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Overmountain Weavers Guild Newsletter & Minutes November 2, 2017

MINUTES

OMWG Minutes of meeting on October 18, 2017

Vickie called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

The **minutes** were approved as written.

Doug presented his **treasurer's report**.

Dianne Totten's workshop was very successful. Dianne is a delightful and talented teacher. Caroline passed a sheet around seeking to gauge the interest in asking Kathrin Weber to return.

Our **November Program** 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".

Barbara announced the addition to the **library** of a weaving video and a book on Iridescent Weaving. She asked members to kindly respect that our space upstairs has been straightened again. May we all help keep it that way. :)

Ann shared the gratitude of the Exchange Place for our monetary contribution to their operating expenses. The **Heritage Day Festival** (honoring Suzanne Burow) at Preston Place will be held on Friday, October 20. More volunteers to card or spin would be welcomed!

A **Celebration of Life/Memorial Service will be held for Ellen Turpening** from 3-5 on October 22, 2017 at Colonial Heights Methodist Church. If you have something that Ellen wove, please wear it. Or you're invited to wear purple or violet. Began discussions on ways to remember Ellen...Possibly through naming looms and scholarships? And more?

Christmas in the Country will be held here on Saturday, December 2 from 9 to 5. Set up will be on Friday. Sign-up sheet was circulated. Tax is 9.75%. Doug asks that it please be calculated correctly. Will check into having the Museum open. If so, volunteers will be needed. And hopefully everyone will bring their mugs and mug rugs to the sale, as Ellen challenged us to do back in July.

Members of the Board met at the **Reece Museum at ETSU** yesterday to look into the possibility of exhibiting there. The museum is very professionally run and we would have over a year to prepare. The facilities are very nice, there are security cameras and there is staff support at no charge. Staff would work with us to hang the show. There would be a catered opening reception. They take care of advertising. Our handmade items would be listed at the desk and any sales would be managed there. A 10% commission would go to the Reece Museum, pieces only to be removed at the close of the exhibit. They are very interested in our antique drafts. Our options are May 13 and July 5, 2019. The show would be installed the week before and we are welcome to have our monthly meeting there.

The Renaissance Exhibit/Show in Kingsport is scheduled for September, 2018. Shall we go ahead with plans for this show also? Everyone agreed that we should, as it is a lovely tribute to Ellen, who first engaged us in this opportunity. The Arts Guild will be notified.

The recent guild **cook-out** at Eastman Rec Area in Kingsport was enjoyed by the small number who attended. It was agreed that we plan one again for next year, possibly for September.

Judy has information if anyone is interested in an adventure to travel the **Silk Road** in Uzbekistan in April.

SAFF is October 27-29 in Fletcher, NC.

The next meeting will be held on November 15 and will be preceded by an Executive Board meeting at 9:00 am.

The Program followed which was a presentation of what has been learned to date of the life and times of the weavers responsible for our Antique Drafts. Barbara, Sherry and Deborah shared their research with us, a captivated audience. 16 weavers in Grayson and Carroll Counties in Virginia are a part of the stories behind our drafts. We are very grateful to the committee for their tireless efforts in uncovering these facts and stories, dating back to the late 1700's. Barbara spoke of the Grayson Highlands and the difficult lives the frontiersmen lived- building shelters, growing crops around big trees and bartering. Their drafts were memorized.

Sherry spoke of our 67 drafts that were given to us by Suzanne Burow. Of those 9 have dates, 16 have the weaver's names, 36 drafts are named, 53 have been handed out to be woven and 31

were on display at our 2016 Renaissance Museum Show. The oldest is SAD 52 from March 25, 1847. The newest is SAD 9 from November 27, 1935.

Deborah also spoke of the twin county region of Grayson and Carroll Counties. Suzanne's family helped start the Historical Society in Hillsville, VA. Deborah's research showed that she is related to one of the weavers she researched! Misouria Jane Goad (One of the weavers in this research) and Deborah share a great grandfather on her mother's side. The Jeff Matthews Memorial Museum is rich in weaving history as is the nearby Matthews Living History Farm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Muraski, Secretary

President's Message

Countdown,

Well it has started, the mad rush toward Christmas. But while you're shopping, cooking, baking, cleaning, partying, eating, and eating, shopping because you forgot somebody, take a minute and breathe, slowly and deeply. This season may not be the best time to try and do five new and different projects! It doesn't mean you can't check your stash, find a new weaving idea and plan. Weaving is meant to be a pleasure for lovers of fiber, a love, a passion. Treat it gently, take time. You will find you are ready to start fresh with the new year.

And besides, with all the guild is doing at this time of year, you should take the time to enjoy and participate in all it has to offer.

So breathe.
Happy Rush

Vickie Almaroad

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.

Shared by Ann:

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOPS AT EXCHANGE PLACE

Exchange Place Living History Farm, 4812 Orebank Road in Kingsport, will offer two Wreath Making Workshops this year: an evening workshop on [Tuesday, November 28](#), from 5:30 - 9 pm and a daytime workshop on [Wednesday, November 29](#), from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. With inspiration and guidance from Christy Shivell of Shy Valley Plant Farm, participants will create a unique evergreen wreath to take home. All materials - fresh greenery, cones, dried flowers, wreath form, and wire - will be provided. Celebrate the holidays with a fresh wreath you make yourself!

The cost is \$30 (\$25 for SAPS members and Exchange Place volunteers) and includes all materials and a light meal of soup, bread, and dessert. These are very popular classes so don't wait to register. To reserve your place, mail check, payable to "Exchange Place," to: Joy Moore, P.O. Box 87, Fall Branch, TN 37656. Please include your phone and/or e-mail for confirmation. Registration is limited to 15 participants for each session. Registration deadline is [November 25](#). Sorry no cancellations or refunds (though we will save your materials for you if you have to cancel.) Proceeds from the workshop go to Exchange Place's restoration efforts. For more information call Joy Moore at [423-348-6572](tel:423-348-6572) or e-mail jnjmoore@embarqmail.com .

WREATH MAKING TOOL AND SUPPLY LIST

A limited number of tools will be available, but, if possible, please bring:

pruning shears

wire cutters

scissors

"findings" - any special objects, special greenery, etc. that you wish to include in your wreath. You are encouraged to bring interesting plant material from your own yard to use and share for even more variety.

3-5 yards of 2" ribbon (optional)

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