



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
REV Mon 01/19/09 – CANCELLED DUE TO SNOW
REV Mon 02/16/09 – Ellen - Recycled Books & Collage
Mon 03/16/09 – Carol Westfall – Critical View of Art
REV Mon 04/20/09 – Fiber Pot Luck – All Members
Mon 05/18/09 – Jean & Cathie – 2008 Convergence
REV Sat 06/06/09 – Kerr Grabowski - Deconstructed
Screen Prt & Recycled Materials Guild Challenge Due

Web Site:

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

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, May 18, 2009 at 7:30PM

Program: Jean & Cathie will present a program on Convergence 2008

Host: Arleen

Co-host: Marie

PLEASE RSVP to the host:

Arleen 908-756-3185 ar.ben@verizon.net

Minutes From April 20, 2009 Meeting at Maxine's House

Meeting called to order at 7:37 pm and closed at 9:35pm.

Present: Karen, Steve, Phyllis, Marie, Maxine, Andi, Lisa

Old/New Business:

- Treasurer's Report: We have a balance of \$2,091.49
- Materials fees and guild dues discussion –
 - The discussion as to whether the Guild should cover materials fees for programs or whether members should continue to cover them continued at this meeting. We also discussed whether dues need to be increased just to cover the cost of programs since we have less of an income stream (cards as the only fundraiser; in the past we have sold calendars every couple

of years as a fundraiser and we also had guild participation in the annual sale which provided income for the guild.)

- After a lengthy discussion of the issues, including a discussion of making another guild calendar as a fundraiser, a motion was made to change the bylaws as follows: keep materials fees for programs paid by the members present at meetings, keep the dues for associate members out of town at \$10/year, raise dues for associate members who live in the area and for active members to \$25/year. Per our by-laws, this will be voted on at the next meeting. To quote our by-laws: “10. These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present, provided that notice of the proposed change has been given at the preceding meeting.”
- The exact proposed wording changes for the by laws are as follows:
Current by-laws:
“4. Dues shall be payable in June. Dues are \$20 for active members, \$20 for associate members who live in the area, and \$10 for associate members who live far away.”

Proposed by-laws (with changes bolded and underlined)

“4. Dues shall be payable in June. Dues are **\$25** for active members, **\$25** for associate members who live in the area, and \$10 for associate members who live far away.”

- Remember: This proposal will be voted on at the May meeting
- For those few people that still have not paid dues for this year, they will be contacted over the summer to see if they still want to be part of the guild. Members must pay dues to remain in the guild.
 - Program Ideas for Next Year:
 - Marie has been hard at work lining up programs for the guild for next year. Some of the ideas include: Joan Dreyer (stitched wall pieces), Beryl Taylor (mixed media), Gail Gondek (embellished pieces), program on polymer clay boxes or buttons, possibly a crocheted button program... If you have ideas for programs, please contact Marie 908-791-0143 or mariemorello@gmail.com
 - Guild Challenge idea for next year – Marie proposed a “Mixed Bag” theme for our guild challenge for next year. She brought in this great calendar that had a different bag/purse/etc for each day of the year. We could each create a bag using 2 or 3 different techniques that we already know or from programs that we have next year.
 - Reminder: Please be attentive and respectful during meetings and keep private conversations to a minimum, especially during the Show & Tell portion of the meetings. Thank You!
 - FYI – There is an online weaving magazine available at www.weavezine.com It recently changed from a quarterly publication to where a new article will appear each Friday. Additionally, new podcasts of interviews of weavers (weavecasts) will be posted at the beginning of each month. The weavecasts can be found at www.weavecast.com or <http://www.weavezine.com/audio>
 - Our next meeting is Monday, May 18 at Arleen’s house. Jean & Cathie will present a program on the 2008 Convergence Show and Workshops. Marie is the cohost. Please remember to RSVP to Arleen.
-- RSVP “Rules” - Please RSVP to meetings –
 - Active guild members are expected to attend each meeting or to call if they will be absent.
 - Associate members are not expected to attend each meeting, but should RSVP to the host if they do plan on attending a meeting.
 - If you’d like to bring a guest, please contact the host ahead of time and confirm that it’s okay.

- Reminder: Marie Ozmon has a few openings for a scholarship fund raiser: Fabric Collage Event: American Beauties. Spend an afternoon enjoying the flora and fauna of a lovely garden and pond. Interpret your experience in a unique fabric collage. Lunch and all supplies included. Setting is a beautiful home with art and antiques in a private lake community. Sunday, May 24 beginning at 1 p.m. . Donation is \$45.00. Call Marie at 908-791-0143 for additional details and/or to sign up.
- Reminder: June 2009 Meeting Info – Changes have been made to the June meeting in order to best accommodate Kerr Grabowski’s workshop on Deconstructed Screen Printing.
 - June meeting – date and program changes
 - **Moved to SATURDAY June 6th – Starting at 10am**
 - Program: Kerr Grabowski – Workshop on Deconstructed Screen Printing (& Recycled Materials Guild Challenge Due)
 - Host: Ellen – Note: This is a new location for this meeting
 - Co-host: All guild members – bring your own lunch and something to share

Program: Fiber Pot Luck & Show & Tell

We combined the Show & Tell portion of the meeting with the Fiber Pot Luck program. Fiber Pot Luck - WW Guild Members brought samples of favorite fiber techniques and handouts. For this meeting we had a fiber technique exchange - everyone brought samples of a favorite fiber technique and handouts of the directions. It was a great way to introduce each other to different fiber ideas.

- Marie – Lobster stitch cord (crochet)



- Steve – Twice woven chenille rug (Note: WW had a program on Weaving Chenille and Weaving With It – Making Twice Woven Items in 2001) A few references on the technique include:
 - Complex Weavers, January 1995, “Twice Woven Rugs” by Janet Meany based on work by IreneWood, pp.18-20.
 - Handwoven, Sept/Oct 1992, “Do-It-Yourself Chenille” by Stephanie Gaustad, pp.62 – 64.
 - Handwoven, Jan/Feb 1990, “Chenille – Fuzzy Fabrics From Fuzzy Yarn”, pp.56-57.
 - Handwoven, May/June 1999, “Weaving at Six and Seven” by Carla Moore Buchheit, pp.42-43.

- Phyllis – Lacy ply-split example & knitted bracelet instructions
- Maxine –
 - Technique for creating “double fringe”
 - Showed us her detailed curriculum for a Fiber Arts course she is teaching.
 - Some of her student’s art can be seen on YouTube:
 - You might be interested in viewing a QuickTime movie of the student art of OHS 3-D instructor Maxine Breland. I put together a 9-minute video of her work in the Fiber Arts course and in her Ceramics offering. These pieces of selected students were on display in the OBE Lobby Show in January. She was kind enough to supply the photos and I took some time to compile this with some jazz. You may find it on **YouTube** here:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CR00xyDD1M>
- Lisa – Pictures of weavers in South Africa and an example of the weaving – From a trip she took before she started weaving.
- Andi –
 - Andi spins yarn, knits socks and makes kumihimo cords while on her daily lunchtime walks. She showed us her “kumihimo on a card” kit and several cords she has made.
 - While researching 18th century tablecloths, Andi found an interesting article on canvases used by artists through several centuries. It described the fiber, weave, etc.
<http://aic.stanford.edu/jaic/articles/jaic20-01-001.html>
- Karen –
 - Woven & felted scarf – from Handwoven free online projects:
http://www.interweave.com/weave/projects_articles.asp
 Go to “December’s Scarf of the Month – Fun and Felted Lace Scarf” for instructions.



- Examples of yarns she has been dyeing for her more complex knitted socks.