

OMWG WEAVING GUILD Newsletter  
Mingled Yarns  
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## Overmountain Weavers Guild Newsletter & Minutes February 5, 2018

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### MINUTES

OMWG Meeting on January 24, 2018

Deborah called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone, thanking them for coming on our rescheduled date.

The **minutes** were approved following Dottie's clarification that our inventory listing, mentioned last month, has been and continues to be an ongoing process.

Doug presented his **treasurer's report**. 2018 memberships are due.

Gaila passed around blank contact information sheets to all in the hope of updating before printing a 2018 membership list.

Barbara had no library news.

Cheryl was not present, but Deborah acknowledged Martha Pannell, who will present today's Program on Spinning.

Margaret will present the February Program on Name Drafts. *"Name drafting" is a way to derive a threading draft from a name, or a word or phrase -- or from a musical score!*

The April Program topic will be on Scandinavian Weaving presented by Nan.

There was no report on Workshops.

Sycamore Shoals Fiber Fest is scheduled for March 17. Set up will be Friday, March 16, from 12-4. There will again be contests. Vickie asks those who are volunteering with this event to

meet briefly after this meeting. Volunteers will be needed to greet and work the guild/sales table. We also hope to have all our usual demo's.

The Spring Garden Fair here at the Exchange Place is scheduled for April 28-29. Ann offered to chair the Guild's participation in this event. Will we have a sales table? A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be circulated next month.

Jean shared that 20 people have signed up to join this weekend's Wonderful Weaving Weekend! The two purposes of this event are to get together and to jump start new weavers. All are invited to stop by if you're in the area. Join us for a soup lunch at noon!

A shelter has been reserved for a cook-out Saturday, September 8 from 8-4 at the Eastman Rec Area in Kingsport.

Pictures of fiber pieces that you hope to include in the 2019 Reece Museum Exhibit NEED to be forwarded to Deborah, as soon as possible. The Museum curator requests them.

The JA's here are asking about planning a one day weaving, spinning workshop, to let them try these things. This will not be a required event for them and will probably involve 12-17 year olds. Ann will check back with them to see if July 21 will work. There will be no charge for this event. Let Deborah know if you are interested in helping.

Smoky Mountain Fiber Arts Festival is April 20-22 at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center. [gsmheritagecenter.org](http://gsmheritagecenter.org)

Yadkin Valley Fiber Room in Winston Salem is offering workshops February through June, and Vickie circulated info on that.

Rudi will teach spinning Feb. 17 at Tusculum College.

Show and Share followed. And following that was Martha's very interesting presentation on 'ALL' (or at least bunches) of fibers and things that might be spun. Thanks Martha!

Next Meeting will be February 24, 2018. A Board Meeting will follow around 12 noon. Board members - please bring a bag lunch.

Note: As winter arrives, please note that the OMWG meetings and Spinners' 4th Wednesdays all follow the Sullivan County School system's schedule. If they are out, we will not meet.

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President's Message

I have to say that 2018 is off to an eventful start. For those who did not make it to the Wonderful Winter Weaving Weekend in late January, you missed a great event. Roseland was literally filled with the sounds of creativity, laughter, the hum of quiet conversation, of sharing and teaching and the simple enjoyment of artistic creation. We had many guild members there working on weaving projects. We also had spinning, card weaving, kumihimo, sock knitting, tapestry, needle felting, rigid heddle weaving and chair caning. Everyone enjoyed getting help with a project, learning a new skill, or trying their hand at a fiber art they had not tried before. It was great!! My only question is “When are we going to do this again Jean, Nan, and Caroline????!! Many thanks to those who lead and all who participated in the weekend.

We look forward to other upcoming events. On March 17, we will celebrate all things fiber with the Sycamore Shoals Fiber Fair, followed by the Spring Garden Fair at Exchange Place on April 28. Whether you are new to the guild or a seasoned member I hope you will join in the fun and volunteer at these events. In the meantime, keep working on those special creations that provide joy and a welcome retreat from the stresses of our daily lives.

Happy weaving,

Deborah

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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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Respectfully submitted,

Linda Muraski, Secretary

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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