

Subject: Midatlantic Fiber Conference

Date: May 31, 1980

A meeting of representatives to the Midatlantic Fiber Conference was held at the home of P. White, Ewing, N.J., on May 31, 1980 for the purpose of studying the formation of a regional fiber conference. It was proposed that the group should adopt the name "Midatlantic Fiber Conference" as a final group designation. The former name East Coast Weavers will be formally changed. The following topics were considered:

a. Guild Response: Extend participating guilds to include Maryland, Virginia, Long Island, New York, - other guilds may also participate upon request. J. Krasnoff stated that formation of the conference may initiate a "ripple effect" that would extend beyond the original participants, encouraging other guilds to join the conference. It was felt that guilds should be given the option to decide whether or not they will support the formation of the conference group.

b. Conference Structure: J. West summarized the New England Weavers Seminar. The conference is planned two years in advance and has thirteen member guilds. Each guild is assessed \$10-\$30.00 depending on the needs of the conference. The guilds are expected to assume a given responsibility for the conference. The program was formulated by assessing financial limits for speakers. The seminar employs members and pays approximately \$50-\$75.00 in fees. The main speaker is usually paid a sum of \$100-\$200.00. Travel and housing are also defrayed. Speakers may also be engaged by other guilds to help reduce cost and speaking fees.

Members of the conference pay a registration fee and guilds are not reimbursed for initial conference donations.

J. Krasnoff attended the Midwest Conference in Chicago (1980), and reported that no single guild was financially responsible for the conference. Each member paid \$2.00. Expenses are guaranteed by guilds which underwrite the cost of the conference. The conference location changes. The board members change as the conference location reaches given areas.

J. Krasnoff reported that the Ontario Conference is held at a hotel, and utilizes the facilities of a local school. The location of the conference is alternated.

Most conferences appear to be held from Friday to Sunday. Usual custom includes a main speaker, on Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday morning. Mini sessions are held on Saturday. J. Krasnoff recommended the following persons as prospective speakers for a conference sponsored in this area:

Roger Thomaston- Fashion Fabric and Felt Making

Jackie Wallenberg- Supplementary Warp Techniques

Programs from other conferences were reviewed and a set of by-laws for the Midwest Weavers Conference was studied.

J. Krasnoff reported that HGA will apportion the sum of \$150. to initiate the formation of a conference, and/or newsletter. The sum is given in the form of a loan and must be remitted.

Jean West reported that the National Endowment of the Arts has no seed money for a fiber conference. Grants may be written and submitted to the State of New Jersey Council of Arts (H. Green). They must be completed by the fall and the monies would be received in the spring.

c. Conference Location: P. White and C. Sargent reported on the following possibilities for location of the conference: Rider College, Trenton State College, Princeton Seminary, and Princeton University. Figures were based on 100 people as a basis for boarding and use of facilities. It was decided that Rider College would provide the most acceptable facilities; therefore, the group designated this institution as the location for the conference. Facilities include: dormitories, cafeteria, student center, gallery, and auditorium. (Community assistance in the form of donations will be considered.)

d. Financial Report: M. Rasnick reported that \$70.00 had been collected from participating guilds.

e. Date of Conference: It was tentatively decided that the conference would be held from July 24, to July 26, 1981 inclusive, at Rider College, Trenton, N.J.

f. Conference Board Members: The following individuals will represent member guilds on the conference board, for a program sponsored in this area:

Conference Chairman: C. Sargent  
Conference Co-ordinator: P. White  
Secretary: S. Steiner  
Treasurer: M. Rasnick  
Newsletter: J. West

Program: Joan Pao  
Conference Publicity: C. Seymour  
Show Chairperson: B. Aubrey  
Commercial Exhibits: E. Rhodes and B. McCarron

Conference Arrangements: P. Sullivan and K. Armour

Judy Pfeiffer will construct a logo for the conference group. A central theme will be determined for the conference.

g. Newsletter: J. West will be chairperson for the formulation of a newsletter for member guilds. The newsletter will be tentatively published three times per year, and will include the programs and workshops of each participating guild. Guilds will be contacted for information, and will be responsible for the distribution of at least the first newsletter. The cost of mailing will be studied. The newsletter may include advertisement, and may be financed by the donation of \$10.00/guild. (Refer to b. above)

h. Committees: A budget committee will be formed to assess financial needs of the conference and/or group.

The next meeting will be held at Rider College Student Center on July 12th, 1980, Trenton, N.J. at 11:00 a.m. Conference members are requested to take Route 206 South Exit from Route 95 (heading south toward Trenton) and enter the campus by using the South Gate. Proceed through parking lot to Student Center at far end of lot. Lunch will be served at the approximate cost of \$2.10 per person.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan J. Steiner  
Secretary

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Individuals or guilds not interested in receiving the minutes of this group are requested to notify: C. Sargent, 335 Cold Soil Road, Princeton, N.J. 08540.  
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Joan Pao has requested that participating guilds send her a list of five to ten possible programs and/or speakers for the conference. Please forward this list to: Joan Pao, 382 Central Park West, Apt. 17V, New York, New York, 10025.  
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The following guilds have been represented at the organizational meetings of the Midatlantic Fiber Conference:

<u>GUILD</u>	<u>MEMBER*</u>
Handweavers' Guild of America	Julienne Krasnoff
Handweavers of Bucks County	Flo Deems MaryLou Herrick
Associated Handweavers	Florence Kandiner Marion Rasnick Charlotte Seymour
Harmony Weavers Guild	Betsy Dillon Judith Pfeiffer Hallie Thayer
New York Weavers Guild	Barbara Aubrey Joan Pao
North Jersey Weavers Guild and HGA	Jean West
Philadelphia Guild of Handweavers	Bette McCarron
Princeton Weavers Guild	Eleanor Rhodes Carlana Sargent Susan Steiner Pat White
South Jersey Guild of Spinners and Handweavers	Karen Armour Patricia Sullivan
Westfield Weavers	Marion Alden Sue Goldberg

\* Attended one or both of the first two organizational meetings.