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Overmountain Weavers Guild
Newsletter & Minutes
November 1, 2018

Prior to the meeting, Judie Dysart presented a Program on 'The Silk Roads', and Uzbekistan. Thank you so much, Judie, for sharing your travel story and pictures!

The October Meeting was called to order by Ann, who thanked Judie again for her program. Visitors and new members were welcomed.

The September meeting minutes were approved as written.

Doug shared his Treasurer's report.

Programs:

November 14 – Ugly Baby Contest

Bring us your disasters! Bring us your failures! Get those monsters off the shelves and come share! November's program is an Ugly Baby Contest. If you have the courage, bring in something that really, really didn't turn out well. This doesn't mean just small miscalculations, or things that didn't turn out quite the way you'd hoped. It doesn't mean something that's not quite finished. And – you really advanced people – it doesn't mean pieces that simply fail to measure up to your usual standards. So, bring one (or more) piece/s that are true failures; come ready to say why they failed and what you learned from that. You may think you've produced the worst fiber creation since time began. But we'll be the judge of that.

December 19 – Christmas Brunch/Luncheon and Gift Exchange Guild will provide plates, cups and napkins. Members bring your favorite brunch or early lunch dish or dessert and prepare to enjoy the time together. Most members love our gift exchange, but it is not mandatory. If you want to bring a gift, it must be hand made (preferably woven) and a value of not more than \$25. Wrap it up or put it in a bag. We'll draw names that day and each person opens their gift in front of the group. Again, it's great fun, so please plan to join along with us.

January 16, 2019 – Spinning program (or whatever Ann Moore was talking about at the last meeting with John Plutchak).

February 20 – Book Reports –

Margaret Crouch will do a report on the book Weavers of the Southern Highlands by Philis Alvic, whose oral history project turned into a thesis or dissertation and then was published by UK. Cheryl Hudnall will be doing a book report on the new book out on Anni Albers by Ann Coxon, her life and how it maybe even dovetail in with Margaret's book.

March 20 – Favorite Dishtowel

This month our program will be bring your favorite dishtowel you have ever woven and perhaps the draft (unless it is copy written) and share with others in the guild for ideas.

In regard to Workshops, we will have our Wild, Wonderful Weaving Weekend again in January. Wednesday afternoon through Sunday, January 16-20, was suggested. Reserve a guild loom if you hope to use one. In the event of snow, our fun will take place the next week.

Barbara noted that in regard to Library, we are running out of room. Shelving needs to be expanded. We have a new book on Woven Garments.

In new business, those present decided the November Meeting will be held on NOVEMBER 14, a week early. A Board Meeting will

be included. (The December Meeting date will remain on the third Wednesday, Dec. 19.)

We are having a Junior Apprentice weaving/spinning workshop day on October 20 at 10 AM. 10 Students and adults are signed up and a great team is in place. They'll weave double weave tubular pouches. Ann asks to meet with the team after this meeting.

Christmas in the Country is Saturday, December 1. John Plutchak offered to chair.

Sales at our recent event were not great. Ann recommended that we reserve sales to Christmas in the Country and our Spring Fiber Festival at Sycamore Shoals. We should continue demo-ing at other events here, as we are valued heritage demonstrators.

Our Spring Fiber Festival will be Saturday, March 16, 2019. Everyone is needed and a sign-up sheet was circulated.

See Deborah to pick up your pieces from the Renaissance Show. People's Choice awards went to Barbara and also, Elaine Ollinger, Deborah, Doug, Marita, Sherry, Elaine and Dottie.

Northeast Tennessee Museum members will meet here and Ann has offered to speak about weaving and Sherry will include our antique draft display.

SAFF is October 26-28.

The Blue Ridge Fiber Show is September 28 through December 28 at the Arboretum in Asheville.

The William King Museum has a display of woven and quilted things, 'Intertwined', in Abingdon.

In the event of SNOW, we will not meet if Sullivan County Schools are closed or delayed.

If you need a badge or a membership list, please put your name on Walt's list, and he'll get them for you.

A few of our antique drafts remain unwoven. We hope to include ALL of our antique drafts in next year's Exhibit at ETSU's Reece Museum. If you have one, please complete it by February.

Show and Tell followed. The next meeting November 14 (ONE WEEK EARLY!)

President's Message:

Dear Weavers,

The seasons change and it finally feels like Fall in Tennessee! I love the changing seasons and time spent outdoors in nature. Drive through the mountains, or visit one of our many parks with lakes and rivers. Cooler weather and beautiful autumn color means new inspiration for our weaving projects. What colors will you choose to put on your loom this month?

Autumn also means a time change, so it is dark earlier. But as the days grow shorter, we can spend the evenings making lovely things! Will you be weaving special Christmas gifts, or making something for the Christmas in the Country festival? Or perhaps, like me, you are planning to finish one of Suzanne Burow's antique drafts in time for the show next year.

If you are looking for more inspiration, be sure to come to the OMWG meetings. Our members always inspire me! Hope to see you there.

Ann Moore

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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