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***Remember Show 'N Tell!**

Notes from Terri Feldt

“My technical assistant (my husband) will be presenting another video of Guild members work. I will attach the video with the Zoom meeting invitation for our October 12th meeting. I have received a set of lovely photos for a project.” Please send your photos to Terri Feldt by October 8th.

WGK, Inc. Meeting

See you October 12 7 PM On Zoom. Invitations will be sent monthly to all of our 2019-20 members and a few guests for the remainder of this year's general meetings. Watch your email for the link...We can't wait to see you!!!!

November Shuttle info due

November 1, 2020

Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc.

President Letter

Southwest Michigan is in Phase 4 of the Safe Start Plan therefore, the Portage Senior Center remains closed. Our October meeting will be online thru the Zoom app and Terri Feldt will send the access info via email.

The Vice President position remains open with hopes someone will volunteer. Until then, I will introduce the monthly programs. Monday, October 12th is Show & Tell while everyone is signing on before the speaker starts and @ 7pm Natalie Boyett will discuss the varying terms associated with lace weaves that can become confusing and intimidating. She'll lay it all out in a clear and practical manner so you can confidently explore the lace maze. Natalie is a young and dynamic speaker who is likely able to answer most fiber art questions. In other words, a young Getchen.

This year, the Kalamazoo Institute of Art Holiday Sale will be conducted both in person and online.

Enclosed are the 2020 Holiday Sale Information Guidelines. We will need at least one, if not two people to volunteer on the Exemption Committee with Nancy Reile, who has prior experience. Please contact me if interested. Should one want to participate in the Virtual sale, photos need to be submitted by October 16th along with a form. As of yet, they are not sure if the Virtual Sale items will be mailed out or set aside to be picked up.

October 16th is also, the last day to sign up for the KIA sale. If you do sign up, please know you will need to volunteer your time at the sale. Nancy Crampton will be sharing further information as it becomes available. We are not sure if we can submit Service Bureau items and if so, will the Guild be able to obtain full profits?

Michigan Fiber Festival Annual Meeting is Tuesday, October 20 @ 6 pm on Zoom. All members are invited to attend and vote for open Board positions. If not a member, there is time to join one of the 3 levels of membership starting at \$15.

Michigan League of Handweavers conference title @ Hope College June 2 thru June 6, 2021 is, "Moving on to New Horizons" and the color theme is the rainbow, as a symbol of hope & renewal. New members are welcome.

Fortunately, we have one of the oldest crafts that remains steadfast in creating essential & non-essential woven items allowing social distancing, online ordering and Zooming while continuing to energize our minds and bodies as we go forth in an ever challenging world. As Maya Angelou wrote, "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better".

All the best Susan Rice

Weaver's Guild of Kalamazoo Program

"Lace Weaves" by Natalie Boyett:

The varying terms associated with lace weaves can be confusing and intimidating. In many cases, multiple terms are used to describe the same thing. In a few instances, the same name describes different things. Natalie will lay it all out in a clear and practical manner so you can confidently explore the lace maze.

Natalie Boyett founded The Chicago Weaving School in 2004. Weavers of all levels of experience have found a weekly home to learn, share and create. Deep-weaving: Drafting Immersion is a 12 week online drafting and weave structure theory course Natalie created for weavers who want to dive in to the joys of interpreting, augmenting and designing weave drafts.

2020-2021 Officers and Committee Chairs

President – Susan Rice
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 Education – Karen VanderWeele
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 WAFA Treasurer – Jill Strobel
 WAFA Secretary – Cory Zann
 Exemption Committee – Anne Mehring, Le-

Hospitality 2020-2021.

We will follow this pattern next year 2020-2021 meetings of WGK, Inc.. Check the list below to see your assigned month for each letter. Bring a small snack on your month.

We do hope we can meet!

February J-L

March E-I

April A-D

May Anyone who has not already brought snack.

Thank you...Cyndee Mishler. Hospitality Chair

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 : Our next Zoom meeting was on November 6th at 11:00am. We are meeting on Zoom from our homes. This study group is sharing experiences of spinning using different techniques and fibers. All Guild members are welcome to join us for any of our meetings. Please contact Karen Vander Weele or Terri Feldt for more information.

SPIN 2 Spin2Weave Our first Zoom meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 30th at 1:00pm on Zoom. Our focus is weaving with hand spun yarns. We will be planning this year's project and future meetings for the group. Please contact Terri Feldt if you would like to receive a Zoom invitation

Towel Time

Happy August everyone and welcome to meteorological summer! As many of us are looking forward to a gentle re-entry into the new normal world, be sure to stay safe as you do so. Among other things, keep washing those hands...and all that washing requires...TOWELS!

Like so many of your fellow weavers who have already begun weaving towels, why not take advantage of your home time to weave up one or more towels for the first ever WGK Towel Exchange in September. I've already received a virtual entry from our member Nancy Frost who had the following to share when asked what prompted her to jump on board this project right from the start:

"I was sheltering in place in Kansas with a loom and collection of 8/2 cotton. Towels are my favorite thing to weave, so I didn't need much encouragement. I warped my loom for a series of towels exploring different color combinations. My favorite will go to the exchange event, and I plan to donate the others to the fall Wafa sale to raise money for our guild."

Good news! There is still plenty of time to plan and weave a towel to trade, or even an extra for the Wafa sale if you wish to join Nancy come November, not to mention to be part of a book for the guild. You can send two online photos (full view and detail) and drafting details to Gail Ross (figeac@att.net) as late as September 1, 2020 to be included in the exchange and book.

For ease of reference, I will resend the guidelines and form that appeared in the Shuttle. I'm so excited about this project and look forward to seeing you all in September!

Gail Ross

figeac@att.net

From our members:



Anni Albers design based on her contribution and experience with The Bauhaus Design Movement...with my own slight adaptation. Woven on my Ashford table loom with a supplemental warp beam. Merino silk.

-Judith Jones

WGK Program list 2020-2021

OCTOBER 12, 2020 on Zoom

7:00 pm "Lace Weaves" by Natalie Boyett from The Chicago Weaving School.

8:00 PM Show & Tell

8:15 PM Business Meeting

NOVEMBER 9, 2020 on Zoom

7:00 pm "Twill Possibilities" by Martha Town, member of the MLH.

8:00 PM Show & Tell

8:15 PM Business Meeting

DECEMBER 14, 2020 on Zoom or Live at Portage Senior Service Center

Weaver's sale" Please bring in items you would like to sell and also, to buy for the holidays. Afterwards, sharing of holiday cookies

8:00 PM Show & Tell

8:15 PM Business Meeting

JANUARY 2021 Happy New Year to you & yours! No WGK meeting

FEBRUARY 8, 2021 Live or Zoom

7:00 pm "Eco-Printing" by Dawn Edwards, a renown felt artist who will discuss the process of dyeing plant designs on woven fabric.

8:00 PM Show & Tell

8:15 PM Business Meeting

MARCH 8, 2021 Live or Zoom

"Krokbragd Weaving" by our very own Gail Pilgrim (Ross):

8:00 PM Show & Tell

8:15 PM Business Meeting

APRIL 12, 2021 Live or Zoom

7 pm "Integrating Beadweaving and Handwoven" by Jenny Schu who will give a more in depth conversation on why and how she works beadwork into all aspects of her fiber work.

8:00 PM Show & Tell

8:15 PM Business Meeting

MAY 10, 2021

7:00 pm Annual Business Meeting & Elections.

8:00 pm "Study Group Presentations"

Library News

As much as I enjoy getting all the nice magazines that our guild subscribes to, I feel the need to share them with you all. They are small and lightweight, and fit easily into an envelope. I will gladly mail you one; we have the budget. We have fresh new copies of Handwoven –both September and November issues. Spin-Off –Summer and Fall issues, TWIST tablet weaving, and Complex Weavers. I can scan the table of contents if you'd like more info. Anyway, just drop me an email, or phone, and we'll go from there. And of course, you know we have all the back issues plus our books and DVDs available for you. Just go to our catalog. Either click on this link or go to the website under education menu.

**www.librarything.com/catalog/WeaversGuildKazoo-Love you, miss you,
Kristi Chapman, Guild Librarian**

Michigan League of Handweavers

from Nancy Reile:

The MLH Member Virtual Exhibit entries have been collected and will be posted to the mlhguild.org website. Be sure to check it out in October. Several WGK members will have items displayed in the exhibit.

**[https://mlhguild.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?
u=0bc78ed8ce2706f9cf7708540&id=cd7842a66c&e=992a14b792](https://mlhguild.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0bc78ed8ce2706f9cf7708540&id=cd7842a66c&e=992a14b792)**

WGK, Inc. Friends' News:

We have lost another valued member of WGK, Inc. Joanne Casey Smith was active with the guild as a 30 year member (joined in 1980) and participant in Moonbeamers and as WGK, Inc. Archivist for many years. She has been ill for almost 9 years and her presence has been missed. She as an art teacher in the Kalamazoo Schools.

Weaver's Guild of Kalamazoo General Meeting**September 14, 2020, 7:00pm****Format: virtual meeting via Zoom.****Ann Niemi, President called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. September 14, 2020.****Members present: 27. Quorum: yes****Agenda:****Minutes from March general meeting and Board minutes from August accepted.****Motion to accept: Marta Williams Seconded: Cathy McCarthy. Reaction via Zoom: Majority****Senior Center:****The Senior Center continues to comply with MI/CDC guidelines. Stage 5 needs to be reached before full reopening; which is not expected before January 2021.****Election WGK Officer's for 2020/21.****President, Susan Rice****Vice President/ Workshop Coordinator open.****Treasurer, Terri Feldt****Secretary, Judith Jones****Motion to accept: Nancy Thornton. Seconded; Ann Niemi Reaction via Zoom: Majority.****Susan Rice 2020/21 president led the remainder of the meeting.****Membership: Terri Feldt, Treasurer, reported that the Guild has 51 paid-up members. 26 memberships are outstanding from last year.****Terri was going to contact those outstanding members giving them an opportunity to pay dues and be included in the Year Book. The original deadline was September 28th 2020.****Terri will be including both current and past members in her emails this year regarding the Treasure Reports and Zoom invitations.****Treasurers Report:****Terri Feldt, reported our budget continues to look healthy. We have enough money to satisfy the State of MI nonprofit requirements for the next year. Terri encourages members who have not currently paid their dues to do so in order that we can plan for beyond 2020/21.****Terri reported that our short term CD has been renewed for 6 months. The interest rates are so low that Terri did not want to be locked in to a longer period in case rates do change for the better.****Motion to accept the Treasures Report and Budget; Karen VanderWeele Seconded: Ann Niemi Reaction via Zoom: Majority.****Wafa and KIA Sale: Ann Niemi updated the status of the KIA sale. Ann has spoken with Nancy Crampton, Wafa Chair. A blast email was sent out to KIA participants in last year's sale with an outline of this year's proposal. The sale guidelines are still under discussion. We should know more soon. The majority was grateful the KIA intends to support a sale this year.**

Weavers Guild General meeting September 14, 2020 (continued)

Study Groups:

Contact group leaders for any changes as listed in the Year Book. The majority of Study Groups are meeting via Zoom. Group leaders have not changed from last year.

Towel Exchange:

Gail Ross is leading the towel exchange. The “ Fashion Show” of towels has been moved to May 2020. Gail encourages all members to participate. Bring a towel take a towel together with a copulation of pattern sheets. A discussion ensued regarding copyrights and the logistics of compiling a book to sell by the Guild. Copyrights will be on an individual basis. It was not deemed feasible to publish a book that could be sold by the Guild.

Gail drafted a pattern sheet to be completed for each towel. Ann will post a blank copy in every Shuttle for members to print off as well as posting on our website under forms.

Complex Weavers:

Congratulations to Cathy McCarthy on being voted President of Complex Weavers.

Cathy reported that both Complex Weavers and HGA are planning on holding their annual conferences in Knoxville TN, 2021.

Yearbook

Mindy Tai, Yearbook Editor is hoping to have this year’s Yearbook completed and ready for distribution early next month. Reinforcing the need for all prospective members to pay their dues by the end of the month. Once Mindy has the final member count and information it takes about 2 weeks to have the yearbook printed and ready for distribution.

A motion was proposed to mail all Yearbooks to members. A motion was proposed to mail all Yearbooks to members. Motion to accept: Lenore Snyder. Seconded: Cathy McCarthy. Reaction via Zoom: Majority.

MLH and Yearbook Swatches:

Marta Williams has submitted to the Shuttle Spindle and Dyepot Magazine under Guild Spotlight a sample of our Swatch for yearbook 2020/21 under the title of “A Celebration of Esther James.” Marta is waiting to hear from the Editorial Board.

Nancy Reile, MLH Representative shared a screen from MLH with information regarding the Virtual Exhibition. The deadline is September 15, 2020. Information on MLH’s website: images to be sent to : mlhvirtualexhibit@gmail.com

Thank you to Ann Niemi for weaving the MLH and our Guilds swatches for this year.

October 2020 General Meeting Speaker: Susan Rice profiled Natalie Boyett. We all look forward to hearing and seeing her presentation via Zoom Natalie is well versed in using Zoom.

Dates to Remember: Board Meeting via Zoom, September 23rd, 11:00am

Shuttle Information due for the October Shuttle, September 30,2020.

General Meeting with guest speaker, October 12,2020.

Meeting Adjourned, September 15,2020 at 8:10pm.

Motion to adjourn: Cathy McCarthy.

Seconded: Terri Feldt.

Reaction via Zoom: majority.

Respectively Submitted,

Judith Jones, Secretary, WGK 2020/21

2020 Holiday Sale Information

This year the holiday sale will be conducted both in person and online. You can choose to participate in either online or in-person, or both. For the online sale you will send in images of three (3) pieces to be displayed on the KIA website. If sold, you will be contacted and have (3) days to bring the work to the KIA to be picked up by the buyer. The in-person sale will look a lot different this year. It will be scaled and less work will be displayed. Some departments will set limits for the number of pieces you can bring in. **You will not be able to stay by your work during the sale.** If you wish to attend the sale you must get a timed-ticket available on the KIA website. Artwork will be dropped off and set up by curators, not the artist, for the sale. Limited capacity, social distancing, and all safety procedures will be enforced.

Return the 'holiday sale signup' sheet filled out to holidaysale@kiarts.org and sign up for at least one job by October 16th to participate.

Important dates:

*Sale hours have been expanded to accommodate smaller crowds being in the building at once.

In-Person Sale:

Thursday Nov 19th (**Members only**): 11am-8pm

Friday Nov 20th: 11am-8pm

Saturday Nov 21st: 9am-4pm

Virtual Sale Dates:

Monday November 9th through Monday December 21st

Image due date: Oct 16th

Last day of signup: Oct 16th

Label Pickup: Oct 26th - Oct 30th

Artwork Drop off: Tuesday Nov 17th (a signup for drop off will be sent out.)

Artwork pickup: Monday Nov 23rd and Tuesday Nov 24th

Take down: November 30th

Next steps:

Fill out the signup sheet at return it to holidaysale@kiarts.org Click the link and sign up for a job for the time/date to work.

If you have experience difficulty signing up, email holidaysale@kiarts.org

Pick up your labels and put them on all your work. You will get more information on label pickup.

Use only even dollar amounts on labels.

Drop your artwork off at the KIA on Tuesday the 17th. More information will be sent out about drop off.

Be sure to list your mailing address on our signup, since all checks will be mailed this year.

In-person sale:

Customers will get a timed ticket to monitor capacity levels. Once they arrive their ticket will be scanned for entry. They will be reminded of social distancing and directed towards the school. A volunteer will be stationed outside each studio, counting how many people are inside. They will remind everyone to use hand sanitizer when entering each room. Volunteers will give shoppers a heads up when their time is almost over.

Artists will choose their best work, keeping in mind the sale will be scaled down.

Artists will pick up their labels (labels will only be made if you return your signup sheet).

You will drop off your artwork on Tuesday November 17th. (More information to come).

All work will be quarantined overnight before being set up by curators.

You will not be setting up your own work and you will not be standing by your work.

**** If you test positive for COVID or have come into contact with a COVID positive person you may not attend the sale in person. If so, you will need to have someone cover your shift. ****

Online sale:

Choose three (3) of your pieces to be put online.

Photograph your 3-D work with either a white or black background only or fill the image frame if the work is 2-D

Image size must be 650 x650 pixels or less and your file size must be 8MB or less.

Inventory your three pieces by labeling them with your last name and the numbers 1-3

Send your three images labeled with your name, inventory number, size, medium, and price.

Keep your piece at home, once your piece is sold you will be contacted. You will have three (3) days to bring your piece to the KIA to complete the transaction. If you do not bring your work to the KIA in (3) days, your sale will be void.

If you have multiples of one piece, such as a set of mugs, please include quantity in your inventory. These pieces have to be reasonably similar in size, color, and form.

Please note, work sold online can be shipped but it is the artist's responsibility to ship. You are not required to provide shipping. Please let us know at the sign up if you aren't willing to ship.

Other:

Some new things being implemented in this sale are personal shoppers. Before the sale begins each morning, we are offering personal shoppers to shop via zoom and have a guided tour of the sale as a personal shopper picks out work for them to purchase.

65% of your barcode price will be paid to you, 35% will go towards your department and the sale overhead. Checks will be mailed.

If you are participating in multiple departments, you will need to fill out a signup sheet for each department and send them all in. You will also need to sign up for two jobs.

FAQ

Who is eligible to sell at the Holiday Art sale?

KIA faculty, as well as any student who has taken a class or workshop at the KIA within the 2020 school year.

What can be sold at the Holiday Art Sale?

Your work must represent a medium taught at the KIA

No damaged items (i.e. no cracked pottery, broken or badly scratched frames, etc.)

2-D work should be matted and/or inexpensively framed. If work is not framed, it must be mounted on stiff board and covered with acetate.

If work is a digital copy of a painting, drawing, or pastel, it must be stated on the back of the work.

How do I put prices on my work?

All work must have a barcode label. Work cannot be sold without a barcode label.

Use only even dollar amounts on labels.

No special prices for multiple-item purchases.

No price reductions on any items during the sale.

Business cards will be allowed only if they are attached to each piece of your work.

How will I be paid for any artwork sold?

Payments will be received by mail after the sale is finished.

Can I stay with my work?

No. For each person who stays with their work there is one less customer in the building because of capacity limits. You will not be setting up your own work and you will not be standing by it during the sale. There will be people stationed in the rooms to monitor work.

Do I have to volunteer for a job?

Yes. If you are participating in the in-person sale you must sign up and participate in at least one job. We ask if you can, please sign up for more than one. If you sign up for a job and do not show up, you will not be able to participate in the sale again. If you cannot come because you've been diagnosed with or have come into contact with COVID you must notify us at holidaysale@kiarts.org and get someone to cover your shift.

Questions?

Contact us as holidaysale@kiarts.org

***Note: Artists assume full responsibility for their work at the KIA and in transit. The KIA is not responsible for loss, damage, theft, or clerical errors. By signing up and participating you agree to these terms and conditions.**

WEAVERS GUILD OF KALAMAZOO		TREASURER'S REPORT 2020/2021			
September Report Presented Sep 14, 2020	- Proposed - 2020/2021 Budget	Income & Expenses			2020/2021 Budget Balance
		Jun 1 through Aug 31, 2020	Sep 1 through Sep 14, 2020	2020/2021 Totals	
BUDGET ITEMS					
INCOME					
Donations - WAF/MLH	\$600.	\$60.		\$60.	
Equipment Rental	\$50.	\$75.		\$75.	
Library	\$60.				
Membership Dues	\$3,200.	\$1,560.	\$520.	\$2,080.	
Workshop Income	\$600.				
Memorials					
Miscellaneous	\$55.				
Total Income	\$4,565.	\$1,695.	\$520.	\$2,215.	
EXPENSES					
ADMINISTRATION					
Hospitality	\$50.				\$50.
Insurance	\$535.				\$535.
Miscellaneous	\$30.				\$30.
Fees & Memberships	\$210.		\$20.	\$20.	\$190.
Supplies	\$25.				\$25.
Total	\$850.		\$20.	\$20.	\$830.
PROGRAM					
Program Expense	\$1,435.				\$1,435.
Program Rental	\$600.				\$600.
Workshop Expense	\$600.		\$75.	\$75.	\$525.
Total	\$2,635.		\$75.	\$75.	\$2,560.
PUBLICATIONS					
Library	\$250.				\$250.
Publicity					
Rental Equipment					
Service Bureau					
Shuttle	\$20.				\$20.
Study Groups					
Yearbook	\$400.				\$400.
Website	\$210.				\$210.
Total	\$880.				\$880.
AWARDS					
Fiber Arts Education Exhibits	\$200.				\$200.
KIA Award					
MFF Awards					
MLH Awards					
Guild Scholarships					
Total	\$200.				\$200.
Total Expenses	\$4,565.		\$95.	\$95.	\$4,470.
Income - Expenses				\$2,120.	
END-OF-MONTH BANK BALANCE		31-Aug-20	14-Sep-20		
Checkbook		\$6,069.	\$6,589.	09/03/20 A Workshop Refund check was re-issued to replace uncashed check for \$75.00	
Savings		\$2,128.	\$2,128.		
Money Market		\$2,012.	\$2,012.		
6 month CD	<i>Matures 11/18/2020</i>	\$8,049.	\$8,049.		
TOTAL		\$18,258.	\$18,778.		



Throw in the Towel

Project Goal

Goal: Each Participant will bring a handwoven towel to the grand towel exchange (set for September 14th, COVID-19 permitting) and go home with a different handwoven towel. Meanwhile, all meeting attendees get to see and admire the entire collection. Plus, ultimately an online book of all the towels and their instructions will be assembled for WGK members on our website

Weavers of all levels are welcome to participate! Keep good records!

Every participant must complete a Project Form

Towels can be woven on Table Looms, Floor Looms, Rigid Heddle Looms on any number of shafts.

What to Weave? “Towel” is actually a very broad term, so let’s agree on some guidelines, but we won’t have towel police measuring your entries. If we aim for what are referred to in most weaving publications as Kitchen Towels, Tea Towels, Hand Towels we should come out in the right ballpark.

Finished size (When planning, be sure to allow for draw-in on the loom and shrinkage in the finishing process) These are the measurements used by MAFA in their exchange and certainly give a lot of leeway.

Width—between 14 and 20 inches (This should accommodate those with smaller looms.)

Length—between 20 and 30 inches after hemmin

Colors – Weaver’s choice.

Weave structure – Weaver’s choice (does not need to be an original design but please keep a record of your inspiration or pattern for proper attribution).

Fiber content – Cotton, cottolin, linen work best for towels to be used and washed often.

Fiber thickness is Weaver’s choice. Regarding Sett: Try to take into consideration the intended use of towels—loose setts, long floats might be a problem

Finishing—Towels should be wet-finished and ironed for the exchange. It would be ideal if everyone could record the before and after measurements as a guide for shrinkage.

Hems – Weaver’s choice (fringed, hemstitched, turned hem, but bear in mind that towels are intended to take a bit of beating. Hems can be hand or machine sewn).

Photographs- Each weaver should take a photo of his or her towel and send it along with the information requested on the Project Sheet.

Please send your Project Sheet in by September 1, 2020 and bring your towel with you to the September 14, 2020 WGK Meeting for the Exchange Be sure to label your towel with your full name (you can just attach with a safety pin.

Throw in the Towel Exchange Project Sheet

Name:

Contact Phone Number:

Contact Email Address:

Do you have a Name for your Towel?

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

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)

(for BOTH Warp and Weft)

Weights of Yarn/Thread for BOTH warp and Weft

Sett or EPI

Total Number of Ends

Measurements BOTH on and off Loom

Weaver's Notes: include any tips, suggestions, or other thoughts you would like to share about weaving your towel

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 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) by September 1, 2020 which is also deadline to participate.

WGK Board Meeting September 23, 2020

Location: Zoom.

Time: 11:00am

Board Member's Present:

Susan Rice, President, Terri Feldt, Treasurer, Judith Jones, Secretary, Mindy Tai, Yearbook Editor, Nancy Reile, MLH Representative.

Meeting called to order by Susan Rice, President at 11:11am.

Agenda:

Minutes of the August 6, 2020 Board Meeting approved via Zoom. 100% approved.

Treasurers Report: Presented by Terri Feldt. The WGK Insurance premium has decreased. Thank you to Nancy Thornton for auditing our books for fiscal year 2019/20. The budget reflects \$600.00 increase from member dues. 24 members from last year have been contacted reminding them that to be added to the Yearbook their dues are required by September 30, 2020. Our budget reflects \$960.00 less than last year. Terri is hopeful that will increase once additional members pay their dues. **Motion to approve the Treasurers Report, voted via Zoom, 100% approved.**

Vice President position remains open.

Michigan Fiber Festival: A virtual festival to be held Friday and A virtual festival to be held Friday and Saturday, August 14-15. Please visit their website or FB site for details.: Michiganfiberfest.info

MLH: Nancy Reile, MLH Representative updated MLH activity. The online virtual exhibit will be available next month. This years Conference is named, "Moving onto New Horizons". Please refer to their website for further information, www.mlhguild.org or their FB and IG sites.

Arts Council: Anne Mehring sent a pamphlet with information to Susan Rice regarding The Arts Council program of matching donations thru September 30, 2020.

Show and Tell: Terri Feldt's husband created this months Show and Tell. Video. The video was well received by members. One member expressed a preference to seeing the work displayed as a Power Point Presentation. Terri will consult with her husband.

Please submit photos of projects for next month's presentation to Ann Niemi, Shuttle Editor.

Swatch Study Group: Gail Ross sent word to Susan Rice that the Swatch group is on hiatus this year. "Not dead just on holiday".

WAFSA /KIA Sale.: The Board had many unanswered questions. Susan Rice will contact Nancy Crampton, WAFSA, committee Chair, to get clarification. A sense of urgency was felt about the status of The Exemption Committee. Photo's are needed by KIA for The Virtual portion of the sale by October 16,2020.

Yearbook: Mindy Tai, Yearbook Editor plans to submit for printing once Terri Feldt has a final count and information of this year's membership.

Ability Weavers: Event planned on September 26, 2020, in Lowell MI. Please refer to their website for information. Abilityweavers.com.

Obituary: Sadly Joanne Casey Smith, a long time WGK member died on August 26, 2020. Joanne's obituary can be seen: <https://www.langelands.com>.

New Business: Nancy Reile mentioned that while Multiharness enjoyed the WGK General Meeting this month via Zoom, they requested a consideration to be given to the possibility of breakout groups during the 30 minutes prior to starting the meeting. Terri Feldt will explore the possibility prior to next months meeting.

Dates to remember:

General Meeting, October 12, 2020, via Zoom., Natalie Boyer will be our guest speaker; Lace Weaves via Zoom. Board Meeting, Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 11:00am via Zoom.

Motion to end the meeting by Ann Niemi. Seconded, Terri Feldt. Unanimous via Zoom.

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

Classified:

For Sale: 400 Schacht insert eye heddles, 9.5 inches long. \$75.

Schacht Baby Wolf. 4 shafts, 6 treadles. Made in the mid to late 1980's. Very little use, in great condition. Inserted eye heddles. Stroller (wheels). 5, 6, and 8 dent reeds included. New heddle bars. \$900.

Contact Cory at 269-349-1987 or coryzann@gmail.com



For sale: 48" long 25 3/16" high, maple weaving bench. Gliding seat. Price \$800.00. Custom made. Contact Norm at norm.seiler@gmail.com or 269 3439973



Bexell Cranbrook Counter-march Loom. 60" weaving width, 8 shaft, 10 treadles with treadle locks, Reeds include 8, 10, 12, 15 dent. Loom bench, tool tray and tool rack, homemade raddle 1" spacing, 2 lease sticks, 16 warp sticks, Very good condition. Model number J608096 474. Original documents. Local Pick up Allegan. Asking \$2000. niemi@bloomingdalecom.net

Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc. 2020-2021 Membership Form

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Official Use Only Date Received _____ Cash or Check # _____
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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

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Name: _____ Telephone: _____

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(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	____ 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 mentor 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> <small>Permission can be revoked with a signed and dated note sent to the Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo address provided above.</small>
