

OVERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS

Mingled Yarns

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November Meeting

The meeting was held November 18, 2009 at Exchange Place. President Ellen Turpening presided and twenty-three members were present. Minutes were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Renaissance Show. Members were encouraged to begin thinking about and working on entries for the show. The theme is "A Celebration of Fiber: See It In A New Light." New fibers such as bamboo, corn silk or tencel could be used, as well as fibers or techniques that result in a shimmer or sparkle.

The hang dates are March 29 and 30, 2010 from 9:00 to 5:00
Opening Reception is April 11, 2010 from 2:00 to 4:00
Take down is April 28 and 29, 2010 from 9:00 to 5:00

If we plan carefully we should be able to hang everything on March 29 and take down everything on April 29. That will give us two extra days of show time

Workshop. The Lace Workshop will be held Friday and Saturday Feb. 20 and 21, 2010. We can accommodate 20 + people. Deposits of \$50.00 are due by Dec. to hold a spot. The total cost will depend on the number of people attending. Final payments will be

due at the workshop. The instructor, Harriette Roadman will be paid \$300.00 plus travel expenses. The workshop will be a Round Robin style. Members are encouraged to prepare their looms in advance. There is also a Friday night program, "Weaving Your Stash. " Harriette will be paid \$100.00 from the program budget for this presentation.

Exchange Place Christmas In the Country. Kay is in charge. She passed around a sign up sheet for workers. Set-up will be Friday Dec 4, 2009 from 3:00 to 4:30. The event will be Sat. Dec 5 from 10:00 to 4:00. Flyers were available for members to post in prominent places. Exchange Place is looking for volunteers to help with the "re-enactments" of activities on a mid-19th century farm. Costumes will be provided for those interested. The re-enactments will run from 12:00 to 4:00 on Dec. 5th.

Christmas Luncheon and Cheryl's Challenge. Cheryl "expects great things from us" for the December challenge. Cheryl has been in Ohio with her mother who was diagnosed with cancer. Please keep both of them in your prayers.

A sign up sheet was passed around listing the food that members will bring for the luncheon. There will also be a gift exchange. Everyone who brings a gift will receive a gift. The luncheon will be Wed. Dec. 16, 2009 at 10:00 at Exchange Place.

Treasurer's Report: Jack reported income of \$45.44. The total cash on hand is \$7, 142.43. Jack was asked to submit a report comparing budget versus actual. (See attached sheet for full report.)

Sycamore Shoals Fiber Event. Arlene is in charge and Vicki will assist her. The event will be held Sat. March 13, 2010. She will send an e-mail to determine who will participate. The group would like to have another fleece-to-shawl demonstration. It was suggested that there be a weaving contest this year in addition to the spinning contest. There will not be a fashion show this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Smoky Mountains Fiber Arts Festival This festival will be held Fri., Sat., and Sun. March 19 – 21 in Townsend, TN. There will be classes, vendors and a sheep-to shawl competition. Full information is available at the web site. Go to www.smfaf.org/SmokyMountainFiberArtsFestival.

Spinners The spinners will meet Dec. 9 at Sycamore Shoals. Contact Linda Sinko for more information.

Project Linus This is a volunteer, non-profit organization that provides new, homemade, washable blankets for children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. It was suggested that the Guild members use some of the acrylic yarns in the attic to weave blankets for this project. Contact Ellen if interested.

Boot Camp There will be no boot camp in December due to the Christmas in the Country event. January Boot Camp will be used to prepare looms for the retreat, to learn how to spin and to plan projects for the Renaissance Show.

PROGRAM

Walt Turpening presented a very informative program on the importance of proper seating for weavers and spinners. He brought several of his custom-made benches and chairs for exhibit.

Show and Share

Jan brought three different “shawls” that she wove on one warp. One was for a re-enactment, one was from the Sheep-to-shawl exhibit at the fall festival, and one was a gift for a hospital.

Vicki took an indigo class in Asheville as part of the Southern Appalachian Fiber Fair. She dyed the first yarn she ever spun and showed it to the group.

Debbie brought her name tag in double-weave. Her instructor wove it for the Heritage Skills Class Debbie attended.

Phil showed a rug he wove using a re-cycled tablecloth.

Linda brought wool that came from the second shearing of her sheep this year. The wool was very clean with little vegetable matter in it.

Catherine O'Neal brought felted Christmas stockings and hand-made ornaments.

Fiona displayed a sock she is knitting.

Ellen showed a scarf woven with two different wools, a thick and a thin to create collapsed weave. She also showed a summer and winter scarf from our earlier workshop, two plain weave scarves using variegated yarn on the same warp, and a sheep-to-shawl demonstration project.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean R. Green

GUILD CHALLENGE

Due: December 2009 Meeting

What: Create an item using the three colors: Brown, Green, Light Yellow

How: Use any technique you want (Examples: Weave – any structure acceptable; spin; knit; crochet; or felt)

Rules: 1. You must use all three colors in some manner.

2. You may add one base color if desired (white or cream, for example).

3. You may add up to 3, but no more than 3 additional colors for your project. Colors should harmonize or blend nicely.

4. End product may be any size (example: bookmark, rug, tablerunner, dishtowel, mug rug)

5. End product must be inspired by our Guild – Overmountain Weavers Guild – something that will forever remind you of our Guild!

Colors I had at Exchange Place were Webs 8/2 Cotton/Linen blend: #1405 (yellow); #7125 (light brown); #5934 (green)

Can't wait to see everyone's project!

President's message December 2009

Renaissance Show

The Renaissance Show will be fast upon us, especially with the exhibit being hung by March 29. Please be thinking about your pieces for the show. It would be fabulous for everyone to have a piece in the show.

The "Blue Ridge Fiber Show" is a biennial celebration of fiber arts that will take place at the Asheville North Carolina Arboretum in Oct 2010. The theme is inspirations from nature. The entry forms are due on August 13, 2010. Your piece(s) from the Renaissance show could also be entered in this show!! Check out www.wncfhg.org

Fashion Show

It was brought up at the Nov. Guild Meeting about doing a fashion show. My first response was we do not have the pieces for a fashion show. We really need an inventory of possible items for the fashion show. Does anyone have new wearable fiber pieces for a fashion show? or could you make any by March 13, 2010. Please let me know at the Dec meeting or sooner via e-mail.

Calendar

New item for the newsletter will be a Guild Calendar. It will be one page to look at and help get your planning going. It also will make business meetings faster if you bring the calendar to the meetings.

Study Groups

Several members have voiced an interest in study groups that would meet separate from the guild meeting. Your topic and meeting time could change depending on the members in the group.

Cheryl Hudnall and her friend are interested in "Tatting" and wondered if anyone in the guild could teach them.

I'm interested in studying different weave structures at a time.

Evenings/weekends or the 3rd Wednesday would be preferable.

Ask Linda Sinko or Amy Gawthrop about their spinning group.

Christmas Gathering

Our Christmas party will be Dec 16 and all are welcomed. You choose what appetizer you want to bring. You choose if you want to be a part of Cheryl's color challenge and show how you incorporated the butter yellow, the warm brown and the pine green colors into your fiber project. You choose if you want to bring a handmade gift to exchange. You can just come and see it all as we gather in this most blessed season. We miss those, who have not come in a while. We would be so glad to see you.

A Blessed Christmas to All,

Ellen T

Over Mountain Weavers Guild Calendar 2009-2010

December

Dec 4 Set up for Christmas in the Country (3-4:30)

Dec. 5, Exchange Place Christmas in the Country (9:30 – 5)

Dec.16, Guild meeting: Christmas Party with appetizers, Handmade gift exchange & Cheryl's Color challenge. (warm brown, pine green, & butter)

January

Jan 2, Boot Camp: Learn to spin/Spin In & get looms ready for workshop

Jan 20, Guild meeting: Program on spinning "What is good handspun"

February

Feb.6, Boot Camp = Time to gather & work on any fiber project
Feb 17, Get help with looms for the Lace workshop
Feb. 19 Guild meeting 5pm(NOTE DATE CHANGE) "Weaving Your Stash"
Feb. 20 & 21 Lace Workshop with Harriette Roadman (9-4pm)

March

March 6, Boot Camp
March 13, Sycamore Shoals Fiber Event
March 17, Guild meeting
March 19,20 & 21 Smokey Mountain Fiber Arts Festival in Townsend, TN
March 29 & 30 hanging Guild show at Renaissance Center (9-5pm)

April

April 1, Start of Guild show at Renaissance Center
April 3, Boot Camp
April 11, Opening Reception for Guild show at Renaissance Center
April 21, Guild meeting
April 25 Exchange Place Spring Garden Festival (10-5pm)
April 26 Exchange Place Spring Garden Festival (12-5pm)
April 28 & 29 Take Down of Guild show at Renaissance Center

May

May 1, Boot Camp
May 19, Guild Meeting ALL DAY DYE DAY w Paula Asworth (9:30-5pm)

June

June 1or2or3 Governor's School at Exchange Place (9:20 –1:30)
June 5, Boot Camp
June 16, Guild meeting: Guild Challenge

July

July 3, Boot Camp
July 10?, Exchange Place Funfest Farmfest (2-5pm)
July 21, Guild meeting

WEB SITES TO VISIT

Online Spinning and Weaving Guild <http://herran.com/textile>

Open Directory for Arts, Crafts, Weaving and Associations
http://dmoz.org/Arts/Crafts/Textiles/Weaving/Associations/North_America

Google Directory
www.google.com/Top/Arts/Crafts/Textiles/Weaving/Guilds/North_America

Mid Atlantic Fiber Association <http://www.mafafiber.org/events.html>

Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair <http://www.saffsite.org>

Southern Highlands Craft Guild <http://www.southernhighlandguild.org>

HOUSEKEEPING

OMWG meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month, 10 am – 2 pm at the Exchange Place, 4812 Orebank Road, Kingsport, TN. (423) 288-6071.

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-- William Shakespeare, "All's Well That Ends Well", Act IV, Scene III, line 23.