

OMWG WEAVING GUILD Newsletter  
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## Overmountain Weavers Guild Newsletter & Minutes December 4, 2017

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### MINUTES

OMWG Meeting on November 15, 2017

Deborah called the meeting to order, welcomed those present and our guest presenter, Cassie Dickson.

The **minutes** were approved as written.

Doug presented his **treasurer's report** and suggested that we watch our spending.

The **December Meeting** will include our Christmas party and a gift exchange (with gifts \$20-\$30 in value and handcrafted).

Cheryl reported that the January Program will be presented by Martha Pennel on Spinning. Margaret will present the February Program on Name Drafts. The March Program is undecided, but Nan will present the April Program. And the May Program will be our Bag Guild Challenge, with prizes. In June we might travel... to Echo Fiber or Crossnore?

**Christmas in the Country will be held here on Saturday, December 2 from 9 to 4.** Set up will be on Friday from 3-5 PM. Please bring your mugs and mug rugs. Need sale table and girls' room volunteers. 10% of sale prices goes to the Guild and 10% goes to the Exchange Place. The Museum will be open and volunteers will be needed to welcome visitors and answer questions.

Sycamore Shoals Fiber Fest will be held Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 10-4. Set up will be Friday from 12-4. Vickie will co-chair and is looking for someone to chair with her. A committee will be set up. And the March monthly meeting will be moved to MARCH 14.

The Spring Garden Fest will be held April 28-29, 2018. We plan to offer items for sale. Volunteers will be needed to demo.

The Renaissance Center Show will be held from August 30 to September 27, 2018. The opening reception will be held on Sunday, September 9 from 2-4. The show will be hung August 28 & 29.

The Reece Museum Show at ETSU will take place in 2019. Please send photos of pieces you plan to submit to Deborah to be forwarded to ETSU. This show will be open to all our handcrafts, all fibers and our antique drafts.

The Liberty Spinners meet every second Tuesday (9:30-11:30 am) from April through November at Sycamore Shoals in Elizabethton. The Liberty Spinners are already on the Sycamore Shoals calendar for 2018. Rudi asks other spinners to please join him in this worthwhile endeavor.

A big thanks to Barbara for cleaning the library/resource room upstairs so beautifully! And thanks to Wayne for installing the new lighting on the porch!

**The next meeting will be held on December 20.** The meeting was followed by Cassie Dickson's informative and impressive presentation on Overshot Coverlets.

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## **Executive Board Meeting**

**November 15**

Deborah began the meeting with a question as to whether the guild might meet on Saturday once in awhile, possibly quarterly? The hope would be to occasionally make our meetings more convenient for those who have a conflict with Wednesdays. Those present decided that the membership should be given the chance to give their input.

The question was raised: should we move the Executive Board meeting to after (instead of before) the regular guild meeting? Those present were inclined to do so.

Christmas in the Country is upcoming on Saturday, December 2. Vickie is chairing. The museum might be open, if so volunteers will be needed. Need someone to demo in the sales room. Linda offered. Mug rugs and mugs will be sold. Should their sales be used for something specific? A memorial in memory of Ellen?

The December meeting will include a gift exchange (handcrafted and with a \$20 limit) and party.

Sycamore Shoals Fiber Fair will be held on March 17, 2018. The March meeting will be moved to March 14, before the Fiber Fair.

The Spring Garden Fair will be held here on April 28 & 29, 2018. Will there be sales? Yes. We need volunteers to spin and weave.

The Renaissance Center Show is tentatively scheduled for August 30 through September 27. We need to remind everyone to keep weaving and crafting. Set up will be August 28 & 29. Take down is the 28th of September. We hope to have an Ellen Memorial Exhibit as part of the show. The opening reception will be held Sunday, September 9 from 2-4 PM.

The Fall Festival will be held here September 22 & 23, 2018.

The Reece Museum Exhibit will take place from May into June, 2019. A committee will be needed, possibly consisting of this Board? Email pictures of your work to Deborah so that the Museum can put together a folder of our work.

In budget concerns, we've spent more than we budgeted in the first 4 months of the fiscal year. Dianne Totten's workshop was not covered by registration fees. What will our bottom line be for spending?

Board meeting was adjourned.

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### Loom for Sale

Package includes

36 inch Leclerc loom  
bench  
warping board  
shuttles  
2 reeds  
pattern books  
some yarn  
price: \$1200.00

Phone number :423-349-4511

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Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Muraski, Secretary

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## *President's Message*

My thanks to each and everyone who have lent their time and talents to Guild projects and events this past year. As 2017 draws to a close, we can look back at a remarkable year filled with lots of hard work and creativity. We have experienced the joyous hellos of welcoming new members and as well as tearful goodbyes. As we approach 2018, our Guild looks to the future, to expanding our visibility in the region, to continued development of our genealogy project, to continue reaching out to the community by teaching traditional fiber arts, and to providing opportunities for our members to market their beautiful creations. We are 65 members strong and working together we can do great things. In 2018, let us continue our tradition of fine craftsmanship, education and community involvement.

I hope to see all of you at our Christmas party and gift exchange on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Join us for some Christmas goodies and a fun time seeing all the unique gifts.

Merry Christmas!  
Deborah Lowman  
Co-president

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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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#### 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