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## **Meeting of the General Membership MINUTES May 14, 2012**

Outgoing President Patty Reid May called meeting to order at 7:00pm with a reminder to those present to silence their cell phones. Using the projector, her first order of business was to list the year's accomplishments. Patty's bulleted list included:

- Addition of a line item to the budget for a workshop subsidy in response to members' concerns about the high cost of workshops. Vice President Judith Jones' work capped the cost of workshops for members in good standing at \$50.
- The board completed last year's scholarship project to assist members who wish to attend workshops or other continuing education
- Recruitment of new members through the 2-4-1 program in which 2 members can join for the cost of a single member if one is a new member
- Uploading the new website
- Purchase and use of the new projector and microphone
- Presentation of both board and membership minutes to all members via email with mailing to those without email
- Soliciting and capitalizing on members' suggestions with the suggestion box set out at each meeting
- Updating the contracts used for our visiting artists and speakers
- Review and revision of the responsibility guidelines
- Monthly setting up of the members' sharing table at which new work might be shared with the members

Judith reviewed the Program and Workshop Schedule for the coming year.

September 10, 2012: Priscilla Lynch will present a history of Tapestry together with a personnel journey of her own designs.

Saturday evening, September 22: Anne Field, New Zealand spinner and weaver will be presenting a lecture "Contemporary Maori Textile Art" at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. This lecture is a joint collaboration between WGK and MLH. The MLH news letter will also highlight Anne Fields visit.

Saturday September 22 & Sunday September 23: Anne Field will be teaching a workshop for up to 18 at KIA on Collapse Weave. Please see the KIA website together with KIA's summer edition of SightLine magazine for details. We will post details on the WGK website once the final details are known.

Monday, October 8: Heather Winslow will present Theo Morman Inlay with a fashion show of her work.

Monday, November 12: JoAnn Bachelder will present Transcending Towels.

Monday, December 10: A Holiday celebration, thanking members for their support of Our Guild.

Goodies" will be provided by the Board. We will hold our annual " Garage Sale."

Monday, February 11, 2013: Suzanne Higgs, local artist will treat us to "Felting Around the World."

Saturday March 9 & Sunday March 10: Susan Wilson will be teaching a workshop for up to 18 on Crackle Weave. She may take an additional 2 if need be. The application form and workshop policy will be posted on the website June 1, 2012.

Monday, March 11: Susan Wilson will present a lecture on Crackle Weave.

Monday, April 8: Richard Jeryan, who teaches at Greenfield Village, will present Jacquard Looms and American fancy coverlets. Jeryan will discuss his travels to Scotland where he visited Paisley.

Monday, May 13: The close of our year. We will vote for our slate of officers and for the annual budget in addition to "Show and Tell" in which the study groups present their projects. Dessert will be provided.

More detail on these programs will be posted on our website and published in the Shuttle. The Workshop application form for Susan Wilson will be on the website June 1, 2012.

Judith extends her heartfelt thanks to Cory Zann and Lestra Hazel for their guidance and valuable advice in putting together artists and programs for the upcoming year. She also extends a warm thank you to Lesley Jo Hurwitz, Michigan League of Handweavers Representative and Gretchen Huggett, Arts Council Representative for their help and assistance in applying for the MLH grant money which partially funded the lecture at the KIA and workshop by Anne Field in September. Judith announced that members may download the workshop subsidy form after June 1 to use when they sign up for next year's programs.

It was moved by Gail Ross and seconded by Judith Jones to accept the FY 2012-13 budget. Mimi Cummings asked why the line item for publicity increased from \$100 to \$1000 for the coming year. Patty explained that we need new Guild brochures and that the board felt it was better to enter a conservative number for that item with the understanding they may not cost that much. The budget was passed unanimously.

Announcements included Nancy Clark's reminder to members that dues should be paid by June 15 in order to be included in the Year Book.

Nancy Crampton, Nominating Committee, presented next year's new Board. They are  
Martha Reeves, President                      Juanita Manning-Walsh, Vice President  
Nan Krapf, Treasurer                              Anne Mehring, Secretary

Mimi Cummings moved to accept the slate as presented with a second by Nancy Frost. Members voted to accept the slate as presented.

Patty next recognized all those on this year's board with a small gift. She was especially appreciative of **Judith Johnson** who handled the dual roles of vice president and program chairman. Patty acknowledged secretary **Cory Zann**, **Nan Krapf**, treasurer, and **Marta Williams**, who combined Membership with editorial duties as editor of the newsletter, *Shuttle* and its distribution via both email and USPS. There were two on the extended board who will be retiring from Guild Service in the coming year. These include **Gail Ross**, retiring Education Chair and Swatch Exchange. Gail thanked the Guild for her six years leading the Education committee and is pleased that **Nancy Crampton** will take on this position with **Cory Zann's** assistance. **Cyndee Mishler**, retiring after many years as Guild photographer announced **Stephanie Kyhn** will be taking her place in the next year. Patty acknowledged **Nancy Clark**, Year Book chair, with thanks for also serving as her informal Guild historian; **Mary Jane Kreider**, New Member Welcome; **Esther James**, Mentoring and **Ellen Colston**, Service Bureau. Thanks were extended

to **Helen Duffy** who created this year's Year Book fabric, inspired by Martha Reeves Bead Leno work and **Kristi Chapman**, Librarian and Wafa Chair. In addition, Patty commended **Dawn Mergener**, Hospitality; **Nancy Frost**, Equipment Rental; **Gretchen Huggett**, Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo representative and **Leslie Jo Horowitz**, MLH representative. Lastly, Patty mentioned the Study Group leaders: **JoAnne Johnson**, Four Harness; **Nan Krapf**, Moonbeamers; **Nancy Frost**, Multi Harness; and Co-chairs of the Spinning Study Group, **Terri Smith and Carolyn Snyder**.

At the completion of the acknowledgements, Vice President Judith gave a gift on behalf of the board to Patty in appreciation of her service over the past year.

More announcements followed:

Dawn Edwards will host two felting workshops over the summer, one in May and the other in July. More information can be found online.

Ellen Colston announced the service opportunities for the summer, including the move of Irish Fest to a new date. See attached schedule.

Mimi Cummings noted that with 16 members in the Multi-harness Study Group, several members have begun to discuss forming a new Multiharness study group geared to less experienced weavers. Current Multiharness members will discuss offering a few sessions to assess the need for such a group. Mimi has offered to serve as mentor.

Wafa: Kristie reminded the membership our sale is only six months away (November 15, 16, & 17) and directed us to the video presentation on the table at the back of the room where sale tags and this year's postcards were also available.

Gail Ross suggested members take in the year's work Study Groups brought to display at the various tables placed around the room. She congratulated members on their creativity and productivity.

Nancy Crampton reminded us of the KIA Art Fair Friday, June 1 at 3 pm and all day Saturday. Her booth will be located near an open area and she invited members to leave their purchases for her to watch as they continue shopping. Mimi Cummings announced she has retired and will not have a booth this year after 36 years at the Art Fair.

Patty extended a final thanks to all for a rewarding year and adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Mehring for Cory Zann, Secretary