# **CELEBRATING "FROM YARN TO GARMENT"**

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year of "From Yarn to Garment", an Oberlin College Winter Term Group Project, and we're celebrating. Yes, you're invited to a weekend of festivities in Oberlin!

## Barbara Decker



## Friday, Feb. 4 – 4:00-5:30 Weave a Wardrobe on a 28" Wide Warp

This lecture will illustrate how a standard 28" wide warp can produce an entire wardrobe of wearables simply through the imaginative use of squares and rectangles. These are not awkward, stiff designs you need to reshape your body to wear but attractive, comfortable, fashionable clothes. The discussion will include jackets, coats (cocoon, cape), sweaters, ruanas and skirts.

The lecture will be illustrated with many slides and examples. Participants are encouraged to bring their own designs.

#### Sunday, Feb. 6 10:00-11:30

#### A Biased View of Handwoven Clothing

Often weavers construct garments in a T-shape that echoes the grid of warp and weft. We will turn that grid on a slant and exploit the drape and dynamics of the diagonal. We will use the angles created to draw the eye to the best parts and away from our least favorite parts of our bodies. We will break away from the grid by examining garments using these methods. Slides and samples will be shared.



### Saturday, February 5, 9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00 COLLABORATIONS AND COMBINATIONS: Piecing Adventures with Your Handwoven Fabrics

This six-hour workshop will present a variety of design and sewing techniques, using small and large scraps of handwoven fabrics to create full garments and accessories of amazing beauty and texture. The class will begin with a slide lecture of creative process development, detailing the series of garment designs and friendships with other fiber artists that has led to the collaborative coats, jackets and shirts presented for hands-on examination by the students. A series of demonstrations and discussion of cutting, measuring, design decision-making, and actual sewing will provide students with ideas and inspiration for their own piecework adventures. Participants are encouraged to bring their own handwoven scraps, samples, and bits, along with sharp scissors, pins and notebook for ideas. Personal sewing machines may be brought, by those comfortable with more immediate design approach.

A list of tips, suggestions, and bibliography will be provided.

|        |                           | Schedule of Events           |  |
|--------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|
|        | Friday, February 4        | Saturday, February 5         | Sunday, February 6                             |
| 9:00-  |                           | Workshop by Liz Spear        | Lecture/Slideshow                              |
| 12:00  |                           | Collaborations and           | Barbara Decker                                 |
|        |                           | Combinations:                | A Biased View of                               |
|        |                           | Piecing Adventures with Your | Handwoven Clothing                             |
|        |                           | Handwoven Fabrics            | FAVA North Gallery                             |
|        |                           | FAVA North Gallery           |  |
| 12:00- |                           | Lunch (on own)               | Potluck Lunch                                  |
| 1:00   |                           |                              | hosted by LOCO @ FAVA                          |
| 1:00-  |                           | Workshop (con't)             | 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Style Show by students |
| 4:00   |                           | FAVA North Gallery           | in FYtG 2011                                   |
|        |                           |                              | FAVA Main & South Galleries                    |
|        |                           |                              | immediately followed by Hands-on               |
|        |                           |                              | Try-it: Weaving on and off Looms,              |
|        |                           |                              | FAVA North Gallery                             |
| 4:00-  | Lecture/Slideshow         |                              |  |
| 5:30   | Barbara Decker            |                              |  |
|        | Weave a Wardrobe on a 28" |                              |  |
|        | Wide Warp                 |                              |  |
|        | FAVA, North Gallery       |                              |  |
| 6:00-  | Exhibit Opening           | Dinner, Weia Teia,           |  |
| 7:30   | Ginko Callery             | (dutch treat)                |  |

Details:

**FAVA** is the Firelands Association for the Visual Arts, located in the New Union Center for the Arts, 39 S. Main St., Oberlin. Website: <u>www.favagallery.org</u>

Ginko Gallery

is located at 19 S. Main St. website: <u>www.ginkogallery.net</u>

**Directions** and lots of information about visiting Oberlin, including accommodations and restaurants and Oberlin College events calendar: <u>http://new.oberlin.edu/visitor</u>

Parking @ FAVA is available behind the building.

Enter off E Lorain St. at First Merit Bank parking and continue through off-street parking lot to just behind FAVA, large red brick former school. OR head south on S. Pleasant, turn right (west) just past the Firelands Building and continue into larger lot between Firelands and FAVA. One other option is in the small bank lot behind Lormet Credit Union, 49 South Main St.: turn east off South Main St. on the south side of Lormet. Continue to the lower level parking lot.

### Come to Oberlin for the full weekend fiber art, shopping, fun restaurants OR for just a part of the weekend events whatever fits into your calendar. Come meet some wonderful artists and stretch your imagination!

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| Betsy L. Bi       | uce, 517 W. College S                                  | St., Oberlin OH 44074 by January 25, 2011   |  |
| Registration Form | 1:   |   |  |
| Name              |  |   |  |
| Address           |  |   |  |
| Phone number      | rCell number   |   |  |
| Email address     |  |   |  |
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| Fees a la carte   | \$25.00  | Friday lecture  |  |
|                   | free   | Friday evening Exhibit/Trunk Show   |  |
|                   | \$80.00  | Saturday workshop   |  |
|                   | \$25.00  | Sunday lecture  |  |
|                   | free   | Sunday lunch Pot-luck<br>provided by LOCO (The Lorain<br>County Spinners & Weavers Guild) |  |
|                   | free   | Sunday Style Show – FREE  |  |
|                   | free   | Sunday Try-it - FREE  |  |

Fees for entire weekend \_\_\_\_\_ \$120.00