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Connecting Through Fiber

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## Weaver's Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc

[www.weaversguildofkalamazoo.org](http://www.weaversguildofkalamazoo.org)

**Our Next Meeting Is:**

**September 12, 2016**

**Guest Speaker:**

**June Belitz**

**“We’re All Connected”**

Come to dinner at 5 pm at Fieldstone Grill  
before the meeting. RSVP by Sept. 7 to  
Margie Glenn at  
[mushing\\_magg@yahoo.com](mailto:mushing_magg@yahoo.com)

**Shuttle Deadlines:**

For October 2016—Sept. 30, 2016

For November 2016—Oct. 28, 2016

For December 2016—Nov. 25, 2016

Please send items for The Shuttle to the  
editor at

**[Paula.M.Clare@gmail.com](mailto:Paula.M.Clare@gmail.com)**

## 2016-2017 Officers and Committee Chairs

President – Karen VanderWeele  
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 Education – Gail Ross  
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 Yearbook Fabric – Nancy Frost (*MLH fabric swatch*)  
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 Library Storage – Martha Reeves  
 Membership – Juanita Manning-Walsh  
 Newcomers/Welcoming – Holly Jensen  
 Photographer – Linda Innes  
 Historian/Archivist – Lenore Snyder  
 Hospitality Chair – VACANT  
 Equipment Rental – Nancy Frost  
 Arts Council Rep – Gretchen Huggett  
 MLH Rep – Letty Klein  
 WAFA Chair – Nancy Crampton  
 WAFA Treasurer – Jill Strobel  
 WAFA Secretary – Cory Zann  
 Exemption Committee – Anne Mehring,  
 Nancy Clark, Karen Kendall, Nancy Arlide

### Study Groups

For more information, contact the study group leader.

**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.

**Spinners**—Terri Smith/Carolyn Snyder – meets third Friday 10 am to 2 pm at Parchment Library.

**Swatch Exchange**—Gail Ross – a virtual study group.

**Triangle Loom or CSW**—Lenore Snyder—meets third Tuesday at 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at Marshall District Library.

## 2016-2017 WGK Program

### September 12, 2016

**June Belitz**, Portage, MI  
 Guild meeting presentation:  
**"We're All Connected"**

### October 8-9, 2016

**Rebecca Fox**, Charlottesville, VA  
 2-Day Workshop **"Bust Your Stash with the Weaver's Weevil"**

### October 10, 2016

**Rebecca Fox**, Charlottesville, VA  
 Guild meeting presentation:  
**"Tales from the Weaver's Weevil"**

### November 14, 2016

**Carol Irving**, Escanaba, MI  
 Guild meeting presentation:  
**"Tales of a Fiber Artist"**

### December 12, 2016

Garage Sale and Holiday Program

### January—No Meeting

### February 13, 2017

**Lenore Snyder**, Hillsdale, MI  
 Guild meeting presentation:  
**"Do You Hear What I See?"**

### March 13, 2017

**Beth Smith**, Howell, MI  
 Guild meeting presentation:  
**"The Great Skirt Project"**

### April 8-9, 2017

**JoAnn Bachelder**, Bay City, MI  
 2-Day Workshop **"Designing Stripes"**

### April 10, 2017

**JoAnn Bachelder**, Bay City, MI  
 Guild meeting presentation:  
**"Color"**

### May 8, 2017

Annual Business Meeting  
 Presentations from the Study Groups

## A Letter from the President

*Preparation, that is the word that comes to mind today. A lot of our time is spent in preparing for things. I know that some of you are preparing for a workshop coming up in October. Some of us are planning on attending festivals and conventions yet to come this fall. We are all planning on seeing what the Weavers Guild's programs will be for the coming year. Some look more interesting than others but each study group helped to pick our speakers so, we will have more opportunities to learn the things that interest us.*

*What I have found to be true is that each speaker has something to say about something that I did not know about. Sometimes it is how to pull colors together and sometimes it is a weave structure that is new to me and sometimes it goes right over my head. However, we grow with each encounter. What we do is educate ourselves and the community about all the aspects of weaving. Looms, needles, hooks and sometimes fingers all help to clothe us and our families. What we do has made beauty a part of daily lives for thousands of years.*

*So when you shake out that rug, pull on the winter hat that you made yourself, or look at the wall and see a piece you have made that makes you smile, remember what we do brings joy to the world around us. Take a deep breath, see what you have created, and enjoy.*



Karen



## Program Presenter Selection 2016-2017

**Study Group representatives must submit recommendations for presenters and workshops for 2017-2018 to Margie Glenn by October 10, 2016.**

WGK Guidelines: One of the jobs of the WGK Vice President is to coordinate the selection and hiring of presenters and workshop instructors for the year. Each of the 6 study group will select up to three potential presenters they would like to hear speak and topics of interest, including possible workshops. These names will be submitted to the VP by the October general meeting, in the order of preference and should contain contact information.

Some criteria for the study groups to consider for potential presenters:

- Knowledgeable in a fiber field
- Are they an engaging speaker or teacher?
- Any awards or publications
- Have a topic of special interest to the study group
- Have a topic of interest to the entire guild
- Distance needed to travel
- Not a repeat speaker within the last 4-5 years

The VP will then make the selections and secure the contacts to fill the six monthly meeting slots (omitting the December (Christmas party), January (no meeting) and May (business) meetings) and introduce the program and workshop schedule for the next year at the May meeting.

## Library News

**New DVD!** – “*Weaving with Novelty Yarns*” The title does not come close to describing this DVD by master teacher Tom Knisely. Yes, he discusses novelty yarns – how to judge their usefulness in weaving, but then he continues with a wonderfully detailed tutorial on winding warps and dressing the loom. I confess I learned a *lot* by watching this! Come to the library corner at the meeting, and be the first (okay, the second) one to check it out.

**New book!** - “*Finger Weaving*” Frankly, I was underwhelmed by this one. It was reviewed positively in SS&D magazine, but I would like someone else to take this out and give me your opinion. It focuses entirely on making scarves with chunky yarn without a loom. Spinners: I value your input!

**Another new book!** – “*Weaving Innovations from the Bateman Collection*” This is going to be an instant classic. Robyn Spady et al, have created a new compilation of the William Bateman weave structures, with detailed explanations and sumptuous color photos of Dr. Bateman’s original samples. This is a treasure-house for weavers who have been studying these structures, using the black-and-white monographs from the 1980’s. This book never hit the table; it’s already been checked out! I will have a sign-up sheet for a waiting list, and gently nag my fellow members to keep the book circulating. Warning – you may need a bib to catch your drooling when you look through this!

**P.S.** The September meeting is an excellent time to return any books, magazines, and DVDs you have checked out. See you then!

-Kristi Chapman, Guild Librarian

## WAFA News

Our sale is fast approaching! Here are a few things to remember:

1. Sale dates are Nov. 17, 18, and 19, 2016.
2. Please review the sale guidelines for your entries. Guidelines are on our website.
3. The Exemption Committee will be at the Sept. Guild Meeting to look at pieces that are not within the guidelines (if in doubt, please bring them to the committee).
4. Sale Tags will be available for purchase at the Sept. meeting.
5. You must be a member by Sept. 30 in order to participate in the sale.
6. All guild members are encouraged to volunteer to help out at the sale. Proceeds from the sale are instrumental in bringing us excellent speakers and workshops, which benefit us all. Thank you for your help.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Crampton—344-6799 or [NancyCramptonDesigns.com](http://NancyCramptonDesigns.com)

## Service Bureau Volunteer Opportunities

**Sunday, September 18 - Annual Southwest Michigan Community Harvest Fest, Tillers International, 10515 east OP Avenue, Scott's, MI 11:30am - 5:30pm.**

Set up between 10:00-10:15. I'll have 2 EZ ups for shelter and will bring the 4 harness table loom and if the forecast permits, the Wolf Pup for weaving demonstrations and spinning wheel for spectator participation. Anyone available to help with either set up or take down would be appreciated.

**Sunday, September 25 - Vicksburg Harvest Festival, 300 N. Richardson Street, Vicksburg 11am - 4pm**

Set up between 10:15-10:30. I'll have 2 EZ ups for shelter and will bring the 4 harness table loom and if the forecast permits, the Wolf Pup for weaving demonstrations and spinning wheel for spectator participation. Anyone available to help with either set up or take down would be appreciated.

**Saturday, Oct 8—Alamo Farmer's Market, at DE and 6th**

Elizabeth Barker contact [269/532-6055](tel:269/532-6055).

### MLH report Aug 2016

There were 83 participants along with 8 instructors that made the June 2016 summer workshops at Hope College a success.

MLH 2017 Conference and workshops is scheduled for June 2-7, 2017 at Hope College in Holland, Mi. Our Guild needs to begin working on our exhibit for the 2017 MLH conference. The 2017 theme is ***Fiber Inspirations*** and the colors are ***Light Teal and Purple***, so start planning and get busy!

Our Guild members are encouraged to create items for the **Fashion Show**, the **Accessory Show** the **Fine Art Show** and the **Functional Art Show** conference displays.

Respectively submitted by Letty Klein 27 Aug 2016

If you haven't already done so,

**PLEASE RENEW  
YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP!!**

**You must renew by Sept. 30 to sell  
things at the WAFA sale and to  
keep receiving The Shuttle.**

**Needed:**

**Hospitality Chair (co-chair)**

Please volunteer to help, or we will all just be drinking water at the guild meetings with no goodies to enjoy.

## Workshop Sign-up!

Rebecca Fox

### “Bust your Stash with the Weaver’s Weevil”

Please sign up for Oct 8-9 Workshop. Instructor provides the warp and there is enough to do samples plus 2 towels.

There are still several slots and it should be a great time!



WGK will be

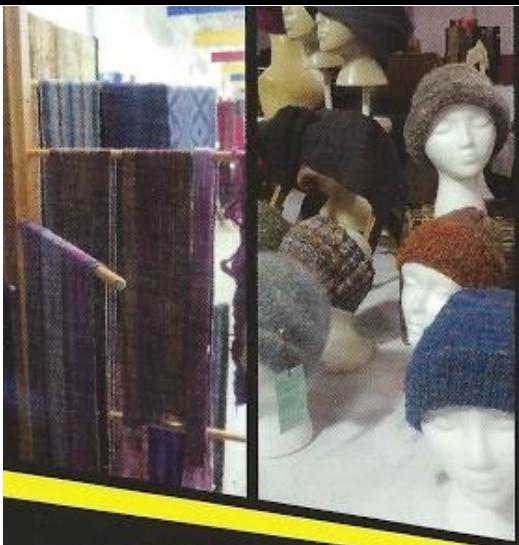
50 years old in 2019!

Please let the president know if you are interested in helping to plan activities to celebrate this accomplishment.

**Michigan artists:**  
Opening soon—a non-profit Art Gallery in Saginaw,

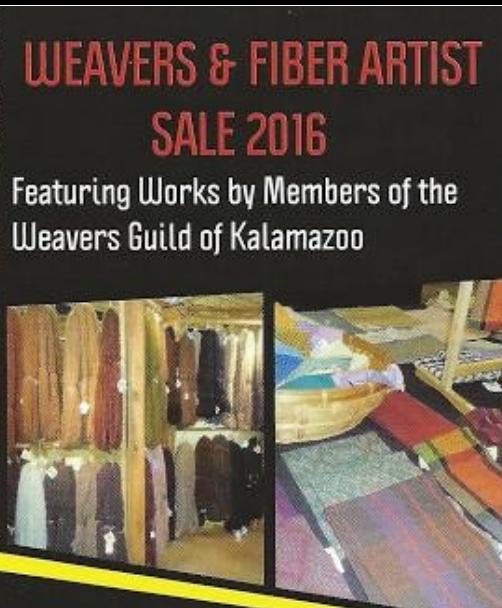
*“The Gallery, Art for Saginaw”.*

They want to identify artists interested in submitting their work for review; display & sale at “*The Gallery, Art for Saginaw*”. Artists will receive 50% of the retail price, with the remaining 50% commission supporting youth education programs at the Saginaw Art Museum. If you are interested, please visit their web site, <http://www.artforsaginaw.com/> for a view of their mission, history and a link for artists’ submissions.



**WEAVERS & FIBER ARTIST  
SALE 2016**

Featuring Works by Members of the  
Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo



Kalamazoo County Expo Center  
Thursday Nov. 17, 2016 5pm - 8pm  
Friday Nov. 18, 2016 9am - 8pm  
Saturday Nov. 19, 2016 9am - 4pm



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## Scholarship Application Summary and Application Form

The Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo offers a total of \$450 in funds for scholarships for active members. Funded applicants may receive up to ½ the cost of their educational project whether class, workshop or some other activity in a particular area of the fiber arts. Recipients of scholarship aid shall then provide an educational or sharing activity with the Guild. These may be a presentation at a General Meeting, to a Study Group, an article for the Shuttle or other activity.

Those who have been members of the Guild for at least one year and have participated in one or some of the following activities are eligible to apply. These may include but are not limited to:

- \* Having held a Guild leadership position
- \* Regular attendance at Guild meetings
- \* Having participated in a Guild sponsored workshop
- \* Membership in a Study Group
- \* Being a paid-up member
- \* Worked at the WAFA sale
- \* Worked for the Service Bureau
- \* Mentoring a new member

There will be two rounds of applications accepted. Round II Applications will be accepted starting with the September 12, 2016, general meeting OR sent via email to the Scholarship Chair with digital attachments where appropriate OR mailed to the Guild PO Box above and received at least 6 weeks (45 days) before need because the board has to approve all checks. The anonymous Review Panel will review as needed with calls to applicants made following the next Board meeting for budget approval and check processing. Projects to begin on or after October 15, 2016 up to the end of April, 2017.

Sharing activities are to be planned and worked out with the input of the Program officer—the Guild Vice President—and Scholarship Chair. A short letter or final report on funded activities is due by the end of the fiscal year, at the May 2017 meeting.

Those with questions are asked to call, email or meet with the Scholarship Chair, *prior* to submission.

Applications are reviewed by a panel convened by the Scholarship Chair and comprised of members from the Guild membership and a visual artist from the community chosen for their overarching, long-reaching knowledge of the visual arts, locally and beyond the community. The Chair is responsible for program administration and provision of materials to the panel, and does not vote on the applications. ***All decisions of the panel are based on materials provided by the applicant. Decisions are final and may not be appealed.*** The Scholarship Chair will work with an unfunded applicant to review and resubmit if applicant so wishes.

Anne Mehring, Scholarship Chair  
269-375-1639 Email: [ahmehring@gmail.com](mailto:ahmehring@gmail.com)

See reverse for application form.  
Please note: Scholarship funds may not be used for purchase of equipment.



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Amount Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Title of activity \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of this Project/Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Weavers Guild Member since \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Scholarship Recipient? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_ Project Medium: \_\_\_\_\_  
Weaving, spinning, felting, dyeing, surface design, other

Guild/Community Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize your activity, describing the Who, What, Where, When, Why, How, How Long and whether you chose a particular teacher or mentor for this project. **This summary will be your contract language should your proposal be funded.**

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Reason for request (What do you expect to learn?) \_\_\_\_\_

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Your plan to share knowledge gained (What are you proposing for your “payback” to the Guild? Can be demo, talk, Shuttle article, other) \_\_\_\_\_

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How you will evaluate your project? \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you need more space to discuss your project, attach additional pages.

Submit the hard copy by mail to the Guild PO address above, to be received at least 45 days prior to need.

OR bring application to the Guild meeting, OR email to [AHMehring@gmail.com](mailto:AHMehring@gmail.com) at least 45 days prior to need.

Please note: Scholarship funds may not be used for purchase of equipment.



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***We sleep, but the loom of life never  
stops, and the pattern which was  
weaving when the sun went down is  
weaving when it comes up in the  
morning.***

Henry Ward Beecher

