

OMWG WEAVING GUILD Newsletter  
Mingled Yarns  
Issue 710 [www.omwg.net](http://www.omwg.net)

Overmountain Weavers Guild  
Newsletter & Minutes  
May 2, 2018

Guild Meeting Minutes April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Meeting opened by Vickie Almaroad.

Newsletter accepted and no corrections needed.

Treasury report given by Doug Lowman.

Old Business:

Vickie commented on the success of the Fiber Fair at Sycamore Shoals This was our 17<sup>th</sup> year there and the vendors were excellent. We had many guests! She expressed thanks to all who participated and helped in any way. We will need a new chairperson for next year. Rudy won the spinning contest spinning 320 inches of continuous thread from 5 oz of roving. Rachel, Margaret, Ann Moore and Fiona also participated.

Library: Ann Moore has donated a DVD on Weaving a Rug by Tom Nisley.

New Business:

Ann Moore talked about the Spring Festival (April 28/29<sup>th</sup>). On Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> the Exchange Place sheep will be shorn from 11-3 near the museum. A tent will be set up for "Sheep to Shawl" (our version) both days to show the process. Guild members are invited to come and weave, spin, knit in Roseland on the back porch and in the weaving room during the weekend (similar to Winter Weekend). The Lowmans, John Plutchak and the Lacys will be demonstrating and selling their items as well. Should be a fun weekend!

The Spinnery in Gatlinburg has expanded and is a wonderful place to visit and shop.

Election time again! Please consider signing up to work on the Guild's various committees which help make the guild what it is today. There are so many which can benefit from the different talents of our members! June is the election of officers. We will be electing a new co-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and new vice-Presidents of Workshops and Membership. Please think about serving our guild!

There is a loom for sale on Craig's list from the Kingsport area and a Great Wheel on sale in Bristol at Willow Creek Antiques on State Street.

Cheryl Hudnall reported on the upcoming monthly programs: May – the bag challenge; June – open – Dye day is being considered; July- open; August: trip to Crossnore School; September – Guild picnic at Eastman and the 19<sup>th</sup>, Pat Pavlowitz will talk about Felting.

Other ideas bantered about were a knitting workshop , another dye day, a program on selling items, and Judy Dysart's talk on using our weaving "Beyond Scarves".

Show and Share

Program on Scandinavian Weaving by Nan Sexton

---

The Blue Ridge Fiber Fest will be held June 2-3, 2018 in Sparta, NC. There will be vendors, workshops, and tools for and drop off available for wool processing. Art yarns and uniquely dyed yarns all at the Alleghany County Fairgrounds.

---

From The Yadkin Valley Fiber Center:

As of 1 May, 2018 the Yadkin Valley Fiber Room is becoming the Yadkin Valley Fiber Center, relocating to historic Elkin, North Carolina! In addition to occupying the top floor of the Foothills Arts Council, our new location offers a wide range of dining, lodging, and area attractions, all within a short drive of the Center.

Our new location is an easy drive up I-77 from Charlotte or Hwy 421 from the Triad area. In addition to housing the Center, the Foothills Art Council features a gallery, gardens, amphitheater, and gift shop filled with local heritage arts and crafts.

I am thrilled to invite you to visit our new space and continue to help us in our mission of fostering creativity in the fiber arts either as a student, instructor, or visitor to the Center.

---

President's Note:

Hello guild members,

We had a wonderful day in Elizabethton at Sycamore Shoals in March. Thank You to all the members who came, demonstrated, greeted, kept the guild table, and talked to any and all. We had a good day!

I went to the Fiber Festival in Townsend, TN this past Friday and came away with the conviction that we have some top notch local crafts people right here in the guild. So hold on to the desire for quality in what ever you do with fiber, cause it shows.

Well, here comes Spring and Summer, and I am so ready for it. But don't forget our May challenge, or the dyeing in June. In other words, don't get lazy about weaving when the warm days roll around. Try something out of the box, experiment. If you've got a warp on your loom, remember the Christmas sale is only seven months away. Weave up those items when it gets too hot to be outside!

Have fun and weave!

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 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.

---

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Muraski, Secretary  
with special thanks to Marita Aicher-Swartz

---

#### Housekeeping

OMWG meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month from 10AM-12PM at the Exchange Place, 4812 Orebank Road, Kingsport, TN

Co-Presidents: Vickie Almaroad 649 Mitchell Road, Kingsport, TN. 37663 (423-349-6580) and Deborah Lowman 1328 Barkley Road, Telford, TN 37690 (423-257-3190)

Send information to be included in the newsletter by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month to the newsletter editor: Linda Muraski/Secretary 159 Carden Drive, Elizabethton, TN 37643

Memberships to OMWG are \$20.00/yr regular member; \$18/yr senior or student; Make checks payable to Overmountain Weavers Guild and send to treasurer: Doug Lowman 1328 Barkley Road, Telford, TN 37690

**\*\*Mingled Yarns\*\*** is a monthly publication of the OMWG of East Tennessee, an organization established to teach, stimulate, and furnish inspiration, information, and mutual assistance in the growth and development of hand weaving and related fiber arts. Liliias Adams named our newsletter **\*\*Mingled Yarns\*\*** in October of 1978

**“The web of our life is of mingled yarn, good and ill together”**

-William Shakespeare