

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

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Minutes OMWG Meeting on February 21, 2018

Co-President Vickie Almaroad called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved as written.

The treasurer's report was given by Doug Lowman. Membership dues are still in process of being collected for this year and we do not yet have a final count of guild members. Our membership for 2017 reached 64. Regarding the budget, with 2/3 of our fiscal year passed, we have already exceeded our annual expenditure budget by \$400. For income, we are \$700 below our budgeted income for the fiscal year, which ends the last of June.

Programs report: In Cheryl Hudnall's absence Vickie reminded members of Cheryl's purse making challenge, which will be our program for May. The guidelines for the competition may be found on the OMWG website in the minutes of our January 2018 meeting. All members are encouraged to participate and prizes will be awarded.

Up Coming Events: Fiber Fair: Vickie reported on preparations for our upcoming Fiber Fair. The Sycamore Shoals Fiber Fair will be held on Saturday, March 17, from 10-4pm. Set up will be on Friday from 12- 4pm and Saturday morning from 8-10am. There will be 14 vendors this year, three of whom are new. Two of our new vendors will be the Elizabethton Crocheters and Cobb Hill Alpacas from Wytheville Va. A refreshment area with drinks available will be set up for vendors and guild members. Vickie passed around a signup sheet for greeters and sales table staffing. If you have items to sell at the Fair, you are requested to donate a small item to be given as a door prize. There will be several contests during the Fair including knitting and spinning competitions as well as a weaving contest. Classes will also be offered. Linda Muraski will teach basic knitting for beginners and Rudi Angelmaier volunteered to teach beginning crochet. Sue Cadwallader stated that she would be willing to help with the children's craft table if other guild members volunteer to teach crafts. Members are asked to bring fiber to be used at the children's table. Deborah Lowman reminded members to bring items they want to display at the Fair to our

March meeting. All display items need to be labeled with the artist's name, fiber content, and a brief description of the technique used.

Junior Apprentice Workshop: Ann Moore reported on the proposed J.A. workshop. A new date, Saturday, October 20, for the class was suggested. This date did not appear to conflict with other scheduled events. The all-day workshop will be presented in a Governor's School type format, with up to 10 students who will alternate with weaving on the floor loom and spinning on the wheel.

Felting Workshop: Vickie mentioned the felting workshop idea as suggested by Nan Sexton. Nan needs to know how many people may be interested in participating in a felting weekend that would include wet felting and needle felting techniques.

Show and Share: We had many interesting items brought in for show and share.

Next Meeting: **Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 14.** (Note that this date is one week earlier than our usual meeting date due to Fiber Fair)

Program: Margaret Crouch presented a great program on how name drafts are woven and showed several interesting examples of this weaving technique. Thank you, Margaret.

OMWG Board Meeting Due to illness and other concerns, there were only three board members present for the meeting.

We briefly discussed ideas for the new guidelines for equipment checkout. New guidelines will be developed in the coming months and will be presented to the guild. Our next Board meeting will be Wednesday, May 16, at 12:00.

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Special Note:

The March 21 OMWG meeting program will be presented by Judie Dysart. The program will be "Beyond The Scarf Weaving" and will emphasize expanding your weaving horizons to pillows, purses, shams, clothing, fabrics, etc.

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President's Message

Hello Fiber people,

It is hard to believe but it is that time of year again, Fiber Day at Sycamore Shoals in Elizabethton. I always

like this day because it gives us leave to act silly, talk to many different people about fiber, and just enjoy the day. This is a good day to get to know other guild members better and meet vendors you may not know.

There is always some way to help make the day better and easier for all the members who have offered their time and expertise, and you may just learn something new. So come, volunteer for something, enter the contests and have fun.

Look forward to seeing you there,  
Vickie Almaroad

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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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Previous Minutes may be found at [www.omwg.net](http://www.omwg.net)

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Muraski, Secretary  
with special thanks to Deborah Lowman

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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