

Newsletter for OMWG – January 2012  
Overmountain Weavers Guild  
Mingled Yarns

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The December 14, 2011, meeting of the Overmountain Weavers Guild was a gift exchange/luncheon Christmas program, so there were no minutes of the meeting. Approximately 24 members enjoyed the fellowship time and gift exchange.

The January 18, 2012, will be spinning and Barbara Newlun and Tami Carey will both share the responsibilities and demo with drum carding and spinning. Plan to join us as we celebrate National Spinning Month!

OMWG President's Letter  
January 2012

Happy New Year Guild Members!

I hope your holidays were memorable – in a good way. I found myself surrounded by the handiwork of Guild Members this Christmas season. Red and white crackle design hand towels brightened the guest bath. The poinsettia on the kitchen table sat atop a delightful red, green and white Christmas tea towel. I used a soft and very absorbent tan and brown waffle weave cloth to dry the dishes Christmas morning. A burgundy and cream overshot table runner decorated the dining room table – my first project taught by one of the world's best weaving teachers. When I put on my coat to go out, I wrapped a truly fun scarf around my neck, and kept really warm thinking of all of you.

Thanks for surrounding me with color, design and fabric during the holidays. I can't wait to see all the truly creative and amazing things that everyone makes in 2012. Happy New Year!

A new year means it's time to pay dues again! On behalf of our treasurer, I am reminding you that dues are \$20.00 a year (\$18.00 for those 65 and older.) Please pay them by check at the January meeting. Also, those who wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter through the US Postal Service should add an extra \$6.00 to cover postage.

Our January meeting promises to be fun as we celebrate spinning month. Be sure to bring your spinning ideas, questions and thoughts on Wed. Jan. 18 for our first meeting of the New Year.

Remember Boot Camp starts back in Feb. Bring your Summer-winter projects to show the group or just bring yourself and be prepared to learn about this interesting structure.

Now that 2012 is officially here, it's time to get serious about the Renaissance project. Use that beautiful ruby colored yarn and create something glorious for the show. Projects are due in June. Also, remember to give the library committee any ideas you have for books to add to our collection. They are working hard to keep us organized and up to date.

Here's wishing all of us a creative, prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Jean

A note from Bonnie Boochard:

**Fabrics to Dye For! with Pat K. Thomas**

Every week a new technique! Begin with the basics of dyeing natural fabrics for a base color and

manipulate with additional processes for dramatic color and pattern. Next, discover stencils, stamps and screens. Oh my! Then create distinctive fabrics by subtractive discharge and resist methods. Combine and layer surface design techniques to fashion unique, one-of-a-kind fabrics for accessories, quilting, mixed-media. Come with an open mind to explore! \$190

Bonnie is planning on taking this class (if they have enough participants) and might be willing to carpool with you. Sounds like fun!

Spread the word: I've recently found out about a nice couple that live near Athens, GA, near my daughter that weave and sell yarn. Michael's prices on silk are great compared to some others. Keep him in mind for your next project! Here's his info:

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I have a friend who has posed the following question to me. We'll call it our Wet-Finishing Delima for the month. Please see if you can help me with an answer and we'll discuss this at the next meeting or you can e-mail me your answer. Thanks so much!

"Cheryl, I have a weaving question. I am weaving a scarf with hand spun cashmere for the warp and the hand spun cashmere and qiviut for weft. I think I have about 10 inches left to weave. I know I need to full it when I'm finished, but really don't want to use the washing machine to do it even with the hand washable cycle. Any suggestions? I know I can do it by hand in the sink with cool water and a tiny bit of soap. I'm just not sure how to tell when it's done. I've always relied on the washing machine for that."

My first impulse response would be that she needs to use hot water, not cool water to full, but cashmere? - I have no experience with such luxurious fibers. I hope you can help me guide her with proper wet finishing techniques.

LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR YEAR 2012:

January 18, 2012 January meeting on Spinning

February 15, 2012

March 21, 2012

April 18, 2012 Nan Sexton on designing with blocks and profile drafts with some hands on and samples

May 16, 2012 Judie Dysart

June 20, 2012 Red-y, Sett, Weave Guild Challenge due!

Housekeeping:

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

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“The web of our life is of mingled yarn, good and ill together.”