



WESTFIELD WEAVERS

Officers:

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

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
REV-Thu 12/17/09 – Cookies & Ornament Exchange
Mon 01/18/10 – Karen Andrus – Exploring the Weavette
Mon 02/15/10 – Gail Gondek – Fashion Design
Mon 03/15/10 – Maxine Breland – Wire Wrapping
Mon 04/19/10 – Ina Golub Woven & Embellished Works
Sat 05/15/10 – Guild Garage Sale (to raise funds for guild)
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 March 15th 7:30pm

Maxine Breland - Wire Wrapping (hands on)

Host: Maxine Co-Host: Lisa

Minutes From February 15, 2010 Meeting at Nina's House

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Present: Steve, Phyllis, Andi, Karen A., Lisa, Cathie, Nina, Ellen

Old/New Business:

- Guild Officers – It's time (actually, past time according to our by-laws) for us to put together a new slate of officers for the 2010-2012 term.
 - Our bylaws...
 - “5. Officers shall consist of President, Vice-President (program chairman), Secretary and Treasurer.”
 - “6. Elections: The President shall appoint a nominating committee in January of the even years. This committee shall present a slate of officers at the February meeting. Officers elected at the February meeting will assume office at the June meeting.”

- Lisa volunteered to be in charge of the nominating committee (Thank You, Lisa!). We have four elected positions – President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Steve has agreed to continue as Treasurer (Thank You, Steve!). We discussed the fact that any of the positions can be handled on a shared basis – i.e., two people can share the responsibility. If you're interested in any of the positions, please let Lisa know. Lisa's email address is: lisaannellis@gmail.com. Lisa will present the slate of officers and we will vote at the March meeting.
- Also, we need someone to replace Steve as MAFA Rep. He's been holding this position for years and years; it's someone else's turn now.
- REMINDER: Fundraising Garage Sale – The date for our garage sale is Saturday, May 15, 2010. The Sale will be at Cathie's house in Westfield. All monies will go to the guild treasury. All items must be priced by the individual bringing them. All items not sold must be picked up that day from Cathie's house!
- Treasurer's Report: Steve reported that we have a balance of \$2,042.11.
- June meeting – Saturday, June 19, 2010 -
 - Cathie indicated that we may use her church for the June meeting. Right now she has a room reserved for us from 9:30am – 2pm. She will look into expanding this to 4pm.
 - We will be having a weaving round robin that day. Ellen started handing out weave structures at the February meeting. **If you plan on participating in the round robin, please make sure you let Ellen know and get a weave structure from her. Ellen's email address is: ellieweave@hotmail.com.** You want to have time to warp your loom for the June meeting. So far we have: YES – Ellen, Steve, Andi (would like Dimity weave structure if possible), Lisa, Karen, Cathie NO: Nina, Phyllis
 - We will use table looms and structo looms (Ellen has some structo looms that a few people can borrow if they don't have a table loom.) **NOTE: IF you would like to borrow a loom from Ellen, please let her know as soon as possible. Ellen's email address is ellieweave@hotmail.com.**
- **Our next meeting is Monday, March 15th at Maxine's house. Lisa will be the co-host. Maxine will be showing some of the work she did in her workshop with Mary Hettmansperger at the InterMountain Weavers Conference in Durango, CO this past July. This will be a hands-on session. We will be twining with copper wire around copper spokes, which can be made into a pin. Maxine also plans to demonstrate another technique using the copper wire to do looping around a stone. She will provide all the materials needed.**
 - **NOTE: Maxine has an extra table for seating people but WILL NEED CHAIRS.**
 - **And, she will need to know how many are coming, so she can figure out "how to fit you all in here!" Maxine's email address is: maxbreland@comcast.net.**
- Special Thanks go out to Nina for hosting the February meeting, especially since she did so right after coming home from a trip! (Nina, your home is lovely!) Also, thank you to Steve for bringing Gail from the train station to Nina's house. And, thank you to Andi for co-hosting and also bringing Gail back to the train station (which ended up being a longer trip than planned!)

Show & Tell:

- Ellen – She has joined an online “Extreme Journaling” class with Juliana Coles. More information can be found at: <http://www.meandpete.com/id15.html>. She also brought a piece of “mail art” she is working on.
- Nina – She showed us a pineapple quilted piece made by one of her friends. She also showed us one of her pieced quilt patterns – Mariner’s Compass. She also showed us petit point pieces made by her Mom and Great Aunt. Nina also showed us an old floor loom she has.



- Andi – Showed us the sweater she is knitting. It is from the book, “A Fine Fleece”.

Program: “High-End Fashion Pattern Making” with Gail Gondek

Gail Gondek gave a wonderful presentation on pattern making in the high-end fashion world. And it was a very timely presentation in that she did this during New York’s Fashion Week (Feb 11-18, 2010). Gail’s presentation included samples, sketches, tools, slide show, fabrics, etc. It was very informative. She described the process from designer sketch to finished gown. Gail also described many of the pattern/sewing techniques for high-end fashion.



The following information is from the 2009 Pattern Design Conference where Gail Gondek was the keynote speaker. “Gail Gondek, pattern designer for Chado Ralph Rucci, Geoffrey Beene, Ralph Lauren, Marc Jacobs, and Peter Som. Her talk, Concept to Catwalk, will shed light on the often mysterious pattern design process that produces a fashion masterpiece at the highest levels. Her work has been shown at the Paris Couture and Prete-a-Porter shows and regularly at New York's Fashion Week for the past 20 years. Many of her pieces have also been displayed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology, the Fashion Museum at Kent State University, and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (MOCA).” Gail is currently owner of her own pattern design firm, Miss Thimble.

Gail’s work can be seen in several books, one of which is “Ralph Rucci: The Art of Weightlessness” written by Valerie Steele, Clare Sauro and Patricia Mears describing his design aesthetic, which was the subject of an exhibition by the same name at the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology featuring a catalog of his work. In a New York Times article about the Rucci exhibition, Rucci gives high praise to the assistants and fellow designers who form the team Rucci. He noted that his work wouldn’t be possible without his assistants and patternmakers, notably Annarita Cavallini and Gail Gondek.



Gail also told us about her “performance art” experience when she wove fabric with musicians. This can be seen on YouTube. Weaving music video: Suzanne Bocanegra: Rememberer (all the threads)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXqgEHJk_Qw