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## Overmountain Weavers Guild Minutes June 2, 2017

The May Meeting of the Over Mountain Weavers Guild was called to order on May 17 by Co-President, Deborah Lowman at the Exchange Place. Of special note, Deborah used and acknowledged the handmade gavel built and gifted to us by Alan Duey. Thanks Alan!

The [minutes](#) from the April meeting were approved as printed.

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

Gaila announced that the new membership list *will* be printed and distributed. They will not be emailed as earlier announced.

Barabara reported that she'll be cataloging the books from Nikki Kuhn and they will be available to checkout soon.

In [Programs](#), the program today will be presented by Miss Babs from Mountain City. Vickie (and possibly Elaine) will be presenting our June Program on natural dyes.

In [Workshops](#), Caroline has arranged for Dianne Totten from Atlanta to teach a "Crimp and Create" workshop. This will be a 3 day on loom workshop scheduled for September 8, 9 & 10, 2017. The cost is \$115 per person. It requires a minimum of 4 shafts loom. Ms. Totten does say 8 is better, but 4 is ok! This is NOT a round robin workshop. A \$60 deposit is due with registration.

**Special Note:** Diane is willing to present the Program in September, and so **the September meeting will be moved to Saturday, September 9.** The workshop will continue after the program on that day.

Deborah thanked everyone who helped make the Spring Garden Festival here at the Exchange Place a success. She expressed special gratitude to the 12 guild members who spun, wove, knitted and carded.

A sign up sheet for committees was circulated. Everyone is needed and appreciated.

The nominating committee offers these members as their slate of nominees for election at the June meeting:

Co-President - Vickie Almaroad

Treasurer - Doug Lowman

Programs - Cheryl Hudnall

Gratitude was expressed for those who have served in these offices. Guild members will vote on the slate of officers in June and the new officers will be official in July.

Cheryl passed around sign-up sheets regarding Programs asking for topics and volunteers to present in the coming year.

Cheryl then proposed a “Bag Challenge”:

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### OMWG Bag Challenge

1) Rules & Guidelines

Participation 50 points  
Zipper 10 points  
Silk 10 points  
Purse 20 points  
Coin Purse size 10 points  
Pattern Design 10 points

2) Due next May 2018 for meeting program

- 3) Any fabric structure is appropriate as long as it is handwoven. Appropriate weight fabric (thin enough to make a coin purse). Placement of fabric on pattern (design stripes, etc.) Use of supplemental warp or additional embroidery designs. Linings can be commercially produced fabrics.
- 4) For construction (sewing) questions, feel free to ask for help if needed. Janet, Phil, Margaret, or Cheryl (may be others).
- 5) Awards: Ribbons; Overall winner \$25.00 gift card for Woolery.

See patterns and ideas on Pinterest; zipper bags, free patterns on Pinterest. Open wide zippered pouch; DIY tutorial; mini pouch; 13 easy zipper pouch tutorials; My favorite clutch/wrist wallet pattern.

Commercial patterns available with lots of variety.

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The upcoming Farm Fest at The Exchange Place is July 16 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to weave, spin and card. This event is kid oriented and free.

Nan reported that [The Saturday Study Group's](#) next meeting on [June 3](#) will be presented by Judie, and the topic is: sewing with handwoven. This will be the last meeting of this series.

Jean, in sharing about the August classes, reported that 10 students have paid. There might be 11. There will be a planning meeting following this meeting today. All are welcome. Of the 10 signed up, 4 are 2nd year and 6 are new students. Donations of thread will be accepted.

In regard to our Antique Draft project, Barbara, Sherry and Deborah have been looking into some genealogy. Who were these people? Deborah indicated that it's exciting to make connections and check out historic sites and families. The project is in its early stages, but it looks as though there will be ample information to add

to a book in the future. October is National Weaving Month. Maybe the project above could be the Program?

In upcoming events, there is a fiber fest in Lexington this weekend.

June 10 there is an “Anything Fiber Sale” in Swannanoah outside Asheville from 10:00 to 2:00.

Show and Share followed. [OMWG's next meeting is June 21.](#)

The Program was presented by Miss Babs with her delightfully beautiful yarns!

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### *President's Message*

As spring gives way to summer and as that season jumps into hyper-drive, with it comes that explosion of warm weather activities. Our attention necessarily turns to outside pursuits such as gardening, grass mowing, vacations and family get-togethers. In this growing momentum of summer activity, it becomes increasingly difficult to carve out space of quiet time to spend with the spinning wheel, the loom or that yarn project you've been trying to finish since January. Though it may be challenging to accomplish, it is important to set aside that time. Go find that place of peace and quiet where thoughtful creativity can flourish, where the seed of an idea can grow into an inspired project. Creativity requires our focus, our attention, undivided by the world outside.

For me, that time is the early morning, when the other members of my household are yet fast asleep, and my time is my own. I enjoy the quiet solitude of the dawn, the morning song of the birds, and the soft rhythm of shuttle and beater creating pattern in cloth, weaving peace into the beginning of a new day.

Take time to find your peaceful place this day to enjoy and appreciate the gift of creativity you have been given.

OMWG co-president,  
*Deborah Lowman*

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*Executive Board Meeting, May 17, 9:00 am*

Present were: Gaila, Ellen, Deborah, Linda, Judie and Phil.

Judie expressed gratitude for the gift of the handmade gavel from Alan Duey.

The nominating committee's slate of officers are Vickie Almaroad for Co-President, Doug Lowman for Treasurer, and Cheryl Hudnall for Program Chair. Voting will take place at the June meeting.

Deborah reported that much progress has been made on the genealogy connected to our Antique Drafts.

Diane Totten's Workshop is scheduled for Sept. 8,9, & 10, 2017. The September meeting will be rescheduled to Saturday, September 9 to allow Diane to present the Program. The workshop will continue that afternoon. Judie offered her lodging, but she is not close by. There will be a limit of 16 students. In August we will open registration to outsiders. Deposit at sign-up is \$60. We will have signups for pot luck lunches.

Caroline asked for suggestion for other artists. Geri Forkner creates off loom style weaving, felting, mixed media and much more. Tina Teague is a talented artist and instructor in Asheville.

Phil shared a detailed treasurers report, which included income and expense worksheets, detailing our budget projections and actual income and expenditures.

Deborah noted that the Spring Garden Festival went well this year. There were no sales, but the 12 who demoed did a great job!

This year's Farm Fest during the Kingsport Fun Fest is scheduled for Sunday, July 16 from 2:00 - 5:00 here at the Exchange Place. Kids are the focus, it is free and it was noted that kids like to try looms and the drop spindle.

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“Man does not weave this web of life. He is merely a strand of it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.” Chief Seattle

from Taproot Magazine, Issue 21: WEAVE

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Muraski, Secretary

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### Housekeeping

OMWG meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month from 10AM-12PM at the Exchange Place, 4812 Orebank Road, Kingsport, TN

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

William Shakespeare