacant
 Secretary – Judith Jones
 Treasurer – Terri Feldt
 Education – Karen VanderWeele
 Program/Workshop Coordinator – Susan Rice
 Scholarship Program – Anne Mehring
 Shuttle Editor – Ann Niemi
 Webmaster—Bev Zelewski
 Yearbook Editor – Mindy Tai
 Yearbook Fabric –
 Service Bureau Coordinator – Cal & Karen
 VanderWeele
 Librarian – Kristi Chapman
 Library Storage – Kristi Chapman
 Membership – Terri Feldt
 Mentor Program— available
 Newcomers/Welcoming –
 Photographer – Linda Innes
 Historian/Archivist – Nancy Thornton
 Hospitality Chair – Cyndee Mishler
 Equipment Storage/Rental/ WAFAs service
 equipment— Sue Peltz
 Arts Council Rep – Anne Mehring
 MLH Rep – Nancy Reile
 WAFAs Chair –
 WAFAs Treasurer
 WAFAs Secretary

Stay Tuned !!!!!

Hospitality 2020-2021.

When we reconnect, Cyndee plans to offer individual treats to maintain protection of our members.

Thank you...Cyndee Mishler. Hospitality Chair

Membership Forms are available in this "The Shuttle". Membership dues are \$40.00 for a year which starts of June 1st, 2021. There is also a form available on the website. Or you can print the

Study Groups

For more information, contact the study group leader. Karen VanderWeele.

Four Harness – Nancy Krapf/Judith Jones—meets second Thursday at 9:30 am at members' homes.

Moonbeamers - Helen Lemmer – meets fourth Monday at 7 pm at members' homes.

Multi-Harness—Marta Williams – meets third Wednesday at 9:30 am at members' homes.

Swatch Exchange— Gail Ross For Guild Year 2020-2021 the Swatch Study Group has decided to take a "year off". Don't worry, we are not dead, just taking a holiday. Instead, we are looking at our guild-wide Towel Exchange as an opportunity to create a large and useful "swatch" (as it were) for guild-wide exchange at next May's meeting--a chance to study a new design, fiber, or color with a full-size "prize" at the end.

Continuous Strand Weaving—Lenore Snyder—meets the third Tuesday at the Marshall Public Library, 10:00 - Noon. Contact Lenore Snyder - lenore@lenorej.com for information.

Spinners on Wheels : TBA

SPIN 2 Weave TBA

Membership is required to join a Study Group. . Study Groups offer a richer opportunity to learn and share our fiber interests. Please send in your 2021-2022 membership dues as soon as possible

*If you have study group news , please notify Ann Niemi Editor for publication of your activity in the Shuttle. Niemi@bloomingdalecom.net

Membership News 2020-2021

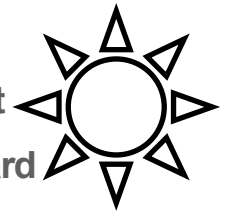
Our guild currently has 63 members who have joined for the 2021-22 year. WE welcome Carol burke as a new member of WGK. She joined after the Beading workshop. Please send in *your* membership form and dues as soon as possible to be listed in our upcoming yearbook. The dues are again \$40.00 for the year.

Our 2021-22 program will include some meetings with the presenters using Zoom. Portage Senior Center has a large monitor, we will be using to broadcast to the membership who are in the meeting room and at home. For WGK **members** who are away from Michigan, we will have these Zoom presentations available to be seen on personal computers as we did in 2020-21. If you have any questions or concerns,

Library News:

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Exciting news: our own Nancy Crampton is published! In the Sept/Oct 2021 issue of Handwoven magazine you'll find her article, "Adapting Card-Weaving Patterns for Four-Shaft Looms." You can see her experience as a teacher as she carefully and thoroughly provides all the instructions you need. There's even a bonus download to weave here adorable bunny band! You can read her article—and the rest of this information-packed magazine. Using our guild website. Bev has included the link in the Members section under Subscriptions. Or you can check out the magazine by emailing me. Drop by my house if that's convenient, ask me to mail it if it's not. And, if that's not impressive enough, Nancy's work is also featured in a new book, "Tapestry Design Basics and Beyond." Nancy has graciously donated a copy of this book to our library for you to explore all the fundamentals of design, from principles like balance and variety to where to get ideas, including exercises. All this and more, available from your guild library. Nineteen books have been added from the estate of Carol Nokes as well. Just go to www.librarything.com/catalog/weaversguildkazoo or click on the link in the Library section of our guild website.



Kristi Chapman, Guild Librarian

WGK General Meeting Minutes**Monday, Mat 10, 2021****Thursday, July 22, 2021 WGK Board Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order @ 11:05 AM via Zoom

Welcome: Susan Rice, Ann Niemi, Shari Glaser, Cyndee Mishler, Nancy Reile, Nancy Crampton and Terri Feldt in attendance. Judith Jones and Karen VanderWeele not present.

Secretary: Non- acceptance of Thursday, May 27, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes because the read minutes weren't clear to some on the Board.

Treasurer: Discussion of the Financial Report with Nancy Reile making a motion of approval and Cyndee Mishler seconding the motion. Approval given.

Wafa: Monday September 13 @ 6:30 PM Nominations for Officers?

Invitation to Jill Strobel and other Wafa Board members

What measures to take if no longer our "for profit" entity

Nancy Crampton, our representative for the KIA Holiday Sale, mentioned the KIA wants to know if the Guild participants for the Holiday Sale will fill a room with weaving items. The decision to participate has to be decided by the end of August. Through discussion with no sale committee and the prevalence of the Delta variant of Covid a motion was made by Nancy Crampton to forgo the KIA Holiday Sale this year and look forward to an invitation to attend the KIA Holiday Sale for 2022. Ann Niemi seconded. Motion carried. Letter sent to the KIA to let them know of our decision.

MLH: Nancy Reile announced that MLH is sponsoring 4 Tea and textiles lectures thru HGA.

Carol Nokes Estate: Drum Carder to be bought with the profits of the sale. Also, Susan Rice will check with Dr. Hook about a memorial plaque to be placed on Carol's warping mill.

Joy Perricone Sale: Reduced loom price? Ann Niemi will follow up.

Portage Senior Center: They are not sure if the Parks department will purchase the old PSC ...they'll let us know if it's possible to have the workshop at one of the facilities. No date is set on the new site being completed. I called to cancel the September and October meetings in person and to only Zoom the General meetings due to the Delta variant and when inquiring about the April and May meetings there without an idea of cost, they mentioned they were not holding our club to any costs at this time.

Terri Feldt made a motion to purchase a 10 dent reed from Kessenich Loom Company since they have a lower price upon discussion of buying one for the Baby Wolf Rental loom. Nancy Crampton seconded. Unanimously voted in.

It was decided a Zoom invitation for our meetings starting in October will only occur for paid members.

Hospitality: Cyndee Mishler will supply refreshments in the form of package food for our meetings until further notice.

Upon discussing workshop finances, it was decided to pull the \$50 per person to attend a workshop policy out until further discussion and update.

A German folding paper Christmas Star to hand out in fond memory of Chris Norden will be handed out at the September meeting.

Kumihimo designed cardboard will be included in the Yearbook for the December Holiday meeting.

Nancy Crampton just secured Karen Donde, "Designing Handwoven You Can Wear". Ellen Zawada, Megan Williams and Natalie Boyett contracts are pending.

Nancy Reile made a motion to adjourn and Ann Niemi seconded. Passed unanimously.

Adjournment @ 1:20 PM

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, August 26, 2021 Board meeting

Saturday, August 28, 2021 deadline for the Shuttle.

Monday September 13, 2021 General Meeting on Zoom

6:30 PM Wafa meeting, "Throw In The Towel Exchange" by Gail Pilgrim with a PowerPoint program and towel exchange (remember to name your towel and submit the form).

Business meeting and Elections to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rice, President and Secretary while Judith Jones is on a well deserved vacation.

WGK Board Meeting Minutes May 26, 2021 Time: 11:00am Format: zoom**Member's Present:**

Susan Rice: President, Terri Feldt: Treasurer, Judith Jones: Secretary, Ann Niemi: Shuttle Editor, Nancy Reile: MLH Representative Karen Vander Weele: Education, Cyndee Mishler: Hospitality.

Quorum: yes. Susan Rice called the meeting to order @ 11:00am.

Old Business:

Secretary: A vote was asked for to approve the April 29, 2021, WGK Board Minutes.

Approved unanimously by reaction.

Treasurer: A discussion of our Financial Report: The following has contributed to deposits in the WGK, Credit Union account:

Carol Nokes' estate has netted a positive income of \$2,000. The money will be deposited into our savings account.

Rental equipment has had an income of \$245.00

The Board discussed the need to purchase a 10 dent, 26" wide reed: the reed would be for use the Baby Wolf rental loom. The cost would be approximately \$102.00. The purchase is being explored.

The Guilds Drum Carder: which is part of our rental program is in poor working condition. Further discussion and exploration of its rental potential will be investigated before a decision is made to replace.

A vote to approve the Treasures report was made: Cyndee Mishler called for approval. Ann Niemi, seconded. Approved unanimously by reaction.

Wafa:

No members of the guild have expressed an interest in serving on the Wafa Committee, Board. Previous conversations have revolved around contacting a non-profit attorney; asking how not having a Wafa arm of the Guild would impact us? As we do not have a Wafa Committee to lead these discussions the contact will be put on hold: with further discussions with membership in September, during our September, monthly meeting.

MLH: MLH's virtual conference is going well. Jenny Shu will be giving a presentation for MLH, focusing on "Online Sales," as part of their virtual conference, lecture/ workshops. Jenny Shu's "Social Media" program, May 28-29th, 2021. For further details refer to MLH's website.

Carol Nokes Estate: The storage unit in Marshall has now been emptied, with great thanks to the Guilds hard working members. The auction has been very successful for the Guild. Ideas are being formulated, as to how the Guild Memorialize Carol Nokes' Estate, with an appropriate "thank you." Many suggestions have been made. One suggestion was to have a plaque made and attached to Carol's warping mill.

Joy Perricone: No update is available as to how Joy's husband's online sales through the Shuttle are going.

New Business: The Portage Senior Center has committed to not increasing our monthly rent next year @ their new facility. The schedule as to live meetings is ongoing with the Senior Center. The WGK monthly program of speakers is almost completed: with many thanks to Susan Rice.

Natalie Boyett will be holding a workshop on Sunday April 10, 2022. If the workshop is to be live a venue will need to be secured. Suggestions were offered and inquires will be made by Ann Niemi.

Thank you letters will be written to members who have made generous monetary donations to the guild, this pass year. The Secretary will write them.

Dates to Remember:

June 18,2021,10:00am –5:00pm via Zoom. Jenny Shu's "St Petersburg Chain Bracelet Workshop."

June 13,2021. Shuttle deadline.

June 30, 2021: Deadline for membership forms, and dues along with program's to be finalized.

September 14, 2021, 6:30pm: WGK General Monthly Meeting.

A Wafa status meeting will replace the time slot of "Show and Tell."

The long planned "Throw in the Towel" presentation by Gail Ross is TBD...weather will determine the location.

Officer's to be elected, to the Board of the WGK, Inc. for fiscal year 2021/22:

President: Susan Rice.

VP: Open

Treasurer: Shari Glaser.

Secretary: Ann Niemi.

Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 12:10pm on May 26, 2021: Motion: Terri Feldt. Seconded: Judith Jones. Approval: unanimous by reaction.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judith Jones,
WGK Secretary, 2020/21.

WGK 2021 - 2022 Yearbook Meeting Schedule - Programs & Workshop**September 13, 2021**

6:00 PM Social time, 6:30 PM Wafa, 7:00 PM General Meeting with Speaker Gail Ross (Pilgrim) Show & Tell slide presentation of , "Throw In The Towel" exchange.

October 11, 2021 on Zoom

6:30 PM Show & Tell, 7:00 PM General Meeting with Speaker, Susan Conover, "An Introduction to Scandinavian Coverlets & Sleigh Blankets".

November 8, 2021 on Zoom

6:30 Show & Tell, 7:00 PM General Meeting with Heavenly Bresser hand spinner creator of heavenlyknitchet.com

December 13, 2021 on Zoom Happy Holidays!

6:30 PM Show & Tell, 7:00 PM Holiday Program: Red & White Kumihimo ribbon with cardboard designed Kumihimo plate, yarn sampler and instruction.

January: Happy New Year! No meeting**February 14, 2022 on Zoom Happy Valentines Day!**

6:30 PM Show & Tell, 7:00 PM General Meeting with Megan Williams from Adventure Textiles, "Cyanotypes on Fabric".

March 14, 2022 on Zoom

6:30 PM Show & Tell, 7:00 PM General Meeting with Ellen Zawada, Shepherdess @ Zephyr Creek Farm, about "Wafa" (Wool & Fiber Arts Group - selling items online) and "Sustainable Agriculture".

April 11, 2022 ? The New Portage Senior Center and on Zoom

6:30 PM Show & Tell, 7:00 PM General Meeting with Natalie Boyett, Owner of "The Chicago Weaving School" presenting "What's Next and Why"

May 9, 2022 ? The New Portage Senior Center and on Zoom

6:30 PM Study Group Show & Tell, 7:00 PM General Meeting with Karen Donde, "Weaving Cloth For Clothes" followed by Elections.

Tentative Basketry Workshop by Natalie Boyett, Sunday April 10, 2022 Location TBD for 12 participants.

From Susan Rice and the Guild Board: Recently, we received our invitation to participate in the 2021 KIA Holiday Sale. Their planning committee requested a decision on our participation by the end of August.

After much deliberation, the Board decided to pause our participation for 2021. We have requested an invitation for the KIA Holiday Sale for 2022. Our decision was based on the fact, we do not have a sale committee to organize the KIA Holiday Sale. For more than a year, the Board has asked for volunteers for a sale committee (Wafa)with no offers to be on the committee. It is the Board's hope that our members will step forward to take on this responsibility. While the Guild only receives a profit from the sale of donated (Service Bureau) items, this event allows us to fulfill our educational goals as well as become better known to the community as the Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo.

So, *****The last piece information we want to share is about the KIA classes and eligibility to participate in the Holiday Sale 2021 as part of the KIA. If you are a current member of the KIA and have taken any of the wonderful classes they are offering, you are eligible to sell in the Holiday Sale. Registration for classes is currently open. Feel free to contact the KIA for more information regarding classes and the sale.

Throw in the Towel Exchange Project Sheet

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Do you have a Name for your Towel? _____

Weave Structure: _____

Number of Shafts Needed: _____

Source for your Pattern: (Original? Traditional? Published?) Be sure to reference books, magazines, fellow weavers _____

Kind of Yarn/Thread Used: (e.g. cotton, cottolin, linen)/ warp /weft _____

Weights of Yarn/Thread Warp _____ Weft _____

Sett or EPI _____

Total Number of Ends _____

Measurements BOTH on and off Loom _____

_____ Shrinkage _____

Weaver's Notes: include any tips, suggestions, or other thoughts you would like to share about weaving your towel; such as finishing techniques.

IMPORTANT!! Take a Photograph of your Finished Towel—that should be sent to Gail Ross along with the draft (see below)

Draft and Treadling: Please include a file showing the draft, tie-up, and treadling used for this towel. This can be a pdf, jpeg, or of your draft-- whether hand-drawn or computer-drawn. You can scan the draft or take a picture of it (even with your phone.

If you are hand-drawing your draft, I can share a 4 or 8 shaft weaving drawdown on graph paper that I use, but there are many available online.

Please send this information to Gail Ross (figeac@att.net)

Weaver's Guild of Kalamzoo PROPOSED BUDGET2021-2022		- Reference - 2020/2021 Budget	- Potential - 2021/2022 Budget
BUDGET ITEMS			
INCOME			
	Donations - WAF/MLH	\$600.	\$1,300.
	Equipment Rental	\$50.	\$50.
	Library	\$60.	\$20.
	Membership Dues	\$3,200.	\$2,600.
	Workshop Income	\$600.	\$600.
	Memorials		
	Miscellaneous	\$55.	\$55.
	Total Income	\$4,565.	\$4,625.
EXPENSES			
ADMINISTRATION			
	Hospitality	\$50.	\$30.
	Insurance	\$535.	\$535.
	Miscellaneous	\$30.	\$30.
	Fees & Member-Supplies	\$210.	\$225.
		\$25.	\$25.
	Total	\$850.	\$845.
PROGRAM			
	Program Expense	\$1,435.	\$1,500.
	Program Rental	\$600.	\$600.
	Workshop Expense	\$600.	\$600.
	Total	\$2,635.	\$2,700.
PUBLICATIONS			
	Library	\$250.	\$200.
	Publicity		
	Rental Equipment		
	Service Bureau Shuttle	\$20.	\$20.
	Study Groups		
	Yearbook	\$400.	\$500.
	Website	\$210.	\$210.
	Total	\$880.	\$930.
AWARDS			
	Fiber Arts Education		
	Exhibits	\$200.	\$150.
	KIA Award		
	MFF Awards		
	MLH Awards		
	Guild Scholarships		
	Total	\$200.	\$150.
	Total Expenses	\$4,565.	\$4,625.
Income - Ex-			
END-OF-MONTH BANK BALANCE			30-Apr-21
	Checkbook		\$5,134.
	Savings		\$3,129.
	Money Market		\$2,015.
	6mo. CD Matures 05/18/21		\$8,060.
TOTAL			\$18,338.

Textiles and Tea

The Handweavers Guild of America, Inc.'s (HGA) exciting new program for 2021, Textiles & Tea, takes place every Tuesday at 4 PM (ET). We've invited some of the most respected fiber artists in the field today to join us for an hour long conversation where we will discuss their artwork and their creative journey. Make a cup of your favorite tea and join us as we talk about fiber, creativity, inspiration, process and so much more.

Connect with Textiles and Tea at www.weavespindye.org. look for Textiles and Tea link. You can also link to past lectures on HGA's website or thru HGA's Facebook page.

The flyer is a half-page advertisement for HGA membership. On the left, a woman models a vibrant, multi-colored patterned jacket. Below her, the text reads: "ENCOURAGE EXCELLENCE", "INSPIRE CREATIVITY", "PRESERVE THE FIBER ARTS", and "WeaveSpinDye.org". On the right, a red banner says "MEMBERSHIP Makes A Difference". Below the banner is a 2x3 grid of images: top-left shows two women weaving; top-middle shows a loom with colorful threads; top-right shows hands dyeing fabric in a tub; bottom-left shows a spinning wheel; bottom-middle shows a woman working at a loom; bottom-right shows a traditional teapot and tea caddies. The HGA logo is in the top right corner of the flyer area.

Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc. 2021-2022 Membership Form

Official Use Only
Date Received _____
Cash or Check # _____

____ NEW ____ RENEWING

Annual Dues \$40.00
- Dues cover 1 year from June 1 to May 31 the following year
- Dues are due by Sept. 30 if you wish to participate in the WAFA Sale

Payable to: Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo
P.O. Box 2795
Kalamazoo, MI 49003-2795

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
Address: _____ Work Telephone: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____
(This is used to send you the current Shuttle, as well as other Guild news and items of fiber interest)

If you are a Member Business Owner, indicate business name, contact information and product: _____

Indicate if you would be willing to volunteer to serve, if needed, in any of the capacities listed below:

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ____ Program Committee | ____ Workshop Setup | ____ Board Position |
| ____ Nominating Committee | ____ Library Committee | ____ Speaker Hospitality |
| ____ Publicity/Community Awareness | ____ WAFA Sale Committee | ____ Miscellaneous volunteering |
| ____ WAFA Sale Setup | ____ WAFA Sale Worker | ____ willing to be called |

____ Present Program/Workshop: _____

____ Demonstrate/Teach: _____

____ Do Commissions: _____

Program Suggestions: _____

I wish to have a mentor in the following areas: _____

I wish to serve as a mentee in: _____

I have the following equipment (make, description):

Looms: _____ Spinning Wheels: _____

Weaving design software: _____ Others: _____

I hereby give ____ do not give ____ The Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc. permission to use photographs of ____ Me or ____ My work in: ____ historical files ____ publicity in printed matter (magazines, newspapers) ____ Guild web site _____ <i>Signature and date</i> <i>Permission can be revoked with a signed and dated note sent to the Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo address provided above.</i>
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For Sale:

Joy Perricone 's weaving estate is up for sale by her husband Dave. We lost her in January while they were visiting in Arizona. He has asked us to advertise her 40' Norwood 4 shaft Loom and her Harrisville Design 22" 8 shaft loom for sale.

Norwood cherry 40" 4 shaft , sectional with pegs, bench, chains, extra inserted eye heddles and shaft hangars. 12 and 8 dent carbon reeds. Asking price \$ 800 OBO. This loom is in excellent shape.

Harrisville Design 22" 8 shaft \$400 OBO Very sweet! Portable and foldable! Good for Workshops for an 8 shaft .

A variety of Yarns rayons, 10/2 cottons, rug wools in small amounts remain.

To contact Dave, call 269-217-3936. All are pick up at the Perricone's home in Otsego. D.Perricone@sbcglobal.net



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Michigan !!!!

