



## February 2017

Manasota Weavers Guild  
P.O. Box 17876  
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### Guild Meetings:

Second Saturday at Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, 1226 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236. (March meeting on the 5th, May meeting at Priscilla Fort's).

**Newsletter** is published nine times a year and sent via email. Please notify membership chair immediately of any change in your email address. Fiber news and related articles are welcome from members and non-members if source is credited.

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# Manasota Weavers Guild, Inc.

Web site: [www.manasotaweaversguild.com](http://www.manasotaweaversguild.com)

## Saturday, February 11, 2017

10:00 a.m. - Spinners

11:00 a.m. - Georgia Yarn Co. Sale Opens  
(Sale Closed from noon until after program)

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch

12:20 p.m. - Business Meeting (through lunch)  
and Show and Tell

1:00 p.m. - Program: "Cotton from Field to Yarn" with  
Guest presenter, Michael White, owner of Georgia Yarn Co.  
Shopping re-opens after program until 3:00 p.m.

## President's Message

Dear Fiber Friends:

Looks as if the month of February is jam-packed with fun and fiber. The program for our regular meeting on Saturday, February 11, in our new location (see address at left and directions below) features guest speaker Michael White from the Georgia Yarn Company. We welcome as well his wife, Cheryl, herself a weaver. His program will cover everything you ever wanted to know about cotton – so let's "boll" him over with those questions you've always wanted to ask. Michael will also offer for sale a variety of fibers – cotton, silk, rayon, and more. Check out his web site at [www.handweaver.us](http://www.handweaver.us).

We have asked a number of our knitting friends to join us for the program on Saturday. Some might even join us for lunch, so we'll have enough tables and chairs set up for extra company.

Doors will open at 10:00 am. Spinners are encouraged to set up their equipment then, but all members are welcome to arrive anytime after 10:00. If you are coming just in time for the program, please plan to **arrive by 12:45**. We'd like to start the program promptly at 1:00, so we have plenty of time for questions and shopping afterwards.

Monday, February 13, is the first day of MWG's "Color that Moves" workshop with Betty Vera at the Waldemere Fire House. Important details follow. And kudos to Margarete for arranging all details for this highly anticipated event ... Seventeen weavers have registered!

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**Deadline for March Newsletter:**

**February 23**

### **Upcoming Board Meetings**

E-meeting - end of month.  
Watch your email for agenda.

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In closing, I share some nutritious Valentine sentiments - "Do you carrot all for me?" ... "My heart beets for you" ... "If we cantaloupe, Lettuce marry" ... and "Weed make a swell pear" (*Stumbled upon online – no credit cited*).

Quick – point me toward the Whitman's Sampler!

Wishing each of you a sweet Valentine's Day, no matter how you choose to celebrate it.

All best, Priscilla

## **Programs 2017**

**March 5:** March meeting will be **SUNDAY, MARCH 5** for short business meeting along with display and judging of items from President's Challenge. Date has been moved to accommodate dates of the Florida Tropical Weavers Conference later in March. The President's Challenge items will make up MWG's display table at the FTWG conference.

**April 8:** Barbara Cabral will discuss fun ways to work with and decorate flip-flops. See pictures on page 6 of this newsletter. Report from the Florida Tropical Weavers Conference. Participating attendees to coordinate.

**May 13:** Annual Year-End Picnic

## **New MWG Meeting Location**

Starting last month we are meeting at the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, 1226 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236. Conference rooms, kitchenette, and rest room are located on the first floor behind Designing Women Boutique. We are asked to enter by the north side door. Plenty of parking on the east side of the building. We will have signs to direct members.

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Open

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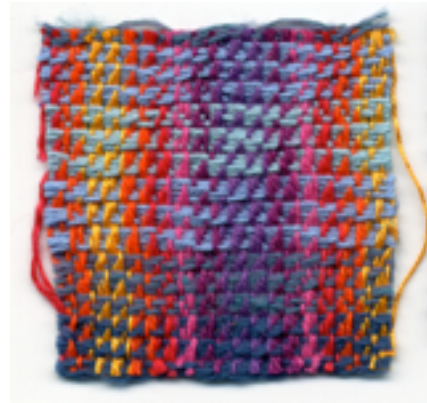
## Membership Corner

by Pamela Smith

We were very happy to welcome five new members to the guild at the last meeting. First, we have Kirsty Beauchamp who was a previous member. Kirsty lives in Sarasota and weaves, spins, and knits. Next, we have Wendy Meager, also a weaver, who lives in Bradenton. Krissy Seel, a weaver, lives in Tierra Verde and learned about us from her Weavers of Orlando carpool buddies - Karen, Margarete and Barb. Deb Serbousck is a weaver and calls Sarasota her home. Lastly, Emery Tapley lives in University Park and is a weaver.

Sandy Kaye McMillan and Marie Miller joined the guild in November. Marie is a weaver and lives in Bradenton. I have no additional information yet to share on Sandy Kaye McMillan. Also, welcome to Ellen Turner who joined the guild in December. Ellen is a weaver and active member in the Orlando Florida Tropical Weaver's Guilds. In fact, Ellen is FTWG's Conference Coordinator this year.

New members, please check the membership list (attached) and make sure I have captured your information correctly. I missed several meetings and don't think I have everything yet. We now have 68 members and I hope more inspiring artists will be joining us soon. I haven't met everyone yet but a big guild welcome to you all.



**Workshop**  
**February 13 - 15**  
**Betty Vera**

**Color That Moves**

**Betty Vera** will be offering this three-day workshop on February 13-15, 2017. Participants will bring the notebooks from this workshop to the March meeting.

**Betty Vera** manipulates color to create her award-winning woven imagery. She has taught at Montclair State University, the Fashion Institute of Technology, and conferences and guilds nationwide.

## Committee Chairs

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## 2017 President's Challenge - "Pick 2" It's Not Too Late to Pick

If you haven't "picked" yet, we will have two containers at the February meeting: one labeled "structure" and the other "color."

Close your eyes and pick one structure and one color scheme from the color wheel (triad, complementary, etc). Use these to plan your weaving project.

There will also be two containers for knitting, "stitch pattern" and "color." Use these to make a knitting project.

At the March guild meeting the finished projects will be displayed and voted on for a prize. The projects will be displayed on our MWG table at Florida Tropical Weavers Conference in March.

Do not fear!! We have an entire guild of helpers if you pick a pattern, structure, or color scheme you're unfamiliar with. This is a great way to stretch your artistic limits!

## April Meeting: Fun with Flip Flops



At the April 8 guild meeting Barb Cabral will discuss fun ways to work with flip-flops, using handspun, handwoven, crochet, ribbon, and macramé for straps. She'll share ideas for incorporating beads in the straps and coordinating jewelry and talk about construction ideas, glues and finishing techniques. Also, how to make your own soles or re-make commercial shoes will be discussed.

# Loom For Sale

*(Ads run for one month. Please contact the editor if you want the ad to run again.)*

**Loom for sale:** Beautiful cherry NORWOOD, 40" 8 Harness with Norwood bench and large tool tray.

This loom was originally owned by Kathie Hayes (has brass plate with her name on it), then sold to Kate King and now to me.

Reeds included: 8, 10, 12 (not stainless).

Photos upon request or come see it in person.

Asking \$1,000 firm.

Maureen Carlson 941-650-4881, email [poplollies49@gmail.com](mailto:poplollies49@gmail.com)



**For Sale: Glimakra Viking 4-harness Jack loom with two reads. Weaving width 48".**

Texsolv system. \$900.

Contact: Rebecca Kobos  
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## Who's Stash is This?

Send pictures of your stash to the newsletter editor. [margaretegriffiths@me.com](mailto:margaretegriffiths@me.com).

This stash takes up 3 armoires in two countries. We'll guess whose it is at the meeting.



## Florida Tropical Weavers Guild Conference March 16 - 19, 2017

Last day to register is February 28. Check out the workshops being offered on the FTWG website. Join other fiber artists from around Florida and beyond for three fun fiber filled days. Check with Ellen Turner or Margarete Griffiths if you have any questions.

Brochure and registration form can be found on the FTWG website: [ftwg.org](http://ftwg.org).

# FAB - Fabulous Arts Boutique 2017

**Opening Reception:** Wednesday, March 1, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. (\$10 requested donation).

**Sale Days:** Thursday - Saturday, March 2 - 4, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (no entrance fee).

We welcome you to come and see unique work by local artists, fiber and not so much fiber. See what your friends have been creating all year and, we hope, leave with your shopping bags full!

We look forward to seeing and greeting you the first week of March!

## Heritage Days Manatee Village Historical Park

*(Ed. note: Received the following letter:)*

I am the Special Events Coordinator for Manatee Village Historical Park in Bradenton. On March 25, 2017, we will be having our annual Heritage Days Open House, a festival that features heritage artisans, performances by local groups, demonstrations, food vendors, and crafts for kids.

I am emailing to find out if the Manasota Weavers Guild would be interested in hosting an informational booth about your organization and/or giving a talk/demonstration on the fiber arts.

If you would be interested in joining us for Heritage Days on March 25 from 11am to 4pm, please let me know. We would love to have you join us!

Best,

Kathryn Rohlwing  
Special Events and Marketing Coordinator  
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# Manasota Weavers' Guild Meeting Minutes

## January 14, 2017

Our first 2017 meeting was held at our new location at the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota, 1226 N. Tamiami Trail, in the meeting room behind the Designing Women shop. This is a perfect new home for our guild and thanks go out again to Maureen Carlson for facilitating our relocation.

Priscilla Fort called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. There were 23 members present along with 3 guests. Priscilla welcomed our guests and made introductions. We hope you will join us again.

### Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes of the December 2016 meeting were accepted as printed in our last newsletter.

Treasurer: Lynn Brusky reported that the guild finances broke even for 2016 and with the addition of membership dues the balance is now higher. She mentioned that our annual January stash sale is a large fund raiser for the guild and is important in terms of helping to cover the cost of our monthly storage rent.

Sunshine: There was a reminder to give Ginny Schuele the names of anyone who would appreciate a note from the guild. Ginny has recently sent a greeting card to Marion Hoercher and will send one as well to Jean Woodward. Margarete Griffiths also mentioned that Randall Darwall, a well-known weaver, had passed away.

Newsletter: The deadline to for the next newsletter is February 3, 2017. Margarete Griffiths reminded us to provide her with "mystery" stash photos to be included in our newsletter.

Library: Ruth Holm has the guild library in her home and will be happy to send books and/or videos to our monthly meetings when requested.

### Other Business

FAB: Kathie Hayes brought in postcards advertising FAB 2017 and asked members to distribute them to publicize the sale. Kathie told us there are a few artist spaces still available if anyone else would like to participate in FAB. If there are any questions, please contact Jozette Stubbe. Donations towards light snacks for the Wednesday evening opening reception would be appreciated.

Twill Study Group: Ginny Schuele circulated a sign-up sheet for the twill study group starting in the next couple of weeks. Each person will choose an individual project to work on at home as a learning experience. The group will meet a couple of times to compare notes and perhaps exchange samples.



The Haven: Volunteers are needed to warp small looms, do some finishing sewing at home, pick up and deliver projects, etc.

President's Challenge: Irene Ouimet spoke to us about the third annual President's challenge. More than 10 members are involved this year. The challenge is to experiment and make samples with different color palettes, structures, techniques, etc. in weaving, knitting or spinning. The finished samples should be brought to our March meeting and will make up our guild display at the Florida Tropical Weavers' Conference in March. Irene is generously donating prizes for the challenge. Last year's prizes included gift cards from First Watch and A Good Yarn.

Workshops: Margarete reported that there are 15 people registered for the Betty Vera Color and Weave workshop being held at the Waldemere fire station February 13-15. There are still 5 more spots available for participation in the workshop.

Priscilla notified us of some upcoming events. A Good Yarn will be running classes with John Mullarkey and Franklin Habit from January 26-29. Also, the Venice Art Center is holding a nuno felting workshop February 13/14. Priscilla mentioned as well that A Good Yarn holds a drop-in weaving clinic at the shop every Monday from 9-11 a.m.

Karen Simpson reported that Barbara Cabral is taking weaving instruction in Cambodia at the moment, with scholarship help from our guild. She has a Facebook page with information about her trip. Barbara will be giving us a presentation on her experience in Cambodia at our April meeting.

Handweavers Guild of America (HGA): The guild will take out an annual membership (\$50) in HGA. An individual membership fee is \$45. Membership, among other things, entitles us to receive HGA's Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot magazine. The magazines, as they arrive, will be circulated at our meetings before being added to our library. Membership in HGA also offers reduced registration rates for Convergence as well as the opportunity to participate in study leading to a Certificate of Excellence. Jozette Stubbe will be our liaison with the national guild. Three lucky members went home with one of the tote bags donated to us by HGA.

Show and Tell: Martha Oppenheimer showed us a beautiful tablecloth woven in a blue plaid on a 9-yard warp of 16/2 cotton with a sett of 32 epi. Martha asked us for suggestions on finishing the tablecloth. Karen Simpson brought in a handspun skein of blended Polwarth and silk in lovely purples and greens. She also showed us a stunning length of fabric woven with a Blazing Shuttles painted warp of 6/2 tencel with added 8/2 tencel green stripes. Karen felt that the 8/2 tencel may have been better if it were sett differently than the 6/2. We agreed that the ripple effect of the green stripes was quite attractive. Winnie Nelon finished off our show and tell with some interesting workshop samples done at the Textile Society of America in Savannah.

Next meeting: Saturday, February 11. Our speaker at this meeting will be Michael White of the Georgia Yarn Co. who will give us a presentation on cotton from field to yarn.

The business meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Program: The program this month was our annual guild stash sale of equipment and yarn donated to the guild over the past year. Many people went home with more yarn to add to their stash and others acquired new equipment. Thanks to everyone for supporting the guild in this way.

Our regular monthly member stash sales will resume at our February meeting, with 10% of any sales being donated to the guild.

Respectfully submitted by  
Norma Coupland  
Co-Secretary