



WESTFIELD WEAVERS

Officers:

Co-Presidents: Devorah & Karen A.
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Mixed Media: Anne & Chrys

2009-2010 Program Dates:

Mon 09/21/09 – Pot Luck Dinner
Mon 10/19/09 – Benita Wolffe – Beaded Bindings
Mon 11/16/09 – Guild Fundraiser – Greeting Cards
Fri & Sat - 11/20 & 21 – Sale at Cathie's
Mon 12/21/09 – Cookies & Ornament Exchange
Mon 01/18/10 – Karen Andrus – Exploring the Weavette
Mon 02/15/10 – tentative: Takako Ueki of Habu Textiles
Mon 03/15/10 – Maxine Breland – Wire Wrapping
Mon 04/19/10 – Ina Golub Woven & Embellished Works
Mon 05/17/10 – Solving Weaving Problems – All Members
Sat 06/19/10 – Table Loom Round Robin & Mixed Bag
Guild Challenge Due

Web Site:

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday October 19th 7:30pm

Benita Wolffe – Beaded Book Bindings

Host: Benita Wolffe (Short Hills, NJ) Co-Hosts: Jean & Anne

Minutes From September 21, 2009 Meeting at Steve's House

Meeting called to order at 8:35pm and closed at 10:10pm.

Present: Steve, Ellen, Judith M., Phyllis, Arleen, Andi, Cathie, Devorah, Karen, Maxine, Jean, Lisa
Special Attendees: Sue & Paisley Fox

Old/New Business:

- Treasurer's Report:
 - We have a balance of \$1,860.51.
 - Dues are DUE! Remember they are \$25/year now. Dues was collected at the meeting. For those who haven't paid yet, please send to Steve Fox, 21 Mine Street, Flemington, NJ 08822

- Fund Raising - We need to have a couple of fund raisers this year:
 - Cards – We will make more cards with handwoven fabric samples and stamped designs. They will be sold at the sale at Cathie’s house in November.
 - Garage Sale – We agreed to have a garage sale to raise money for the guild. Members will donate items. The sale will be held in the spring at Cathie’s house. All monies will go to the guild treasury.

- Programs for 2009/2010:
 Program booklets were distributed – great job Devorah & Karen! We especially love the weavette-created bookmarks! At the meeting, we worked on filling in the programs, hosts & co-hosts that were still needed for the program year. This is the plan we have so far. Note: Devorah will email out an updated page for the program booklets when things are finalized.

DATE	PROGRAM	HOST	CO-HOST
Mon 09/21/09	Pot Luck Dinner	Steve	All
Mon 10/19/09	Benita Wolffe – Beaded Bindings	Benita Wolffe	Jean & Anne
Mon 11/16/09	Guild Fundraiser – Greeting Cards	Devorah	Cathie
Mon 12/21/09	Cookies & Ornament Exchange & Possible Group Project presented by the Bead Group	Cathie	All
Mon 01/18/10	Karen Andrus – Exploring the Weavette	Karen	Maxine
Mon 02/15/10	Cathie will organize the meeting – She will try to get Takako Ueki, the owner of Habu Textiles in NY to give a presentation.	Judi S.?	Andi
Mon 03/15/10	Maxine Breland – Wire Wrapping	Maxine	Lisa
Mon 04/19/10	Ina Golub – Woven & Embellished Works	Devorah	Steve
Mon 05/17/10	Solving Weaving Problems & Working on UFOs (UnFinished Objects) – All Guild Members	Arleen	Phyllis
Sat 06/19/10	Table Loom Round Robin (organized by Ellen Hess) & “Mixed Bag” Guild Challenge Due	Possible locations: Watchung Reservation pavilion; Flemington Library; Cathie’s house	All

- Bead Group meeting Friday, October 16th, 7pm at Maxine’s house. Two projects: (1) Felted Beads – See photo of Judith’s felted beads in the Show & Tell section of this newsletter. Please bring felting needles, colored fleece, small styrofoam balls and beads to embellish felted beads. Felting supplies available at AC Moore. (2) Project from Diane Fitzgerald’s book, Dimensional Beadwork. Instructions and supply list will be sent separately before the Bead Meeting.

- REMINDER: Guild Challenge idea for next year – We agreed on the “Mixed Bag” for our guild challenge. We will each create a bag using 2 or 3 different techniques that we already know or from programs that we have this year. Due at the June meeting.

- Steve reminded everyone that he has four (4) jobs in the guild this year. One of them is as our MAFA Rep. If anyone else would like to be the MAFA Rep, please speak up. Also, Steve will not be able to go to the MAFA meeting being held at the Rhinebeck (NY) Sheep & Wool Festival on October 17th. If someone can represent the guild at the meeting, that would be appreciated.
- Our next meeting is October 19th at Benita Wolffe's house in Short Hills, NJ. Benita will present a hands-on program on beaded bookbinding. There will be a \$15 materials fee for the folded and punched signatures and the book boards. Members will supply their own beads and decorative covering (paper, fabric, paint) for the book boards. More details will be sent out before the meeting.
- Exhibitions to see – Sculpting Color: Works in Polymer Clay, curated by Kathleen Dustin, at the Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton, MA, August 8, 2009 – November 8, 2009

Show & Tell:

- Steve – Attended the “Fashioning Felt” exhibit at the Cooper-Hewitt this summer and brought the exhibition catalogue for us to admire.
- Karen – Brought 3 scarves she made. The orange one is knit as a trapezoid and can be worn as a shawl or collapsed as a scarf. The green one is woven with 2 different yarns, one that doesn't shrink, so “bubbles” result after the felting process. Her 3rd scarf was a double woven felted lacy scarf.



- Andi - Showed us yarn she is spinning from standard poodle hair.
- Lisa – Brought one panel of a rag rug she is weaving.
- Ellen – Showed us fabric boots she made in collaboration with Sharon Raymond. An article in Threads magazine will be forthcoming. She also brought pages she created for an exchange of the Book Arts Roundtable. Her pages were about New Jersey malls and included a pop-up element.
- Jean – Brought the book, “The Essential Guide to Color Knitting Techniques” by Margaret Radcliffe

- Judith M. – Felted and embellished beads and a beaded bead:



- Maxine – Showed us wire wrapped, netted and metal jewelry she made at a workshop with Mary Hettmansperger this summer.



- Cathie –
 - Told about the exhibit of Paula Nadelstern’s Kaleidoscope Quilts at the American Folk Art Museum (closed 09/13/09) and also the exhibit of Ron Arad’s work at MoMA (thru 10/19/09)
 - She went to MAFA this summer and enjoyed it. She took Betty Vera’s Painted Warp class.
 - Cathie is on the Board for HGA and went to Albuquerque this summer, the site of next year’s Convergence (around July 18, 2010). She mentioned that the teachers for Convergence are listed on HGA’s website, although, the full schedule isn’t posted yet.
 - She also mentioned that the HGA Fiber Trust would appreciate any donations that are possible.

Chick Pea Recipe from Steve:

Chick peas, feta, spinach, lemon juice and a little cumin (if you feel like it). I don’t have an actual recipe. I wing it each time. A good starting point is one can of chickpeas, one box frozen spinach, a block of feta, and one lemon. Too much spinach is not good. You can also put in the zest of a lemon as well. If you make it far in advance, it seems to need more lemon when you serve. (Thanks to Steve! We all love this dish!)