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Handweavers Guild of America Announces Certificate of Excellence in Handweaving Recipients

September 7, 2010—The Handweavers Guild of America, (HGA), Inc., a not-for-profit fiber arts organization dedicated to encouraging excellence, inspiring creativity and preserving fiber traditions through education, is pleased to announce the most recent recipients of the Certificate of Excellence (COE) in Handweaving.

Martha Reeves of Portage, Michigan, received the COE Master Level certification, successfully completing Level II: Master in Handweaving with Specialized Study. Her study topic was *Bead Leno - A Textile to Wear*.

Gloria Haefner-Gatti of Double Oak, Texas, and **Melodie Usher** of Abiquiu, New Mexico, received certification of Level I: Technical Skills in Handweaving.

HGA's Certificate of Excellence (COE) is a comprehensive 2-tier program available for handweavers, handspinners, dyers and basketmakers, certifying excellence in a chosen field. HGA offers the COE Program to its members to provide guidelines for evaluating individual skills, for encouraging research and exploration in the fiber arts, and for recognizing technical excellence in weaving, spinning, dyeing and basketmaking. Each applicant's submitted materials are evaluated according to accepted standards of superior quality.

For more information about HGA's Certificate of Excellence Programs, visit <http://www.weavespindye.org>, email hga@weavespindye.org or mail to HGA COE, 1255 Buford Highway, Suite 211, Suwanee, GA 30024.

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