

# OVERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS

## Mingled Yarns

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**\*\*Special Notice\*\*** The February meeting will be held Friday night Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. There will not be a meeting on Wed Feb. 17 at 10:00 am. See more details below.

## Minutes of January Meeting

The meeting was held January 20, 2010 at Exchange Place. President Ellen Turpening presided and twenty-six members were present.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Cheryl brought her challenge project, a beautiful table runner. She would like to use all the challenge projects for a display at Renaissance Center.

Treasurer's report:

Savings	\$4, 688.69,
Petty Cash	128.94,
Checking	2, 595.62
Total	\$7, 413.25.

We made \$47.00 at the Christmas Festival. Jack asked everyone who handles the cashier's table to be sure to give correct change. In comparing

budget to actual he noted that expenses are being kept under control. The \$100.00 in the budget for shows may be used for publicity, paper, etc.

Dues should be paid now. They are \$20.00 for a single member and \$18.00 for those over 65. People joining after June pay only \$10.00.

### ***Workshop***

We have received new instructions for the workshop. They will be distributed to those attending. The cost will be between \$90.00 and \$100.00 per person.

### ***Renaissance Show***

Everyone is reminded to work on pieces to show at the exhibit. The hang dates are March 29 and 30 from (9:00 to 5:00). Opening reception is April 11 from 2:00 to 4:00. Take down is April 28, 29 from 9:00 to 5:00. (See the attachment to this newsletter for the necessary entry form.)

### ***Blue Ridge Handweaving Show***

Ellen encouraged us to enter this show. The entry forms are due in August. Google Blue Ridge Handweaving Show for more information.

### ***Smokey Mountain Fiber Arts Festival***

This festival is Fri., Sat., Sun. March 19, 20, 21 in Townsend, TN.

### ***TN Alpaca Assn. Scarf Competition***

Weave a 60" by 8" scarf using at least 50% Alpaca fiber from a TN Alpaca Assn. Member. For more information visit [www.tnalpaca.org](http://www.tnalpaca.org). Deadline for entries is April 1, 2010.

### ***Bead Tapestry***

A new competition has been announced – designing a tapestry with beads. The theme is Mystery Genre Book Covers. A prize of \$1,000.00 will be awarded to the winner. Deadline is Aug. 31, 2011. See Ellen for more info.

### ***Exchange Place Festivals***

Ellen attended a meeting discussing the various festivals held at Exchange Place. Another meeting will be held Feb. 13, 2010 to discuss changes – any interested persons may attend.

Some suggested changes include:

- Having more combined items on display for sale and fewer individual tables and vendors. No demos.
- Having a sheep (or fleece) to shawl exhibition at the April 24-25 festival. This is when they shear the sheep at Exchange Place.
- Farmfest in the summer (July 18<sup>th</sup> ?) needs volunteers for 3 hours on a Sat. to work with children. (Narrower strips of cardboard worked better for children than bookmarks or bracelets. Perhaps we could try using a drop spindle with the children.)
- The fall festival will be Sept. 25 – 26.

OMWG was praised for all its participation in Exchange Place Events.

### **EQUIPMENT CHAIR**

Vicki reported that we need to spend some money to improve the looms and other equipment. She soaked several reeds in a special solution to improve their condition. One is broken beyond repair. She would like to replace the heddles with textsolve as many of them are rusted. She would also like to make bonnets to cover the looms.

Vicki is also trying to figure out how much spinning equipment we have. Finally, the problem with the drum carder has been diagnosed She is waiting to hear from the company.

### **SYCAMORE SHOALS FESTIVAL**

The festival is sat. March 13, 2010. Arlene reported that press releases will go out in early February. She is currently contacting vendors.

Set up will be Friday, March 12 at 8:30 AM. Please tell Arlene ahead of time if you need a table. We are all responsible for items that we have on display. Set up will continue on Sat at 8:30.

The show begins at 10:00. OMWG members are asked to pack in the far parking lot so guests may park close to the building.

Powers Coffee Cafe will provide food.

OMWG members are asked to donate items to be used as door prizes.

Vicki will draw a map to show guests where all the booths are. We will have competitions again, like last year. It was suggested that perhaps the entire guild participate in the fleece to shawl event. The whole building is available for our use. We could have workshops in the theatre area.

A sign up sheet was distributed. Arlene encouraged everyone to have fun with the day.

### ***PROGRAM***

*Linda Sinko has resigned as VP and program chair due to health problems. We thank her for her hard work in planning our programs so far this year.*

This month's program consisted of a panel discussion by several spinners. Margaret, Martha, Rudi, JoAnn, Fiona and Jan discussed the art of spinning. The program was very informative and interesting. Many thanks to everyone who participated and to Ellen for organizing it.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean R. Green

### **President's message for February**

#### **NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE FOR FEB. MEETING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Our Lace workshop instructor, Harriette Roadman, will be giving the Feb. program "Using Up Your Stash" on Friday, Feb.19 at 5pm. This program is for all guild members. Come and see what tips you can learn.

**There will NOT be a meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.**

You can bring your looms on Wed. Feb. 17, if you like. Let me know if you will be working on your lace workshop loom and need help.

*Ellen Turpening (423-323-5385)*

A Guild is a group of people working together to share experiences in something they truly love. This is what Overmountain Weaver's Guild is. Check out what is happening in our guild and see what is going on and where YOU are needed.

## Sycamore Shoals Festival

Arlene needs your help NOW. We need MORE participants to make this work. This is such a fun event but it takes effort and time. Please step up and have fun at the festival on Sat. March 13, You can demo and even show some of your work by getting a table for display. You can donate prizes for the door prize or be a greeter. Thanks Arlene and Vickie and Rudi for making this work.

## Renaissance Show

Please be working on your pieces for the show to be hung March 29.2010. Remember the theme is recycle, environmentally friendly new yarns or sparkling details. Many of you have participate in one or 2 of Cheryl's guild challenges and could be used as a guild display. John Plutchak needs your entry forms. Thanks John for all your work.

## Programs

Laura Buckles has stepped in to come up with ideas for the empty program slots. Her help and ideas were greatly appreciated.

### Jan. Program

Many thanks to Margaret Crouch, Jan Turner, Joann Miller, Fiona Zanke, Rudi Angelmier, and Martha Panell for their willingness to share all their knowledge on spinning and fiber preparation. It is amazing how much they know and how much we don't know. It seems practice, practice & practice is the key. Check out "Spin Off" Website they have lots of FREE educational articles with good pictures to help you get started.

Feb: Friday Feb. 19,5pm "Using up Your Stash" with Harriette Roadman.

Lace workshop: We have 10 people taking the workshop. Feb 20-21.

March: Weaving Finishes with Tim Flint. This is one you won't want to miss. Thank you Tim.

April: Rigid Heddle looms with purchased and handspun yarns with Jan Turner. Rigid Heddle looms are being purchased faster than floor/table looms. Come and see why. Thanks Jan.

May: All Day Dye Day with Paula Ashworth. This will start at 9am and run to 4pm.

June: Twills/broken twills with core group of 4-5

We are looking for 4-5 (even more) people to weave a twill and especially a broken twill and share what they did and what they learned. If you want to be a participant in something wonderful let me know A.S.A.P.

July: Tampa Convergence yarn Challenge + Favorite Fiber Books core group 5-6 people. Eight to 10 yards of the Rayon & silk yarn sold at the Tampa HGA Convergence will be given to each participant to use in a project of their choosing. We are also asking for 5 or 6 people to share a review of their favorite fiber book. If you are willing to step up let me know A.S.A.P.

### Study Groups:

How about a study group on Broken twills?  
Let's start learning together with small study groups.

God Bless,

Ellen T.

423-323-5385

## **Over Mountain Weavers Guild Calendar 2009-2010**

### **February**

Feb. 17 Work on 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](http://dmoz.org/Arts/Crafts/Textiles/Weaving/Associations/North_America)

Google Directory [www.google.com/Top/Arts/Crafts/Textiles/Weaving/Guilds/North\\_America](http://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.