

OMWG WEAVING GUILD Newsletter

Mingled Yarns

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Overmountain Weavers Guild Minutes

May 2, 2017

The April Meeting of the Over Mountain Weavers Guild was called to order on April 19 by Co-President, Judie Dysart at the Exchange Place.

The [Minutes](#) from the previous meeting stand as printed.



Phil gave his [treasurer's report](#).

Gaila reported in [memberships](#) that we now have 50 members, possibly 53. She indicated that she will email the current membership list to all members, rather than print them off and hand them out.

In [workshops](#), Caroline is proceeding with a contract to bring Dianne Totten here for a "Crimp and Create" workshop. All present were in favor. Judie commented that sign-up for this workshop would be open to members first and then to non-members.

Doug Lowman shared that he plans two workshops for students who want to learn the basics of chair caning using the traditional 7-way pattern. [The first workshop starts on the Monday after the Storytelling Festival on October 9th at Roseland.](#) This workshop will run from 1-4 pm each Monday. [The second workshop starts the following Saturday on October 14th at ArtCurious on Boone's Creek Road in](#)

[Johnson City](#). This workshop will run from 10 am - 1 pm each Saturday. Both workshops are planned for 6 weeks. Students can switch back and forth between the two workshops as needed to meet their schedules. Students who took the class last year are welcome to come back and do a more complicated caning pattern. Registration and cost information will be available in August.

Nan reported that [The Saturday Study Group](#) had a good crowd for double weave. Rusty's dolls were adorable. Next meeting on [May 6](#) will be on textured weaves, such as honeycomb and waffle. In June Judie will be discussing sewing with handwoven. This will be the last meeting of this series.

Barbara announced the [library](#)'s addition of a new DVD on efficient weaving.

Dottie thanked everyone who helped make our recent [Sycamore Shoals Fiber Fest](#) a big hit. She noted that the vendors left smiling. Over 200 people attended and seemed to appreciate our multiple crafts and excellent displays which included our antique drafts. We're glad the alpacas joined us and lastly, Dottie simply said: thank you!

Deborah announced that the [Spring Garden Fair](#), our next big event, will take place [April 29 and 30th](#) at Exchange Place from 10 am-5pm Saturday and from 12-5pm Sunday. We will be weaving, spinning, carding, and shearing. We will not be selling.

Deborah Ingram is offering space at Kingsport's 2nd Saturday Marketplace Event, for anyone interested.

As it is nearing the end of the guild's year, a [nominating](#)

Kingsport's 2nd Saturday Marketplace

...a unique shopping experience

Vendor Information:

Please let me know at least two weeks ahead of an event that you plan to participate. Earlier is better since we are currently working with a maximum of 25 spaces.

The **Event Fee for an 8'x10' space will be \$50.00**. One rectangular table (without any table linens or draping) and two chairs will be provided by the Model City Event Center. The Event Fee should be mailed no less than two weeks prior to the event to:

Deborah Ingram
5103 Foxwood Lane
Kingsport, TN 37664

Each Vendor will adhere to the following:

- Assume all liability for their goods
- Have all appropriate licenses
- Collect taxes, as appropriate
- Act as a professional
- Assume responsibility for damage to the venue caused by you or your representatives
- No selling of firearms, alcohol or tobacco
- No consumption of alcohol or use of tobacco or vapor cigarettes
- No open flames on tables at any time (Any candles on tables must be flameless, battery operated type)
- No glitter or confetti of any kind will be used (Glitter already on a product to be sold is fine)
- Bring any tables (in addition to the one provided) or shelves for goods display
- Set up begins at 7 am on the day of the event and should be completed by 9 am, when the doors open to customers
- Take down will not begin before 5 pm, and should be complete by 6 pm

A vendor not following the above rules will be dismissed from any future 2nd Saturday Marketplace events, and may be asked to leave the venue and return at 5 pm to take down their display.

Please provide the following: Name, Company Name, email address, phone number(s) so that we have a record of your contact information. Any information that you approve will be provided to customers who ask for a vendor who is not at one of the events. I don't want you to miss a sale! Inform us of any updates or changes to this information.

Please add Kingsport's 2nd Saturday Marketplace to your website, Facebook or other Social Networking sites.

[committee](#) has been formed seeking a new co-president, treasurer and program director. Members are Nan, Cheryl and Margaret. Judie asked those approached to please consider serving.

The [May program](#) will be Miss Babbs and her beautiful yarns. She will share how she dyes. She's so good with color and will have some of her lovely yarns for sale. The [June program](#) will be presented by Vickie, Arlene and Elaine sharing their knowledge of natural dyes.

The [spinning group](#) will meet next week.

Rudy thanked everyone for their well wishes in regard to his recent surgery.

Show and Share followed. [OMWG's next meeting is May 17.](#)

[April's Program](#) was a delightful presentation by Milissa Ellison Dewey of "Bobbin Boy" who shared her personal story and discussed and demonstrated the restoration and professional use of antique fiberarts equipment. She brought the circa 1830s fiberarts equipment endowment of the Victoria Reese family of Ashe County, North Carolina: counterbalance "barn" / "barn frame" loom, great wheel, flax wheel, squirrel cage swift, wool weasel /click reel, and various handtools.

[President's Note:](#)

I read a survey among weavers that showed that most weavers weave primarily to give their work away. I know when you start adding up the time and effort we put into some of our projects, they are beyond price. If we did put a price on them, we might be lucky to get 25 cents an hour. HEY! I know I am worth more than 25 cents an hour – a lot more.

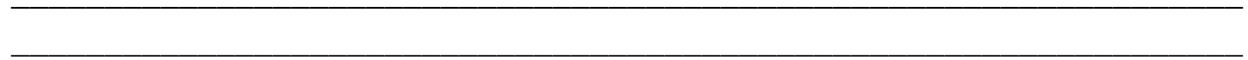
Many times, however, we as weavers have to educate those who receive the results of our efforts. The recipient will like the design on the hand towel given them, but wonder where I got the towel to put the design on. That I actually wove the towel itself is a concept hard for them to grasp. Others cannot comprehend that I

could possibly weave something that would be relevant in today's world. Even a college art professor I met remarked when I told him that I wove "Oh, that's a dying art." People I haven't seen for a while politely inquire if I am still doing that knitting, or cross stitch, or crochet "thing".

But then there are those who truly appreciate what is being given to them. They still may have no concept of the weaving process, but they understand the worth of a handcrafted gift given with love. This is not something from your local Wal-Mart. This is part of a tradition and history going back many years. This is special.

So weave something special today, and give it to someone who knows you're worth more than 25 cent an hour.

Judie Dysart, Co-President



1800's Trivia: It took 7 spinners to keep one weaver at the loom.
Milissa Dewey - April, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Muraski, Secretary

Housekeeping

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

William Shakespeare