



## Fall Meeting - September 7, 2019 Oneota Weavers Guild of Decorah

The Meeting will be held at the Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum's Westby-Torgerson Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 502 West Water Street Decorah, IA

We will have 2 speakers.

### **Mary Hark**

is Associate Professor of Design Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a fiber/mixed media artist, and an advocate for sustainable papermaking in Ghana. She is proprietor of HARK! Handmade Paper, specializing in producing small editions of high-quality flax, linen and abaca papers in her studio located in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Mary will speak about her own artwork, such a series titled Driftless Reveries. The artworks respond to the physical topography of Central Minnesota and South-Central Wisconsin, and the built environment of Kumasi, Ghana, where she spends several months each year. Made from handmade flax and linen papers, linen cloth, and other materials that carry a variety of surface qualities. Hark also explores the intrinsic properties of handmade paper. She will also talk about some of her projects in the US and abroad to grow flax and teach papermaking.

### **Maria Amalia Wood**

"Tengo un Nombre" (I Have a Name)

Maria Amalia Wood holds a bachelor's degree in General Art (with a minor in Visual Communications) from Judson University and an MFA in Textile Art and Design from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A native of Honduras, Maria Amalia maintains a studio in Madison, Wisconsin, and enjoys working with textiles, paper-making and community-focused

storytelling. With a creative process that embraces a personal and socially engaged art practice, her work delves into the complexities of a life lived between Central America and the Midwestern United States.

Her presentation showcases her creative research making use of handmade paper and mixed media informed by a collaborative art project, *Soñé una Milpa* (I Dreamed of a Corn Field), that celebrates the important, though often hidden experience of ten Latina immigrant women.

Her body of work refers to elusive memories of a remembered place and a life lived between cultures.

## Tentative Schedule for the day

**\*\*Due to space constraints and lack of accessibility, there will not be space for vendors at the fall meeting.\*\***

Categories for the Popular Choice Items:

**Head, Hands, Feet  
Shawls and Wraps**

**Sweater, Shrugs  
household (wall hangings, table runners, linens)**

**Scarves & Cowls**

**9:00 am - 10:00 am** Registration - \$20.00 fee  
Hanging of Popular choice entries

**10:00 am** Welcome and Announcements

**10:15 am** Mary Hark - Papermaking

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**11:00 - 11:15 am** Q&A for Mary Hark

**11:15 am** Barb Berg will give a short presentation about her weaving business, I Weave What I Believe, and the opportunity to purchase her business.

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm** Lunch on your own, Refrigerator available for brown baggers.  
Vote for Popular Choice

**11:30 am - 12:15 pm** Board meeting - Officers and Guild Reps

**1:00 pm - 1:50 pm** Iowa Federation Membership Meeting

**Awards for Popular Choice**

**Door Prizes**

**2:00 pm - 3:00 pm** Maria Amalia Wood - "**Tengo un Nombre**" (I have a name)

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**3:00 pm - 3:15 pm** Q & A for Maria Amalia Wood

**A note from our President:**

I hope this finds everyone enjoying the summer months and looking forward to some cooler weather. I am now pretty well recovered from foot surgery although I am still working on getting back to full speed and strength. We have a very exciting program coming up for the Fall meeting and hope that many of you will make it. Go to the Federation website for specific details. Also note the date is fast approaching -- it is on September 7<sup>th</sup>. We are still in need of a couple more volunteers for our nominating committee and hope that you will consider volunteering to help get people to lead this organization as we are only as good as our volunteers.

**Mary McCusker**



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and check out the Facebook page at [Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners](#)

**Treasurer's Report  
Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners**

**Balance Sheet as of 7/31/2019**  
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**ASSETS**

1000	Share Draft Account	3,962.13
1010	Savings Account	5.00
1050	Certificate of Deposit, Maturity 4/19/2020	4,089.09
1100	Petty Cash	0.00
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>8,056.22</b>
3010	General Fund	8,056.22
	<b>Total Liabilities and Funds</b>	<b>8,056.22</b>

**Board meeting – Pocahontas, April 27**

Attending: (We do not have a quorum – bad weather.)

Mary McCusker, Glenn and Diane Davison, Grace Tully, Cathy Barth, Rebecca Roush

Mary asked about the amount for the Iowa State Fair prize – we settled on \$100, couldn’t find previous records

Terms ending at Spring 2020, we need a new nominating committee. We will ask for volunteers.

Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

We will need Slate by Fall 2019, to vote Spring 2020, to transfer at Fall 2020

nominating meeting will have a copy of the membership list (approved at the Fall 2018 meeting).

Need to audit books today – 2 volunteers needed.

Mary will ask each guild to send membership list to work against Federation list to clean up membership list. Need as many email addresses as possible.

From Little Sioux: holding meeting is getting very difficult for the membership. They asked to withdraw from hosting. Mary looked in bylaws, we cannot cancel a meeting. We will need to rearrange the rotating schedule – Fall 2022.

**Current Meeting Rotation Schedule**

<u>Spring</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Fall</u>
Des Moines	2017	Waterloo/Cedar Falls
Iowa City	2018	Cedar Rapids
Northwest Iowa	2019	Decorah
Quad Cities/Clinton	2020	Des Moines
<u>Waterloo/Cedar Falls</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Iowa City - Will change the calendar going forward from here</u>
Cedar Rapids	2022	Northwest Iowa
Decorah	2023	Quad Cities/Clinton
Des Moines	2024	Waterloo/Cedar Falls

Grace knows of a possible new group in the Burlington area. Very nebulous yet.

Treasurer’s report, Glenn, Handout (new format)

Mary called to adjourned – Grace, seconded by Diane

**Plan ahead: Spring 2020 Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners**

Quad Cities/Clinton have reserved the Eldridge Skatepark again for our meeting, on **April 4, 2020**. We have not secured a speaker yet. We have previously had vendors there, and probably will again.

**Fall 2020 Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners**

Des Moines Weavers and Spinners Guild have Kathrin Weber booked for Federation **October 24th, 2020**, more info to come.

**Membership meeting**

Mary called to order at 1:08

Attendees: Darla, Mary, Marty Olsen, Kathy Barth, Lorna Wilson, Glenn and Diane, Anna Marie Higgins, GraceTully, Karen Agee, Charla and Sarah, Rebecca Roush

- I. Spring 2019, it’s time to start looking for new officers. Nominating committee needed for a slate at Fall 2019.  
Ellen question – contacting people an issue, Mary answer that resolved that membership list will be available.  
Mary called for volunteers, will put a call out to email list - 3  
Volunteers: Ellen
- II. Audit books this afternoon  
Volunteers: Rebecca, Anna Marie Higgins
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Glenn Davison  
Account now held at Veridian (no Hills up in CF/W)  
read off the paper report  
Questions? Will file
- IV. Announcements  
Karen A from Donna Stainbrook – needing to downsize, has 8 antique wheels. Asking us to share. They are all in working order  
Donna 319-474-2554, email: [ddstain@windstream.net](mailto:ddstain@windstream.net)

Grace moved to adjourned, Darla seconded. Approved.

**Popular choice**

Woven – Diane – guild challenge to do something that reminds of Iowa, huck lace  
 Handspun – Marty Olesen – guild project, fractal dyeing blue face Leicester (dyed roving)  
 Handknit, handspun – Kathy Barth – Shift by Andrea Mowry, fractal spun yarn, Malibrigo and a Frabjous Fiber and Rebecca Roush – tie  
 Everyone shared about their project. Susan B Anderson, spring bunny and rag bunny

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**No group in your area? Start a new one!!! *Please contact to make changes to this list.***