



Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc.
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Meeting of the General Membership MINUTES MARCH 10, 2014

I. President Juanita Manning-Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm at the Portage Senior Center. She welcomed members and asked that anyone with announcements to please come to the microphone to make them.

II. Announcements:

- **Nancy Crampton** wanted to update members who might have heard rumors about the sale at the fairgrounds. The Paper Guild has disbanded and will not be part of the November sale. Some of its members will continue to be part of Art Etc. The Potters Guild finds November to be too late in the year and would rather have a sale in October. They will pursue that date at a different venue. Art Etc has invited the Guild to join them in the larger room which also has better lighting. Nancy says the Guild will discuss and let them know in the fall what we want to do. They feel publicity has been an issue since we no longer have a local paper. It is difficult to get the work out to our public.
- **Mimi Cummings** announced she is selling her 60" AVL dooby loom as they need its room for a bedroom. She is asking \$3,500, less than she paid for it 30 years ago and far less than a new one would cost. It has 16 harnesses. She is selling all the peripheral equipment that go with it, raddle, reeds, even the booklets that came with it. The buyer will need to take it apart. She is also letting MLH know she is selling this loom.
- **Roxanne Pett** announced the Lansing Weavers Guild's garage sale Saturday morning March 22. Kalamazoo Weavers who would like can rent a table for \$20. She also invited us to hear Katherine Webber who spoke at our Guild several years ago and will be speaking at the Lansing Weavers Guild meeting. Webber's workshop is full.
- **Judith Jones** announced that there is interest in starting a triangle loom study group, saying the loom itself is fairly inexpensive.
- **Juanita** then took the microphone to say that because we have our first workshop in September, we will announce this first workshop only at the April meeting and take reservations at the May meeting when the rest of the programs will be rolled out. Checks for the workshop will not be cashed until after the beginning of the next fiscal year, June 1. She asked those members who have figured out who the speaker is to please keep the name quiet. Juanita also put a hand knit sweater free for the taking for anyone who would like to have it. She then introduced guests and new members. One, Tess, is the niece of Jayne Thomas, a founding weaver of the Baker Allegan Studio.
- Our April speaker is Mary Underwood whose topic is "One Hump or Two?" and will speak on her trip to Mongolia where she learned about weaving techniques and camels.

We had two programs. The first part, the Parchment area nonprofit Self Help Alternative Living Opportunities of Michigan (Shalom), a sheltered workshop and residential program serving adults with disabilities visited with their Director Keith Wolman to talk about their programs and show off their products. They have a small flock of sheep and make roving into rug wrap, wool felted sheets which are

made with their felting machine, and other products like felted dryer balls, soft felted balls for children's indoor games, garden pest deterrents made of CDs and braid and their gift for each Guild member, bird nesting braids made of roving from skirted shearing to be hung outside for the spring nesting season. Shalom has two looms and would like to invite interested Guild members to come teach them how to use the looms and how to weave. Their thrift shop is called The Connection Depot at 6276 N Riverview Drive, open 9-3 Friday and Saturday. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.shalom-network.org>.

At 7:45, we watched the DVD on knitting, Knits of Yore with Susan Strawn. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

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for Cathy McCarthy