

OVERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS

Mingled Yarns

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December Meeting

The meeting was held December 16, 2009 at Exchange Place. President Ellen Turpening presided and sixteen members were present.

OLD BUSINESS

Ellen distributed copies of a Guild calendar listing dates for upcoming events. She hopes to keep the calendar updated regularly so that all members will know what is happening in the Guild.

Renaissance Show. Members were again encouraged to begin thinking about and working on entries for the show.

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

Workshop. The Lace Workshop will be held Friday and Saturday Feb. 20 and 21, 2010. Ellen has asked Harriett Roadman, our presenter, to send directions for warping. Deposits of \$50.00 were due by this meeting to hold a spot. A sign up sheet was passed around.

Christmas in the Country – Approximately \$400.00 was sold during the event.

Charity Project – Ellen received a letter from a lady who was collecting, woven, knitted or crocheted blankets for veterans recovering from wounds. The web site is www.soldiersangels.org if anyone is interested.

Sycamore Shoals. Members were asked to talk to Arlene and tell her what our needs are for this event. The date is March 13, 2010.

Linus Project. If anyone is interested in this project they are encouraged to talk to Ellen She has learned that woven blankets are accepted.

The Smokey Mountains Fiber Arts Festival will be held in Townsend, TN March 19 – 21, 2010. Full information is available at the web site www.smfaf.org/SmokeyMountainFiberArtsFestival

TN Alpaca Scarf Competition. Any Tennessee resident may compete in this event by creating an 8 x 60 scarf. The yarn must be purchased from a member of the Alpaca organization. Due date is April 1, 2010. The web site is www.tnalpaca.org.

Open House will be held this weekend at Maple Valley Farm Alpacas in Jonesborough. Contact Sylvia Teague at 614-286-8798 for more information about the farm.

A New Yarn Shop “A Novel Yarn” has opened in Jonesborough on 121 Main St. Website is <http://anovel yarn.com/>

Free Alpacas are available from a farm in New Jersey.

A New Challenge was suggested: Ellen has yarn which she purchased at Convergence in Tampa. It is a silk/rayon blend. She suggested giving everyone ten yards and having us create an article. We will discuss it further.

Treasurer's Report: There was no treasurer's report this month.

PROGRAM

Guild Members showed their projects for the Guild Challenge.

Several members were unable to complete their project for this meeting. They were encouraged to finish them in time for the Renaissance Show.

Jan brought crocheted doilies and bookmarks using different combinations of colors.

Judy wove a double corduroy pillow.

Janet wove a pillow using the lampas technique.

Phil created Thrumballs – Christmas ornaments filled with thrums in the challenge colors.

Nan did a plain weave name draft using the challenge colors and based on Ellen's talk about name drafts.

Vicki made a tapestry with several panels. She used some yarn which she spun herself.

John did inkle weaving to create a band which he used on a quilted vest. He also wove a cord for piping on the vest.

Rudy knitted a mohair scarf. He used some brown wool which he spun.

Jean showed plain weave placemats.

Ellen created a plain, rayon boucle scarf.

Linda knitted mittens based on a pattern found in Spin-off.

Many thanks were given to Cheryl for all of her work for the Guild.

Show and Share

Margaret brought colorful “Dr. Seuss” socks that she knitted.

Ellen brought some felted Christmas stockings that she purchased at a “Buttermilk Cottage” in Johnson City.

Jan is knitting a cap as part of a project for folks who have cancer.

Rudi showed a 2 sided cable knit cap, a children’s quilt made by his church, and a sweater knitted by machine.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean R. Green

President’s Message for January

A new year means time for looking back and making new year’s resolution. I was hoping we would use our family room more, but it had become cluttered. When we went with out power (no heat, no light, no hot water) for 72hrs. I got my wish. The items on the hearth had to be removed so we could start a fire. The majority of the clutter on the hearth was burned for heat. It gave us time to think about all the things we take for grant it: hot shower, warm food and basic warm sleeping quarters. Without TV we talked, read to each other, watched the fire and were content to know this would not last forever. Sometimes stepping out of your routine helps to set goals. When you are making your new year’s promises to yourself, plan a 30min time slot for daily working with fiber. You can be amazed what you can accomplish.

Lace Workshop:

Yarn requirements were e-mailed out and we should get the threadings by the Jan. guild meeting. We have only 9 people taking the workshop. We could use more participants. If you are interested or have a friend, who wants to come let me know A.S.A.P. This could be a great treat you yourself or a friend.

Renaissance Show

Please be thinking about your pieces for the show to be hung March 29.2010. Remember the theme is recycle and sparkling. It would be fabulous for everyone to have a piece in

the show.

Fashion Show

There was no communication from members about having pieces ready for a fashion show this year.

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.

Study Groups:

Let's start learning together with small study groups.

A Blessed New Year to All,

Ellen T.

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Over Mountain Weavers Guild Calendar 2009-2010

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.