

OVERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS

Mingled Yarns

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September Meeting

The Overmountain Weaver's Guild met September 16, 2009 at Exchange Place, Kingsport.

Corrections to Minutes:

Tim Flint's name was misspelled as "Tom."

The Fleece to Shawl teams were corrected to include Amy, Vicki and Margaret on Cheryl's team with Linda, Rudy and Fiona on Jan's team.

Old Business:

- The membership list was passed around again for members to make corrections to their contact information.
- The list for Fall Festival Participants was passed around. Amy and Jan will be spinning on Sunday in the Fleece to Shawl Tent. Members were asked to bring items for sale on Friday for set-up. Volunteers are needed on Saturday. Looms should be warped for the Festival – a student has a warp on loom #1. Rusty, Phil and Jean have a warp on loom #3. Linda will warp the middle loom. Linda will also label the Theo Moorman warp on loom #3.
- Retreat is scheduled for Oct. 17. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Linda will be doing spinning.

Treasurer's Report:

- No money has been spent and there was an income of 40 cents. A cash flow sheet was distributed.
- There was discussion about the fee for mailing hard copies of the newsletter to members. Jack moved that a \$5.00 fee be charged for mailing the newsletters. Cheryl seconded the motion. Several points were made in the discussion that followed:
 1. In the past dues were used to cover the cost of the newsletter.
 2. The Guild had fewer expenses then.
 3. We seem to have money in the bank to cover this cost.
 4. The money in the bank is to be used for rent in case we ever have to leave Exchange Place and meet somewhere else.
 5. People who attend meetings know what is going on and don't need a newsletter.
 6. Question – would this cause people to drop their membership?
 7. Dues have not gone up in 20 years
 8. Postage has increased over the years.
 9. The budget this year is tight. We could use some of the savings to pay the newsletter cost. We could also fund-raise or raise dues.
 10. We could “grand-father “ in the current members so they did not have to pay a fee but then charge a fee for new members.The vote was taken and the motion passed 9 to 5.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boot Camp: There will be no boot camp in September. We need to tell Sue so she will not expect us to be here. Linda will come in case someone shows up,

Show in 2010: John Plutchak received a letter for Julia Reedy and the Council of Arts in Monroe County, TN (near Chattanooga.) They are seeking people to join in their sale in Nov. 2010.

Renaissance Center: The proposal has been sent asking that they consider us for an exhibit. If we are not accepted we will follow up with a letter. (It was noted that the letter seeking proposals did not specify any certain group of artists, so there was no reason for the Guild to send a letter of complaint or question.)

Positions filled: New member Amy Greear has offered to fill the position of PR. Vicki will handle membership. Nan will serve as the third Library committee member.

Positions still needing to be filled: We still need someone to chair Farm Fest, to be in charge of equipment and to offer spinning classes.

New Members: New members include Barbara Henderson, Louise Nuttle and Patsy Ford

FEBRUARY WORKSHOP: A Guild workshop will be held the weekend of Feb. 19, 20, 21 with Harriet Roadman. Members will pay a fee to attend, probably about \$100.00. (depending on the number of people who come.) On the 19th in the evening the talk will be "How To Use Your Stash." This gathering will take the place of the normal monthly meeting for Feb. On Saturday and Sunday the workshop will be on Lace. We need looms for this workshop. Brenda and Carolyn each have a loom they will bring.

MAY MEETING: Paula Ashworth will come to the Guild's May meeting and present a workshop on dyeing wool. She is a member of the NC Weaver's Guild. The Guild will pay for her expenses. She will stay with Ellen. Ellen and Amy have wool we can use for dyeing. There will be a fee per person.

SHIRTS: Amy will check into the possibility of ordering T-shirts or denim shirts from her work place.

LIBRARY: Martha showed new books that have been purchased. They include: The Handweaver's Pattern Directory, Collapse Weave, by Anne Field, Color in Spinning, by Deb Menz and Overshot is Hot, by Madelyn Van der Hoogt.

BLUE RIDGE SHOW: Postcards were distributed giving information about the Blue Ridge Fiber Show to be held Oct. 2 – Nov. 28, 2010 at the NC Arboretum.

SHOW AND SHARE

- Cheryl showed a double weave tote bag and a silk scarf. The scarf started out as gold and then faded to gray when washed.
- John showed a quilt he pieced along with two pillowcases.
- Jan noted that she has a new car but her spinning wheel won't fit in the back. (It will go in through the side.)
- Jean showed a rather large bath sheet she wove.
- Amy modeled her mobius wimple – intriguing.

Program

Ellen presented a fascinating program on using name drafts. She showed examples of beautiful weaving.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean R. Green
Secretary.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Guild will be Wed. Oct. 21, 2009 at 10:00 AM at Exchange Place.

President's Message

Thanks to all of you who are working hard on making the October Retreat happen. Linda and Vickie have warped up many looms for the event. Both of you are very appreciated. Jean and Phil have worked together on setting up a loom. I'm getting tencil on the loom and it just sparkles. Please try to come and support your guild. You may meet a new friend.

The Fall Festival was rained out on Sat. but we had many people come through during the 2 day festival. It was a lot of work by all the members. What we thought was a small show turned out to be quite beautiful. Many thanks to those who helped set up, worked the show, took pictures, and to all those working the Fleece to Shawl. We have lots to share with everyone.

We had more interest in weaving and spinning this weekend, and several visitors were very interested in the retreat! So a Fall retreat after the Exchange Place festival maybe another way to find future weavers & spinners.

OVERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS FIBER RETREAT

DATE: Saturday Oct 17

TIME: 9:30 -4:00

WHERE: Exchange Place on Orebank Rd. in Kingsport, TN

COST: Free to members & \$5.00 to non-members

LUNCH: Bring something to share with the group. We will have a pot of beans & soup.

WHAT: It will be a fun day of weaving, spinning, felting & knitting together. We will have looms already threaded and members are bringing their spinning wheels. Bonnie is working on a felting project and we will Kool aide dye the yarn in the morning. If you want to learn or re-introduce yourself to any of these come and join us. It is a time to laugh and have fun with fiber.

We need a head count of who is coming, and what you all interested in.

Could you send me the answer to these questions please?

Are you coming to the retreat?

What activities are you interested in?

Will you be bringing a spinning wheel? threaded loom? knitting needles?

What could you bring for lunch?

Hope to see you there even for part of the day.

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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.