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Overmountain Weavers Guild Minutes August 2, 2017

OMWG Minutes of meeting on July 19, 2017

Deborah Lowman opened the meeting at Exchange Place. She welcomed visitors and new officers: Vickie Almaroad (Co- President), Doug Lowman (Treasurer) and Cheryl Hudnall (Co-Vice President/Programs). Deborah extended her thanks to those officers who've served.

Deborah reported that those present at Farm Fest seemed to have a wonderful time. Four guild members were present and were spinning, weaving and carding.

Minutes were approved as written.

The Treasurer's report was given by Doug. He reported 63 guild members paid at present.

Gaila announced that she has copies of the current membership list if anyone has not yet received one, please see her.

In Barbara's absence, there was no Library report.

PROGRAMS:

The August Program will be presented by Ellen on variegated yarns and different weave structures.

The September Program will be presented by Diane Totten following the Saturday guild meeting (which has been moved to Saturday, September 9).

The October Program will be an update on the genealogy study (being done in connection with our antique drafts) and will be presented by Sherry, Deborah and Barbara.

The November Program will be presented by Casey Dixon (awaiting verification on that name) on Traditional Linens and Overshot.

The December Christmas party/meeting was discussed and will be revisited at future meetings. One question that arose was: shall we continue the gift exchange? Many were in favor, but asked what other options are there?

Deborah thanked Cheryl for a great line-up of Programs.

Nan reported that the Study Group is on hold. It will be discussed with our August students to determine their needs and wishes.

Eleven students are signed up for our August weaving classes. Four advanced and 7 level One. Everyone's efforts in this regard are very much appreciated.

In gratitude for the use of the Exchange Place, we offer weekend tours in August. A sign up sheet was passed. They are given between 2:00 and 4:30 on Saturdays and Sundays. Margaret noted her appreciation for tour guides following her recent visit to an historic site without a tour guide present. Sue suggested talking about our festivals (encouraging them to return) and our weaving classes (keeping the vintage craft alive.) They like to see the animals, she said. Pictures are permitted. And there are brochures out by the door.

Today will be a clean-up day in preparation for the upcoming weaving classes and workshop.

Sherry asked that you please weave it if you've taken one of the remaining antique drafts. She's grateful to all who have woven drafts up to this point. The piece you weave does not have to be large, only photographable.

The Fall Festival here at The Exchange Place will be held Saturday, September 23 (from 10:00 to 5:00) and Sunday, September 24 (from 12:00 to 5:00). We typically offer items for sale. A sign-up sheet was sent around for volunteers.

The Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair (SAFF) will be held outside of Asheville in Fletcher on October 27, 28 & 29, 2017.

Doug will be caning October 15 from 10-4 at the Visitor's Center on I-26 in Unicoi County, sponsored by TN Crafts and the State of TN. Also, he recently won "Best of Show" recognition for one of his chairs at the TN Craft Northeast Chapter Summer Craft 2017 Exhibit at the Reece Museum at ETSU.

Rudy shared that the number of 'Liberty Spinners' spinning at Sycamore Shoals State Park once a month has dwindled to just himself. He asks if more spinners are interested and should we commit to this or not?

The Diane Totten 3 day workshop has 9 actively interested participants. It was suggested that we open the workshop up to other guilds in August. The cost is \$115 for guild

members but will be \$135 for non-guild members. A request was made for more information on preparations that need to be made prior to the workshop.

Show and Share followed!

The next meeting is Wednesday, August 16 and will be preceded by an Executive Board meeting at 9:00 AM.

The meeting was followed by the July Program presented by Cheryl Hudnall, "Christmas in July". Thanks, Cheryl for sharing such wide range of excellent ideas for handwoven Christmas gifts!

President's Message

Ahhh August, the lingering summer heat, the promise of Fall just around the corner and..... WEAVING CLASSES!! It is hard to believe that it is time once again to usher in a new group of weaving students. It is great to see the faces of new students, full of determination and eager to learn, sitting down at the loom for the first time, or the Level II students working to master that new weave structure.

The work of training new weavers in this ancient craft is both rewarding and challenging. It is through the dedication of our volunteer teachers and the support of the entire Guild that we can continue to reach out to the community, inviting the participation of those willing to learn. Without the willingness of Guild members to share their knowledge and talents, these classes would not be possible. What they as teachers and we as a Guild give back to the community is priceless. We enable, inspire, instruct, and help to shape these new artists as they begin their weaving careers and we will continue that encouragement and support in the future if they choose to become part of our weaving community. You have so often heard it said, "It takes a village", well, to train new weavers, it takes a Guild. As Guild members you can be proud of this effort and of all those who make it possible.

Deborah Lowman

Trivia: Archeological discoveries in the early 1990's in the Czech Republic point to a possible origin of weaving in the Paleolithic period some 27,000 years ago. (Encyclopedia.com)

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Muraski, Secretary

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