

Saturday Handweavers Guild Scholarship Report - 2025

The Saturday Handweavers Guild, in Jackson County, would like to thank WeGO for the \$500 scholarship awarded. The scholarship provided the opportunity to host Nadine Sanders, “The Singing Weaver” who presented a three-day workshop, “Painting with Yarn-Exploration of the Theo Moorman Weave” November 7-9th 2025.

Nadine began with an introduction to Theo Moorman, the woman accredited for development of this technique. The Theo Moorman technique allows pictorial/abstract images to be “painted” on the surface of a woven ground cloth using inlayed yarns. Nadine then gave credit to another important artist Joyce Harter who mentored Nadine and co-authored the book Theme & Variation More Weaving that Sings. This book was the outline for the workshop and provided as part of our materials fee. Using 4-shaft looms we wove 4 to 6 samples using multiple techniques but, most importantly, we learned about creating designs and the use of cartoons to aid in the design process. Nadine asked many thought-provoking questions to help the weavers realize their design potential. She provided warps and tools for the workshop, gave a PowerPoint presentation, and displayed many samples including garments which members strutted about in an impromptu fashion show. Nadine has an enthusiastic, positive personality that made for an empowering and fun workshop. Nadine is a musician as well, providing singing and instrumentals throughout the three days.

Following the workshop samples will be shared at our guild meeting to introduce and mentor others and included in the displays we assemble at our local libraries to thank them for providing a meeting space. Many of us came to the workshop without any clear understanding of what the Theo Moorman technique was, but all vowed to incorporate the technique into their future weaving repertoire.

Respectfully submitted,

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