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HGA Announces Scholarship Recipients: Martine Peters and Heather Marie Macali

December 8, 2008—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, introduces the Dendel and HGA Scholarship recipients for 2008.

Martine Peters— Dendel Scholarship Recipient

A teaching assistant at Kent State University, Peters is working towards a master's degree. Mentors Janice Lessman-Moss, along with New Zealand weavers Elizabeth Nagel and Margaret Meccia, have encouraged Peters in her fiber studies. "As an artist, I think you continuously quest for ways to develop your craft.," she says "I feel very fortunate to be able to continue to explore my medium ... and master my craft.." After graduation, Peters hopes to explore her interests in textiles through residencies and exhibitions.

Heather Marie Macali—HGA Scholarship Recipient

Currently a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin, Macali weaves on a TC-1 loom using satin and doubleweave structures. Along with current professor Diane Sheehan, professors Janice Lessman-Moss and Robin Haller of Kent State University have been influential in Macali's studies. "Ultimately I am creating cloth that carries ideas of color and pattern that I have had in my imagination for as long as I can remember," she says about her work. Macali hopes to teach at the university level and to design for the textile industry.

Established in 1995, the Dendel Scholarship Fund, a gift of Gerald and the late Ester Dendel, is administered by HGA to support a student or students, in the study of handweaving and related fiber arts at an accredited institution in the United States or Canada. The HGA scholarship is dedicated to furthering education in the fields of handweaving and related fiber arts, including training for research, textile history and conservation. Students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs in accredited schools in the United States and Canada are eligible for the HGA scholarship, which applies toward tuition.

The Fall issue of *Shuttle Spindle & Dyepot*, HGA's quarterly award-winning magazine, contains a feature article about the 2008 recipients and color photographs of their work. For more information about HGA's scholarship and grant opportunities, visit <www.weavespindye.org> or mail to HGA Scholarship & Grant Opportunities, 1255 Buford Highway, Suite 211, Suwanee, GA, 30024.

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