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MINUTES

OMWG Minutes of meeting on September 9, 2017

Deborah opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and noted that we were happy to have Dianne Totten with us for her “Crimp and Create” Workshop.

The minutes were accepted as written.

Doug presented his treasurer’s report.

Gaila noted that we have added new members since the August classes. Our membership has grown to about 65.

Deborah noted that the topic for October Program is Genealogy and the Genealogy Committee will share what has been uncovered in their study and research regarding our antique drafts.

Our November Meeting will be presented by Cassie Dickson on Overshot Coverlets.

The December Meeting will include our Christmas party, a gift exchange and the results of our “Mug Rug Challenge”.

Caroline reported that workshops being discussed will be internal, geared a bit more toward beginners than seasoned weavers, but certainly open to all.

Jean thanked the team who helped teach the August classes and took over when she stepped away. The joy on the students’ faces when they cut their pieces off the looms was priceless.

Deborah thanked those who gave tours of the Exchange Place in August.

Deborah shared her beautiful re-designing of our guild brochure. The intent was to best describe who we are and to meet the standards of venues where we meet and demo, like the TN welcome centers. Nice content and art work, Deborah! (With a little help from Linda and Gaila.)

The Fall Festival, September 28 & 29, will find us spinning, weaving, carding and more in the sale room, tent and on the porch. We need 2 people on the sale table. Set up is from 3:00-5:00 on Friday. Inventory sheets are available. Rachael and others will be weaving in the girls' room on the barn frame loom and Doug will be caning chairs downstairs.

OMWG COOK OUT!

Just for Fun!

Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 10:00-4:00

The Eastman Rec Area, Kingsport, Pavillion. #38

Pot luck meal with hotdogs and paper products provided by the Guild

Families Are Invited!

Nearby Bays Mountain Park offers many attractions (trails, museum, lake and wolves!)

Park admission: \$5 per car

The Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair (SAFF) is October 27, 28 29, 2017 at the WNC Agricultural Center in Fletcher, NC. More info at: saffsite.org

Doug will demo his chair caning from 10-4 on October 14 at the Unicoi Co., TN Welcome Center.

Walt has an upcoming bench weaving workshop October 13-15 here at the Exchange Place.

There will be a Vintage Clothing sale Sept. 17 from 1-4 pm at Sycamore Shoals.

This meeting was followed by a Program presented by Dianne Totten on weaving and crimping lovely fabrics. Thanks Dianne!

The next meeting is October 18. Spinners will meet October 25.

President's Message

Fall, that brief interlude between the ending of summer and the beginning of the cold months of winter, is my favorite time of year. It is a time to revel in the sensory overload of the taste of apple butter and pumpkin pie, the visions of orange pumpkins piled high and the blushing red apples and swirling leaves in shades of red, gold, and green. These warm rich hues of autumn's color palette signal the approaching winter's rest. In my garden this year I planted a row of Indian corn, a variety called "glass gems" and they are. We began picking this week, peeling back the cream and purple husk from each dried ear to reveal the surprise gifts of color inside, the many shades and combinations of yellow, pink, blue, red, and even green. Colors from the dye pot of autumn and inspiration for my next weaving project during the bare months of winter. I hope that each of you will find beauty and inspiration for your fiber creations in this season.

I would like to say a heartfelt "THANK YOU!" to all who supported and participated in this year's Fall Festival at Exchange Place. Our organization was well represented by guild members who spent two days (in very warm temperatures) weaving, spinning, wool carding, flax breaking, selling, and enjoying the company of all who visited the festival. The fiber items our members offered for sale at the festival were well received and appreciated by many. I am proud to be part of an organization whose members are dedicated to the preservation of these traditional handcrafts through their work and community education.

I hope to see each of you at the OMWG cookout at the Eastman Recreation area coming up on Saturday October 14.

Deborah Lowman

Co-President

I am so happy to be a part of such a generous, thoughtful and compassionate group of people.

Thanks to all who have offered to and helped reach out to Ellen and Walt.

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