Mary Anne Wise is an esteemed textile artist, curator, and visionary advocate for indigenous textile traditions. She is nationally recognized as an accomplished weaver, inspired creator of one-of-a-kind hooked rugs, and as a rug-hooking teacher.

Her work appears in numerous corporate and private collections throughout the United States. Ms. Wise is also the curator of International Hooked Rugs, an exhibition at the Anderson Center in Red Wing, Minnesota.

In her teaching, she developed a design curriculum for Mayan women in Guatemala, and in turn they have gone on to train many more indigenous women who are now able to support their families with their craft. In 2009 she co-founded Cultural Cloth to promote sales that support women textile practitioners from around the world, including her Guatemalan rug-hooking students.

In addition to her presentation, she will bring samples of the rugs produced by her students. Come hear about this fascinating work to assist women of Central America in developing an artisan-based economy.
President’s Message

I hope many of you were able to flee Minnesota for sunnier climes for at least part of what is becoming a very long winter. My only get away was a week in Tucson over Thanksgiving. It was wonderful but at this point, only a distant memory.

For our February Conversation with a Woman Leader 80 members and guests heard Romaine Scharlemann of the Women’s Foundation of Minnesota describe their work to end the prostitution of Minnesota girls. Judging by the large number of questions and comments following the presentation, there was a great deal of interest in this serious topic.

In January I appointed the Nominating Committee to begin selecting candidates for UMWC offices for the coming year. My thanks go to Barbara Cohen (chair), Janet Robb, and Marlene Hernick for their willingness to serve on this committee. They are currently calling members, so please consider their requests seriously. Our club functions well only because of the efforts of many generous people.

Please remember that there is still time to donate to this year’s scholarship fund and have your name listed among the contributors in the May issue of the Newsletter. It would be wonderful if we were to exceed last year’s total of more than $14,000. If you haven’t yet made your contribution, there is a pink form in the front of your Membership Directory that you can submit with your contribution.

I hope to see you at both the Art Exhibit at 1666 Coffman opening on Friday, March 21, and at our next Conversation with a Woman Leader, April 1, when we will hear Mary Anne Wise talk about her craft work with Guatemalan women. Remember to send in your reservation by the deadline, March 18.

With warm regards
— Kathy Ball, President

Next Board Meeting April 1

The Board will meet at Becketwood in the Windsor room April 1 at 10 a.m. Only coffee and tea will be available due to the noon luncheon following the meeting. All officers and section chairs are expected to attend and provide activity reports. Board members unable to attend should ask another member to provide their reports. Please carpool if possible. Also remember to mail in your reservations by the deadline, March 18.

Thanks to all members for contributions to the UMWC Scholarship Fund for University women

Scholarship Fund update: A very BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of you who have already made gifts to the UMWC 2013–2014 Scholarship Fund Drive!

What wonderful success the effort is enjoying! As of February 4 we had 138 gifts totaling $11,388. More than a third of our members had responded by that date.

The UMWC Scholarship fund needs everyone’s support

This is to let you know that if you have been too busy shoveling snow or making valentines with your grandchildren, there is still time to make a gift and have it counted in the funds available for scholarship distribution to University women students this year.

Please make your donation in time to arrive by March 20. The May Newsletter will list the Honor Role of all donors of gifts received by that date—names only, no amounts.

Please make your check payable to UMWC Scholarship Fund and mail it to Shirley Ferraro, Treasurer, 1418 Arden View Drive, Arden Hills, MN 55112. If you haven’t already used the pink Scholarship Fund form in the front of your 2013–14 Directory, please send it with your donation.

Every gift is appreciated!

— Marian Champlin, UMWC Fundraising Chair 2013-14

May preview—mark your calendars for May 6

Please join us for our Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Town and Country Club, 300 Mississippi River Blvd. in St. Paul. The Board Meeting and annual business meeting, to which all members are invited, begins at 10:30 a.m. The luncheon follows, and the program will feature guest speaker Lorna Landvik, who is a local author, comedian, actor, and playwright.

At the February meeting, UMWC members and guests listened intently as Romaine Scharlemann talked about the Women’s Foundation of Minnesota’s work to end the prostitution of Minnesota girls.
Interest Section News

Art: Our May event will be held at Minneapolis Institute of Arts on May 8. The Matisse exhibit tour is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. but it is limited to 15 people. The tour price is $8 per person. For more information, contact Jane LaFroth.

Culinary Arts: Culinary Arts section’s annual luncheon will be on Wednesday, March 12, at 11:30 a.m. at the International Culinary School of the Arts Institutes, 15 South 9th Street in downtown Minneapolis. (Note change of location from the Directory listing). For reservations (by March 8) and more information, contact Mavis McKeever at 651-636-0300 (e-mail: m_mckeever@hotmail.com) or Terry Boylan 651-698-4132 (e-mail: boylan001@umn.edu)

International/Community Concerns: Please join us at Becketwood March 14 at 10 a.m. to hear renowned bioethicist Dr. Steven Miles speak about “Ethics in Health Care.” Dr. Miles is professor of medicine and endowed chair in bioethics at the U of Minnesota. We feel very lucky that his busy schedule allows this visit. Please bring a bag lunch and stay to socialize with Dr. Miles. Coffee will be provided

Nature: Dr. Marla Spivak, U of M professor of entomology, will present “The Buzz on Bees” at our meeting March 24 at 10:30 a.m. An internationally recognized researcher, she has extensively studied colony collapse disorder. Join us at the Rondo Public Library, 741 N. Dale Street in St. Paul. Free parking is available onsite.

Non-Fiction: On March 11 we will discuss The Jews in Minnesota by Hyman Berman and Linda Mack Schloff. We will meet at Becketwood at 1 p.m. On April 8 we will discuss Fighting for Common Ground by Olympia Snowe. This meeting will be at the home of Tracy Moos, 256 Prescott Street in St. Paul. Please join us for our discussions.

Women’s Health Issues — Are you experiencing sleep problems? Mark your calendar for May 2, 11 a.m., and learn about causes and solutions. (Note time change.)

On Monday April 28th at 10:30 a.m. we will be taking a guided tour around the lovely grounds of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum located west of the junction of Highways 5 and 41 in Chanhassen. Tour is $3 for Arboretum members; $12 for non-members. This includes the gate fee.

March is the month when we start planning our gardens and finishing our taxes. But, while you have your pencils in hand, mark your calendar for Friday, March 21, because that’s the day of the Art Section’s annual Art Exhibit at 1666 Coffman in Falcon Heights.

Always a club highlight for the month of March, you’ll want to arrive in time for the tours and join in celebrating the artists at the reception that follows.

Doors open at 4 p.m. with gallery tours at 4:45 and 5:15 p.m. The reception for all attendees is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner for Art Section members and their guests at 6 p.m. Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon highlighting the works of our UMWC artists.

Note to exhibiting artists: please pick up your art work on Wednesday, April 16, the day after the exhibit closes, or call Jane LaFroth or Susan Fuller for other arrangements.

Throughout each year, members of the Art Section enjoy attending exhibits and visiting with artists as well as sharing their own art works. Above: members on a tour of the Northrup-King building, artists’ studios in Northeast Minneapolis.
Welcome to new members of UMWC

Please welcome new members to the UMWC and be sure to introduce them to other members. Don’t forget to add their names and contact information to your Directory.

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Directory changes and corrections

Keep your directory up to date. Make the following corrections and your communications will go more smoothly.

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Go to the UMWC website for news about upcoming programs, section activities, and contact information. See photos of past events.

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