



WESTFIELD WEAVERS

Officers:

Co-Presidents: Devorah & Karen A.
Vice President: Marie
Treasurer, MAFA Rep & Web Site: Steve
Secretary: Phyllis
Librarian: Cathie
Historian: Jean
Bead Group: Ellen & Judith M.
Mixed Media: Anne & Chrys

2008-2009 Program Dates:

Mon 09/22/08 – Pot Luck Dinner
Mon 10/20/08 – Daryl Lancaster – Color/Inspiration
Sat 10/25/08 – Guild Fundraiser – Greeting Cards
Mon 11/17/08 – Jappie King-Black – Coiling/Crochet
Fri & Sat - 11/21&22 – Sale at Cathie's
Mon 12/15/08 – Cookies & Ornament Exchange
Mon 01/19/09 – Ellen – Recycled Books & Collage
Mon 02/16/09 – All Members – Fiber Pot Luck
Mon 03/16/09 – Carol Westfall – Critical View of Art
Sat 04/18/09 – Kerr Grabowski – Deconstructed Screen Prt
Mon 05/18/09 – Jean & Cathie – 2008 Convergence
Mon 06/15/09 – Recycled Materials Guild Challenge Due

Web Site:

<http://www.westfieldweavers.org/>

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 20, 2008 at 7:30PM

Daryl Lancaster – Color and Inspiration Program (Slides and Hands On)

Host: Devorah Wolf

Co-host: Lisa Ellis

GUILD FUNDRAISER: Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 10AM

Create fabric greeting cards for our guild to sell. Please bring handwoven fabric we can cut up for the cards. Also bring rubber stamps, inks, markers, etc. for embellishing the cards.

Host: Steve Fox

Co-host: All – Bring your lunch!

Minutes From September 22, 2008 Meeting – Pot Luck Dinner at Steve Fox's House

After having a great meal (thanks everybody!) in Steve, Sue and Paisley's lovely home, the business meeting was held.

Meeting called to order at 8:03PM.

Present: Devorah, Karen A., Steve, Phyllis, Judith M., Maxine, Cathie, Jean, Chrys, Anne, Karen McBride and Special Guests: Sue and Paisley Fox

Old Business:

- Dues are (over) due! If you haven't paid your dues yet, please send \$20 to our treasurer, Steve Fox, 21 Mine Street, Flemington, NJ, 08822
- Jean brought photos that Anne's daughter took of the dolls from our guild challenge last year. Fabulous work, everyone! If you missed the pictures, Steve has posted to our web site (<http://www.westfieldweavers.org/>) some photos that he took of the dolls. Judith M. and Steve were our winners last year.

New Business:

- Spinning Demonstration Opportunity – Karen usually does a spinning demonstration at the Harvest Festival at Trailside Museum. She's not going to do it this year, if anyone is interested please contact her for more information. The Harvest Festival is this Sunday, September 28th. Spinning is free; if you'd also like a table to sell things, the fee is \$25.
- Karen received an email copy of the newsletter of the New York Guild of Handweavers, "New York Threads". She will forward a copy via email to our guild members.
- MAFA Update: The 2009 MAFA Weekend Conference will be held at Marywood University in Scranton, PA on 7/31, 8/01 & 8/02. There has been some discussion that MAFA may raise the fee it charges for guild membership. More information on MAFA can be found on their web site: www.mafafiber.org
- Treasurer's Report: We have a balance of \$2,088.49 in our account at Bank of America (BoA). BoA notified us that they are going to charge us a \$16/month service fee. Steve contacted PNC Bank and we can get a Small Business Account there for free as long as we have less than 200 transactions/month. Steve made a motion to change banks from BoA to PNC. Cathie seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Guild Program Booklets were distributed to those at the meeting and will be mailed to those not in attendance. Kudos to Marie for putting together a great program year for us. Thanks, Marie!!! And thanks to Devorah & Karen for putting together such a nice looking program booklet. Great job!
- Saturday April 19, 2009 One Day Workshop with Kerr Grabowski – We still need a location for this. Possible locations mentioned at the meeting were Barbara's church in Watchung and an Arts & Crafts Room in Cranford where we held a bookbinding workshop once.
- Guild Fundraiser: We will once again make cards with handwoven fabric in them to sell as a fundraiser for the guild. Last year we had lots of fun at Anne's house. This year Steve has volunteered his house. After the guild meeting was over, Steve indicated that the best date for this card-making meeting is Saturday, October 25th at 10AM. Please plan on attending and bringing handwoven fabric that we can cut and put into the cards (WE NEED FABRIC!!), rubber stamps, inks, markers, etc. for embellishing the cards, and your own lunch. These cards are really gorgeous and we sell them for \$4.50/each or 3 for \$12.00.
- Annual Sale – The annual sale put on by Cathie, Karen A. and Judi S. will be held on Friday, Nov. 21st and Saturday, Nov. 22nd at Cathie's house. Cathie encouraged all guild members to make things for this sale. The sales commission is 25% (and you're not required to work at the sale).

- Guild Challenge: The Guild Challenge this year is to make something from recycled materials. Item must include some weaving. Winner gets free guild dues for next year. Challenge is due at the June 2009 meeting.
- Our next meeting is Monday, October 20th at Devorah's house (Lisa is the co-host). Daryl Lancaster will give a program on Color and Inspiration – slides and hands-on.

Show & Tell:

- Cathie – Took a 3 day workshop at Convergence this summer with Nancy Roberts called Machine Knitting To Dye For. They machine knit bands, then dyed them, and then re-knit the yarn by hand using the Fair Isle technique. Cathie showed samples and a hat she made. Nancy Roberts' web site is: <http://machineknittingtodye.com/> and has some wonderful photos of her technique.
- Anne, Chrys & Jean – Took a rug hooking class at the Homespun quilt shop in Hereford, PA. They showed the projects they made in class.
- Chrys – Showed bead and wirework she made in classes at Bead Fest and Wire Fest. She showed a felted brooch and felted pod that she made with Gail Crosman Moore. She also showed us a chain maille bracelet made with wire and glass links (from class with Stephanie Everett) and a woven wire bracelet. She also brought a lovely wire and glass bead bracelet she made in a class with Tracy Stanley.
- Jean – Also showed us bead and wire/metal work she made at Bead Fest, Wire Fest and Convergence classes. She had an articulated peyote bracelet (Carol Cypher class). She also had a bracelet of coiled wire links using different types of wire – round, square, etc. (Janice Berkebile class). She also took a textured metal bead class with Janice Berkebile and brought us one of the beads she made from that. Jean also showed us a collection of bead crochet necklaces she is making for 2 upcoming holiday shows she'll be in – one at the Brookfield Craft Center and one at the Art Center in Guilford, CT. She also showed us 3 new art books she has: “200 Braids” by Jacqui Carey, “Weavers’ Overshot Collection” and “60 Sensational Samples: A Kumihimo Collection” by Shirley Berlin and Carol Goodwin. Jean also reported that she saw WW Guild members Margaret Sheehan and Adie Coy when she was at Convergence this summer.
- Jean indicated that there are 2 great exhibits at the Newark Museum – “Completing The Circle: The Fiber and Beaded Art of Ina Golub” and “Glass Beads of Ghana”.
- Phyllis – A handwoven belt made by her Mom with charms and beads woven into it.
- Steve – Had several “tells”: WW Member, Elaine Schmidt, will be on QVC tomorrow from 3-5pm, demonstrating the Ka-Jinker, an embellishment tool for decorating craft projects. Steve painted his house – it looks really nice! Steve is FINE (found out he's allergic to bees!) He has a red heart-shaped Daisy Rocker guitar with a purple case for sale; contact him if you're interested.
- Karen A. – Showed gorgeous sweaters she knit for young children using Cascade Superwash variegated yarn – one in blues and one in orange-reds. She also brought a knitted, felted purse with a wire handle (handle can be purchased from Knit A Bit in Westfield).

Meeting closed at 9:06PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Phyllis