



The Shuttle

Connecting Through Fiber

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Weaver's Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc.
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November 7, 2021 on Zoom

6:30 PM Show & Tell,

**7:00 PM General Meeting
with Speaker,**

Heavenly Bresser

**Hand spinner creator of
heavenlyknitchet.com**

'Show and Tell'

**has been taken over by
Sue and Gary Peltz.**

***Send entries to Sue at
mipeltz@tds.net***

**Shuttle and Show and
Tell deadlines Novem-
ber 1, 2021**

2020-2021 Officers and Committee Chairs

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 equipment— Sue Peltz
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 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 membership on page 11.

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 :

Spinners on Wheels will be meeting at Parkview Hills Clubhouse on November 15 from 10 to 2 pm.

Please contact Karen VanderWeele or Terri Feldt if you are planning to attend. .

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

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

November 2021

Salutations,

May this find you enjoying Fall's spectacular finale.

Thank goodness, Susan Conover's wonderful and fascinating presentation on Scandinavian Coverlets & Sleigh Blankets neared its completion before a thunderstorm came through and knocked out power to those in eastern Van Buren county. Our meeting carried on with the quick thinking of Ann, Terri and Shari! (Susan later conveyed she would appreciate any feedback you could share and to contact her at szc@conoverworkshops.com)

October 8th's forecast is 52 degrees and sunny with a 2% chance of rain. Heavenly Bresser from the Chicago area will be presenting, "Joys of Handspinning" via Zoom. According to Spin Off magazine, she is the owner of Heavenly Knitchet and is an award-winning handspinner and teacher at major fiber events all over the United States. She also does dyeing of fibers and makes jewelry. Terri Feldt was instrumental in securing Heavenly as our speaker. Show & Tell will precede the program @ 6:30 PM with the Business meeting @ 8 PM.

KIA's 30th annual Kirk Newman Art School Holiday Sale 2021 (KNAS) will be November 18-20 for in-person. Virtual Sales dates are November 8 - December 19. We have members who will be selling their art there.

Our December program will be hands-on with a Kumihimo demonstration in making gift ties or such for Christmas. The template in the Yearbook will need to be cut out ahead of time.

Hoping you stay safe during this pandemic along with feeling a sense of thankfulness for all the splendor that surrounds you,

Susan Rice, President

Weaver's Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc.

Weaver's Guild Programs at a Glance

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.

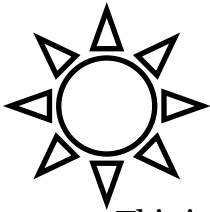
January: Happy New Year!

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.



Library News:

This is the time of year when I gently remind members to return any library materials they are done with. In the olden days, I would just ask you to bring them to the next meeting. Well, Zoom can do a lot of things, but it can't physically put books, magazines, and DVDs into my hands. So I am asking if you live within driving distance of my house in Portage, please please drop them off at my house. Another option is to contact me, and arrange for us to meet halfway, and sneak in a short visit. My email address and house address are in the yearbook. And, good timing, both Handwoven and Spin-Off magazines are available to us digitally! You can find the latest issues in our Members section of the website. And, as always, if you wish to borrow something from our library, just contact me, and stop by my house. I also have budget money to mail you materials if you prefer. Our extensive listing can be found by clicking on <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/WeaversGuildKazoo>

-Kristi Chapman, Guild Librarian

Weaver's Guild of Kalamazoo
General Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2021

Meeting Called to Order at 7pm after social time at 6:30 pm. Where members reviewed recent art show exhibits and Art Prize participation. Suggestions that we change name of Swatches group to 'Swatches on Steroids' Amanda Casanova had a boy (Brian Joseph) last Saturday.

Present: Rita Swartz, Terri Feldt, Cyndee Mishler, Ursula Rykert, Karen and Kal VanderWeele, Susan Rice, Cathy McCarthy, Irene Guilke, Susan Conover (guest/lecturer), Judi Southwell, Kristi Chapman, Judith Jones, Anne May, Gail Pilgrim, Susan Peltz, Rhonda Alrick, Susan Johnson, Carolyn Woodard, Bev Zalewski, Nancy Reile, Shari Glaser, Jan Tucker, Karen Larson, Sue Spieldenner. WGK, Inc.

Susan Rice introduced our speaker Susan Conover to speak about her experience with "Sleigh Blankets and Scandinavian Coverlets". Susan started her weaving experience with 5 years at Vavastuga in Vermont. She had an initial internship and moved to a long term relationship at Vavastuga., She uses Bocken's and Borg yarn for her pieces and used 4 pelts to complete sleigh blankets 40" X 55". She used a long arm quilting machine to quilt the woven fabric. Her first experience with sleigh blankets was at Decorah, Iowa's Vesterheim museum with Bret Solheim. She used Gotland pelts. they were shown archival fabrics from the mid to late 1800's. the woven piece determined the number of pelts needed to complete the Sleigh Blanket. Any weave structure can be used Daldrall, bound Rosepath dukagon, monk's belt or any overshot; mostly 4 shafts in a straight draw and mostly blue. Drawlooms and Oomphata, Smalandsvav are common. These patterns require Pattern shafts in front of the loom, ground shafts in back and length for the additional harnesses. The warp is dense Norwegian Study Group with Robin LaFleur used swords to get a better shed. Susan suggests use of binder clips, pliers, dog brush, lint roller, ball point pens plexiglass board, scissors, T-pins to anchor, waxed linen thread tracing paper. S. the layout must be the same thru the joining process. Areas where the pelt layout reviewed placement of pelt configurations. Linen thread is doubled where the pelt may be short and must be pieced to cover empty spaces. Rubbing out the seams smoothes the pelt surface. Pelts need a staple length of at least 2.5" in length and is not noticeable once finished. Susan recommends following the Golden proportion in planning a design. She cleans blankets with a dog brush. Susan Rice thanked her for her presentation.

Show and Tell has been taken over by Sue Peltz and her husband. Many positive comments were made.

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for her pieces and used 4 pelts to complete sleigh blankets 40" X 55". She used a long arm quilting machine to quilt the woven fabric. Her first experience with sleigh Business Meeting: started at 7:54pm

Minutes from September General meeting accepted with a motion from Cathy McCarthy and seconded by Terri Feldt and unanimously approved by those present.

Treasurer's Report – Shari Glaser presented changes in the report suggested by the recent audit.

Minutes From Cathy McCarthy: Due to a storm in the area, and Ann Niemi losing power to her internet, I took over at the voting to accept the treasurer report...

The motion had already been made. The motion passed unanimously.

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Membership: There are 64 current members. If you are aware of any weavers and fiber people out there that are not currently members, please invite them to join the guild.

Wafa: Will very likely be dissolved soon. Wafa has not filed paperwork required of an organization so the State of Michigan will dissolve Wafa. Currently three members are listed as the people in charge of Wafa. Jill Strobel will be asked to go to PNC and close out the account, as per the last clause in the Bylaws. Just slightly over \$1,500 is at the bank, and that money will revert over to the WGK, Inc. Cathy McCarthy asked about the props Wafa owns. Kristi Chapman is currently housing those props. It was decided they will be offered to guild members and put up for sale once Covid settles down. Money from these sale items will also go to WGK, Inc.

MLH: In person workshops will be happening June 9 to 12, 2022. MLH is also looking into offering workshops beginning in January and going through August. Additionally, MLH is exploring offering a lecture series, one per month via Zoom. Membership in MLH ends in August, so if you were a MLH member and have not yet renewed your dues, please do so at your earliest convenience.

WGK, Inc. Yearbooks: Are currently in the Mail system and several members commented they have received them recently. Nice job and thank you to all involved in this Yearbook's production.

Plaques: Susan Rice reported the name plaques ordered for the drum carder and additional reeds Dr. Hook's from Carol Nokes donations are here and Susan said she will be attaching them to the items shortly.

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Education: Kal and Karen VanderWeele visited the Shalom House Open House over the weekend. They reported they saw the Sheep, Llama, and Alpaca processing plant. There are also three looms on the second floor of the processing plant. Shalom would love to have our members come in for a tour, or to volunteer for their fiber program.

Librarian: Kristi offered members to come and see the library. She notes we have over 800 titles. She said if you have any questions regarding our extensive collection, you can check it out through the Website under education.

Greater Arts Council: No Report at this time

KIA Holiday Sale. Sign up is in progress for the KIA Holiday Sale. The in-person sale at the KIA is November 18, and the virtual KIA Holiday Sale is November 8 through December 19th. (You may want to check the virtual sale dates). Those who have taken classes at the KIA this past year are eligible to sell in this sale.

New Business: Sign up for the April Basket Workshop has begun. There is a maximum of 10 people, so if you are interested on taking this class it would be good to sign up now.

Motion to Adjourn: Ann Niemi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Reile seconded the motion.

Dates to Remember:

Monday October 18, 2021 WGK, Inc. Board meeting on Zoom.

Monday November 1, 2021, deadline for Shuttle to Ann Niemi

Monday November 1, 2021, deadline for Show & Tell to Steve Peltz

Monday November 8, 2021, Heavenly Bresser Speaker for General Meeting on Zoom.

June 9-12, 2021, MLH in Holland @ Hope College

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Niemi WGK Secretary

Cathy McCarthy WGK Member

WGK, Inc. Board Meeting October 18, 2021 Call to Order 11:05am

Present: Susan Rice, Shari Glaser, Nancy Reile, Karen VanderWeele, Ann Niemi

Secretary: Further Discussion and Approval of the Friday September 24, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes Corrections recommended and Motion to approve by Nancy Reile, seconded by Karen. Approval by vote.

Treasurer: Discussion and Approval of the financial report. Since month end report is not completed by date Shuttle is sent out, it will not be in next Shuttle.

Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo dues, letter sent to Karen will be forwarded to Shari.

Basketry Workshop 1 registrant so far.

Bills paid for Shuttle Speaker Susan Conover, Dr. Hooks, auditor. Wafa no word from the state so no changes in status.

MLH: Nancy Reile October 26, 2021, Dawn Edwards on HGA sponsored by MLH @ 4 PM, MLH Workshops June 9-12, 2022, MLH, Hope College, Holland, MI

Education: Membership brochures sent to the KIA Weaving Department. More to follow elsewhere. Bowen's Mill provided by Cal and Karen VanderWeele.

Librarian: No Report

KIA 30th Annual Kirk Newman Art School (KNAS) Holiday Sale 2021 sign up in progress. In-person sale: Nov. 18, 5-8 PM Member Only Shopping Day Nov. 19, 12-8 PM & Nov 20, 9-4 PM

Virtual Sale Dates: Monday, Nov. 8 through Friday, Dec. 19

Exemption Committee: if WGK, Inc. returns to KIA sale the role of the Exemption Committee will be reinstated to represent WGK, Inc. guidelines.

New Business: Susan would like to see a mentor program for younger weavers. This may include sponsoring membership at KIA. Discussion deferred.

Susan Conover would like some feedback on her presentation.

Suggestion made that service bureau sales items may be either returned to maker or donated to other charitable organizations such as Western Theatre Guild. WGK, Inc. has jurisdiction over the service bureau. Motion made by Nancy: "WGK, Inc. Service Bureau items unsold for 5 years will be returned to Maker. Seconded by Karen and passed unopposed.

Dates To Remember:

Monday November 1, 2021 Deadline for the Shuttle to Ann Niemi

Monday November 1, 2021 Deadline for Show & Tell to Sue and Steve Peltz

Monday November 8, 2021 Heavenly Bresser is our Speaker for the General Meeting via Zoom

Next Board Meeting November 18 Thursday 1:30pm

Adjournment: 12:02pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Niemi WGK, Inc. Secretary



“Triangle Basket”

Natalie Boyett

Founder of the Weaving School of Chicago

Sunday April 10, 2022

1-5 pm

Enrollment limited to 10 students

\$75 for WGK, Inc. members

\$115 for non-members

All materials except handles included in workshop fee.

Join us for this workshop and try your hand at three-dimensional weaving. We will use rattan reed and different techniques to make different basketry forms.

This workshop is perfect for absolute beginners as well as experienced basket makers. Each basket is designed to be completed during the session.

Name _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Address _____ (new members only)

Members only to November 2021, registration open to public in November 2021.

Make Checks payable to WGK, Inc.

Cut off the bottom of this announcement and send to

Attention: Shari Glaser, Treasurer

Weaver’s Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc.

P.O. Box 2795,

Kalamazoo, MI 49003-2795.

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

___ NEW ___ RENEWING

Official Use Only

Date Received _____

Cash or Check # _____

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 WAFSA 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:

___ Program Committee ___ Workshop Setup ___ Board Position
___ Nominating Committee ___ Library Committee ___ Speaker Hospitality
___ Publicity/Community Awareness ___ WAFSA Sale Committee ___ Miscellaneous volunteering
___ WAFSA Sale Setup ___ WAFSA 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

Signature and date

Permission can be revoked with a signed and dated note sent to the Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo address provided above.



For SaLE: Jodi Arispe is asking \$500.00 on the Elisabeth wheel. She states it has less than 8 hours use on the wheel. She bought it brand new. She doesn't know the looms brand but is asking \$1000.00 or best offer. Her phone is 269-993-0890, she lives in Allegan, Michigan.



HGA
MEMBERSHIP
Makes A Difference





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.

November 9, 2021: Deann Rubin

generously sponsored by Greener Shades

[Register](#)



Deann Rubin holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Design from The University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas. Later, she received two-year certificates in computer graphics and illustration from Collin County Community College in Plano, Texas. Known as a fiber artist, Deann has exhibited her handwoven tapestries nationally and internationally, including Russia, Australia, and Canada. Deann was the editor of the *ITNET Journal*, an international tapestry organization and past president of both Tapestry Weavers West, a San Francisco Bay area tapestry artists association, and Missouri Fiber Artists, a statewide fiber organization.

Textiles & Tea

November 16, 2021: Alanna Wilcox

generously sponsored by [Greener Shades](#)

[Register](#)



[Alanna Wilcox](#) is an art teacher by day and a fiber artist by night. She loves sharing her passion with others and is constantly making things, especially projects that have to do with color and fiber to express her creativity. She earned the OHS Spinning Certificate with distinction in 2015 and the Master Spinner Certificate in 2017. She is the author of the spinning book *A New Spin on Color* and developed dye formulas to match digital images and colors. She is currently working on a book explaining her dye methodology which will be released later this year. Working with fiber is something that she lives and breathes, sometimes literally.

November 30, 2021: Char Norman

generously sponsored by [Weavers Guild of St. Louis in Memory of Laura Blumenfeld](#)

[Register](#)



[Char Norman](#) is an accomplished fiber artist specializing in papermaking and fiber sculpture. She received a Master of Fine Art from Claremont Graduate University and a Bachelor of Art from Scripps College. She has lectured and exhibited extensively both nationally and internationally. She has developed and conducted workshops for all levels and has worked as a consultant to area schools and community arts organizations, and served as a trustee for Greater Columbus Arts Council. Char held the positions of Associate Provost and Dean of Faculty at Columbus College of Art & Design and has now returned to the studio as a full-time professional artist.