

OMWG WEAVING GUILD Newsletter  
Mingled Yarns  
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## Overmountain Weavers Guild Minutes July 5, 2017

OMWG Minutes June 21, 2017

Judie Dysart opened the meeting at Exchange Place.

Minutes were approved as sent by email.

Drema Schwinn's granddaughter, Kara, was welcomed as a guest.

Doug Lowman, our new treasurer, presented the monthly report on our finances.

PROGRAMS: Cheryl Hudnall will lead our "Christmas in July" program by offering us some ideas for Christmas gifts. Members are asked to bring their own woven Christmas items to share.

Ellen Turpening brought mugs of all kinds and colors which were chosen by those present. The challenge is to make mug rugs to match the mug! These will be for sale at the "Christmas in the Country" show in December! Some mugs are still available (contact Jean Green) or use one of your own!

LIBRARY: Barbara Newlun showed some new books which have been purchased for the library : Tom Knisely's Baby Blankets and Handwoven Table Linens; Simple Weaves; Shiori Weaving; and Next Steps in Weaving. If you have suggestions for books you would like to see in the library, please contact Barbara.

NEW OFFICERS were elected at this meeting:

Co-President: Vicky Almaroad;

Co-Vice President (Programs): Cheryl Hudnall

Treasurer: Doug Lowman

OLD BUSINESS:

Signup sheets for committees for the coming year as well as volunteers for the July Farm Fest were passed around.

Membership Lists for 2017/18 were distributed by Gaila Hodgins. If you would like one, please contact her AND if you would like an electronic copy, let her know!

The Burrow Museum will be formally opened on June 25<sup>th</sup>. All members are invited to attend! Ann Moore said that the OMWG is the largest group of volunteers at this time!

Show and Share!

The June Program was presented by Vicki Almaroad on "Natural Dyes". WOW! Our thoughts continue to be with Elaine Olinger who could not co-present due to health issues.

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### *President's Message*

Change – *v. 1. To exchange for or replace with another. 2. To lay aside or abandon. n. 1. A transition from one state to another. 2. Variety.*

My weaving direction has changed. Where it once expanded, it now seems to be shrinking a bit. But I think the word change can be closely tied, if one is lucky, with the word "growth". I might not be weaving as much as I once used to, but my love and appreciation for fiber has not diminished.

My association with my various weaving organizations has made a profound "change" in my weaving and in my life. I have absorbed all kinds of new ideas about fiber and creativity from guest speakers and workshops. I have had the opportunity to work on projects that have given me new skills and a stronger sense of what I can accomplish. And I have met a world of weavers and fiber artists whose direction may be different from mine, but who have given me a strong sense of community and companionship.

And now change is coming to the Overmountain Weavers with a new Programs Chair, a new Treasurer, and a new Co-President. They will help steer

Overmountain in a new yet continuing direction. This is what keeps us fresh and growing.

My many thanks to all of you who have given me your support these past few years and let's keep on changing.

Judie Dysart

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Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Muraski, Secretary  
With special thanks to Marita Aicher-Swartz

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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