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Overmountain Weavers Guild
Newsletter & Minutes
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Meeting Minutes May 16th, 2018

Deborah opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, especially the new people present.

The April Minutes were accepted as written.

The Treasury report was given by Doug Lowman.

No Membership Report.

The June Program will be on dyeing. John will dye cotton and Barbara wool. John has gloves. Please bring fiber and a mask if you desire. In addition newspaper, plastic table cloths and clothes that you won't mind soiling are recommended. Also recommended are unused cat litter pans, spoons, zip lock bags. John has dye and activator. John pointed out that Wal Mart has 706 yard spools of Peaches and Cream cotton for only \$8.

Judy will give the July Program on using our weaving "Beyond Scarves."

The August Program will be a field trip to Crossnore.

Cheryl hopes the September Program will be presented by Pat Hallowist on felting. Deborah thanked Cheryl for her efforts as Program Chair.

No report on Workshops.

Ann spoke about the recent Garden Fair. She thanked everyone who participated. There was much interest and enthusiasm in all that we had going on on the back porch and in our loom room. And the Exchange Place appreciated our presence. The attendance/gate sales were record breaking at 4,600 paying guests. Thank you.

Jean announced that there are 11 paid students for the August classes and 5 on a waiting list.

October 20 is the date for the Jr. Apprentice Workshop. It will be like a mini-Governor's School.

Farm Fest is scheduled for July 15. Volunteers will be needed to spin, weave and card with kids.

The nominations for new officers are:

Co-Pres: Ann Moore

Secretary: ?

Vice-Pres of Workshops: Marita

Vice-Pres of Membership: Walt

Voting will take place at the June meeting and new officers will begin serving in July. Deborah thanked all the outgoing officers and noted that it has been fun to work with such talented and enthusiastic members.

Regional events:

Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival is May 18 in Lexington, KY.

The Blue Ridge Fiber Fest will be held June 2-3, 2018 in Sparta, NC.

June 9 at Warren Wilson there will be an Anything Fiber Sale.

June 2 the Asheville Farmer's Market will have a Fiber Day. The Dewey's will be there and are willing to make repairs on site. They are also interested in taking items on consignment in their booth.

The caretaker's job here at the Exchange Place has an opening, as Joey has resigned.

Rudy's correction to the minutes: The spinning contest winner's length at Sycamore Shoals has to be 320 yards, not feet.

Rudy also shared that he was the only spinner at Sycamore Shoals on the 2nd Tuesday in May. He'll continue through the year, and indicated that it will be taken off the SS calendar if there is no further interest.

The Elizabethton Library invites fiber crafts people to meet Mondays from 5:30-7:30.

John indicated that the Makers Fair at FunFest went well last year with demo's, much interest and lunch was offered at no charge. Some sales were made. Contact John if you're interested in this year's booth.

Judy suggested the Library consider purchasing the book "Innovative Weaving". Can be used by a study group or just to think up new stuff.

Ann noted that the book Sixty Scarves for 60 Years is in its 2nd Printing and is available from Yarn Barn of Kansas.

Chris Lacey is now a Brown Sheep Dealer and can sell Schacht Looms, accessories, Brown Sheep wool and wholesale books. (Skyland Weavers 288-5917)

Jean invited everyone to check out the 18/2 nylon thread in the next room. Beautiful colors and all are free.

Show and Share followed.

There is a “Handmade Here” display currently at the Reece Museum with items made by members of area chapters, which includes Doug’s cane weaving.

Jean welcomes donations of 3/2, 5/2 and 8/2 thread for the August classes. *Please return all checked out looms and tools by the June meeting.*

The Program was given by Cheryl and was our “Handbag Challenge”. 1st place was won by Ann. The 2nd place place bag was Jean’s. And the 3rd place winner was Marita. Cheryl thanked Andrea, Fiona, Phil and Sherry for their beautiful entries.

Board Meeting:

With only 4 members present, no regular board meeting was held. However, Doug did share an overall Treasurer’s report. And he explained that in the future taxes need to be collected by ALL venders at the Sycamore Shoals Spring Festival. We supply

their paperwork and we contact the Dept. of Revenue.

A discussion followed regarding our use of The Exchange Place for weaving through the winter months which likely added to their utility bills. The decision was made to give them an additional \$200 to offset their expenses. We also reached an understanding on using the EP, and decided that it's a good thing for guild members to gather and learn from each other. *Note: Members should not weave alone here at the Exchange Place, for a number of reasons.*

A Note on ELECTIONS:

Linda Muraski has offered to continue serving as Secretary one more year.

Jean and the Nominating Committee thank everyone who has agreed to serve. If members want to nominate other candidates, they may send names to Ann, Judy or Jean.

Presidents note:

As I end my tenure as co-president of the Guild, I would like to thank all of the members who have given of their time and talents

in support of our programs these past two years. It has been a privilege to work with such a dedicated and motivated group of artists and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve in this leadership position.

We spent this past weekend as vendors at the first ever Blue Ridge Fiber Festival in Sparta NC and it was a fun weekend. From local fleeces, yarns, and lovely roving to the barn full of fluffy angora bunnies and alpacas there was something there for everyone. Put this one on your calendar for next year. A few of our guild members made it to the show and it was great to see familiar faces.

As we move into the summer months, we have a lot to look forward to, beginning with our dye day later on this month. Following that is Farm Fest in July, and a trip to Crossnore and weaving classes in August. The fun continues in September with the Renaissance show, the OMWG picnic and Fall Festival welcoming in autumn. Enjoy your summer. I hope to see all of you at these upcoming events!

Deborah Lowman
Co-President

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Respectfully submitted,
Linda Muraski, Secretary

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