



The Shuttle

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Weaver's Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc.
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**WGK, Inc. Meeting
February 10, 2020**

Portage Senior Service Center 7 PM

Join us for dinner with Rita at Fieldstone Grill, 3970 W Centre Avenue, Portage MI. 49024 @ 5 pm.. Please call (269) 501-0924 to reserve seating & join us prior to the evening of the WGK presentation.

***March Shuttle Deadline**

February 28, 2020

**April Shuttle info due April
1, 2020**

**May Shuttle info due May 1,
2020**

***Remember Show 'N Tell!**

*Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc.
President Letter*

February 2, 2020

Dear Members,

Welcome to the first Shuttle newsletter of the year 2020. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and that you have fared well so far. Our plans for the Sale and for developing educational opportunities are the most exciting news.

KIA has invited us back for next year and the Wafa crew led by Nancy Crampton has developed ways to deal with unfortunate experiences after the sale. There is a solid plan on how to have runners take items to a hold table awaiting purchase. We also have a plan for managing beverages during the sale. KIA staff were very pleased with the quality of items from our spinners and weavers.

KIA has asked to co-sponsor a workshop/lecture weekend in 2021. We have asked that study groups send in names of instructors who have national recognition but have not presented in Michigan in the last few years. KIA will advertise and provide for the accommodations for that person when in Michigan.

Discussion for other sale opportunities will be addressed as the year moves forward. Possibilities would be another sale or other methods to raise funds for our programs. The board will look at suggestions and investigate what is required for each option. This will require input from members as we develop the plan. We need more input from study group leaders send the suggestions to the board Email me at Niemi@bloomingdalecom.net or board members if you are not in a study group so we can present your ideas to the board. We will keep you updated at general meetings and thru the board meeting minutes.

The MLH/WGK, Inc. samples are being woven. Thank you, Nancy Reile for your efforts to get this off the ground. We have volunteers who have offered their looms and time. We look forward to more details in 2020.

Rita Petty has agreed to join us at the February meeting. We look forward to her visit and I believe the weather will hold ... fingers crossed. Join us for dinner at Fieldstone Grill if you can.

See you February 10, 2020

*Ann Niemi,
WGK, Inc. President*

February 2020 WGK General Meeting Speaker: Rita Petteys

Monday, February 10, 2020 "Dyeing Journal: Beginning, Keep Goring, Tips & Tricks" by

"The beginning of Yarn Hollow, a fiber arts business, was a kitchen sink epiphany that blossomed into a company known for producing a wide range of materials and colors. Along the path, there have been many more epiphanies and experiences which have helped hone the craft. We'll look at some tips & tricks that have helped maintain a commitment to consistent quality and color." Rita Petteys

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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 – a virtual study group.

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 : will be meeting on February 7th at Terri Feldt's home. We will start to spin at 10:00am and finish at 2:00pm. Please bring your lunch. Contact Terri if you will be attending. See you there.

Spin to Weave: are making purses from hand spun yarns.

Hospitality 2018-2019

Hospitality 2019-20 Membership Schedule

This year we are going to flip the alphabet. Check the list below to see your assigned month for each letter. Bring a small snack on your month. If you are unable to attend that meeting, you can bring a snack to the May meeting.

September T-Z

October R-S

November M-P

December The Guild Board

***February J-L**

March E-I

April A-D

May Anyone who has not already brought snack.

Thank you...Cyndee Mishler. Hospitality

Weaver's Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc.

2019-2020 Programs & Workshop Schedule

February 10, 2020 Rita Pettey: Owner of Yarn Hollow and an independent dyer from the Grand Rapids area.

March 9, 2020 Emily Wohlscheid: "Spinning Through Time".

April 13, 2020 Jenny Schu: "More In-depth On Weaving & Beading".

May 2, 2020 Jenny Schu: "St. Petersburg Chain Bracelet" workshop, 10 am thru 4 pm Parchment Community Library. \$75 plus materials fees. Limited to 10 people. Bring your own lunch.

May 11, 2020 Annual Meeting, Elections & Study Group Presentations.

Michigan League of Handweavers, Inc.

Michigan League of Handweavers Summer Workshops

June 5-7, 2020 Hope College, Holland, MI

Registration opens January 6, 2020 through April 15, 2020 Visit mlhguild.org for more information

Beginning Tapestry Weaving - Nancy Crampton

Drafting, Key to Design - Dianne Totten

Krokbragd - Wynne Mattila

Exercises in Color Blending and Texture - Jan Friedman

Four Color Doubleweave - Su Butler

Color and Design in Huck Lace Towels - Rosalie Nielson

Creating Drape in Handwoven Fabric - Theresa Ruch

Weaving for the Absolute Beginner (and Returning Weavers) - Joan Sheridan

Registration starts January 6, 2019

Library News

We have many books on related fiber topics that don't exactly fit the weaving and spinning category, but just may tickle your creative imagination to explore another dimension. Publications and books such as Ornament, Bead & Button and Knitters journals. See you at the meeting!

-Kristi Chapman, Guild Librarian

Look for the link for the listing of book and publications.... In the Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc. web site

For Sale:



Price: \$1200.

8H Baby Wolf with metal sectional back beam

Stroller (wheels)

8-dent reed

A raddle and "magic warpers" that hold the raddle and leash sticks for warping.

Extra brake parts and tie-up cords

Large-eye heddles

Both owners have stored the loom in climate-controlled environments.

Contact Laura at 804-366-3573. She lives on the west side of Kalamazoo

Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc. 2019



Weaver's Guild of Kalamazoo

Christmas meeting December 2019.

What a wonderful group of people !

Wish you a wonderful New Year!!

(Above)

From the Archive Did you know...? (Left)

"Cyndee (Mishler) had set her dining room table with rep weave placemats, which were woven by Moonbeamers in 1992. The placemats were featured in Handwoven magazine Sept/ Oct 1993. Lestra Hazel wrote the article; named, "Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo sets a Holiday Table".

Artists are Janice Bowen, Cory Brigham, Patti Chipman, Karen friend, Lestra hazel, Esther James, Karen Leach, Cathy McCarthy, Jamie Michael, Esther Riegel, Debbie Renard, Joanne Smith, Sandy Tallenge.

Christmas has always been a big deal with WGK members.



Local Fiber education opportunities:

Submissions for this page are welcome. Email Ann at Niemi@bloomingdalecom.net to have events of interest added to our list.....

Kalamazoo Institute of Art : Fiber Classes:

Beginning Tapestry Weaving with Nancy Crampton. February 4, 11, 18. \$105/Members.\$85

Beginning Rug Hooking Martha with Rosenfeld January 9 to March 26. Thursday's \$260/Members\$240

Natural Dyeing for Projects with Lori Evesque Saturdays March 14 - 28. \$160/Member \$140/50

Spinning: Wool Study with Rita Petteys Saturday/ Sunday February 22 &23 1-5 pm \$105/ Members \$85

Arashi Shibori Dyeing Rita Petteys Saturday/ Sunday March 21 & 22. \$110/ Members \$90

Carnegie Center for the Arts at Monroe Museum

Proudly presents the 2-020 regional Juried Arts Exhibit

January 19—February 19, 2020

Complex Weavers registration begins February 2, 2020.

You must be a member to sign up for classes to be held July.

Handweavers Guild of America

Convergence 2020 Knoxville Tennessee.

WWW.spinweavedye.org

Announcing the 2020 West Michigan Area Show:

Kalamazoo Institute of Art has announced juror and dates for it's *West Michigan Area Show* for regional artists. Organized by Katherine Ransbottom, the exhibition will be on view April 10—July 12, 2020, with awards reception on Thursday April 9, 2020.

This includes artists from Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Cass, Eaton, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Ottawa, St. Joseph and Van Buren Counties to enter by 11:59pm on Sunday February 9, 2020. Artists can submit up to 3 works Online (entry fee is \$20 per artwork and \$15 for each additional, up to 3)

The 2020 juror is Chicago based artist William O'Brien Assistant Professor of Art in the Department of Ceramics at the Art Institute of Chicago. He is inspired by Modernism and the history of material usage of Outsider Art, O'Brien's multidisciplinary practice is a search for identity and genuine expression through material and process. O'Brien will present at Art break talk on April 7, 2020.