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Overmountain Weavers Guild
Newsletter & Minutes
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OverMountain Weaver's Guild Minutes

November 14, 2018

Vicki Almaroad opened the meeting at Exchange Place and welcomed guests especially Laura Whitfield who is a spinner and knitter and sponsor of the Fall Fiber Fare at Sycamore Shoals in Elizabethton.

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report and Quarterly Report were given by Doug Lowman.

Membership: If you would like a new name tag or a printed membership list, please contact Walt Turpening.

Exchange Place news: Ann Moore reported that the Junior Apprentice Workshop went really well with seven youth and three adults attending. Thank you to all those who participated in the day. As the colder months begin members are asked to be aware of using the building as it needs to be heated. A donation of \$500 is being given to Exchange Place yearly to help cover expenses.

Members of the Guild are invited to join with others on Tuesdays from 9-1:00 to weave using the Guild or personal looms. This will help with safety issues (weaving alone in the building) and also with the heating during the winter months. Contact Linda Muraski or Jean Green if you plan on being there. Bring your lunch!

Spinners: Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Spring Fiber Fare at Sycamore Shoals : Save the Date! March 16, 2019

Barbara Bell has a loom for sale. See previous email

Judy Dysart is looking for a reed shaped pen she may have lost at Exchange Place. Please contact her if you have found it.

Christmas in the Country: December 1st from 10-4. John Plutchak is chairperson . Volunteers are needed for the sales table and items are needed for sale. Set up is Friday from 3-5 and if necessary you can bring items at 9 on Saturday. Don't forget to use your Sales Form which is on the website.

Fiber Forum in Asheville 2019 will have a rigid heddle class.

Doug asked Guild members if they had different types of bobbins that he could purchase to use as examples in the boat shuttles that we make to sell.

The Reece Museum show will open officially on June 10 and will run through July 26. The hanging date of the show will be Saturday, June 1 and the take down dates will be Saturday July 27 and Monday July 29. A soft opening will be the week of June 3-7. We will have a catered reception at the Reece on Saturday June 22. We will have the opportunity to have

two Guild meetings and programs at the Gallery in addition to demonstrations by Guild members during the two months that the show will be open.

Convergence will be July 24-31, 2020 in Knoxville. Deborah Lowman reported that a 10x10' space is \$500 to rent during the event. There will be 122 different classes. Members of our guild are attending preliminary meetings to discuss the role of our Guild. Perhaps Exchange Place can be a tour opportunity and our Antique Drafts and other weaving can be hung in the Burrows Museum.

Elaine Olinger's husband wants to come to the December meeting with her yarn , fleece, etc to sell. Please come to the December meeting with a check or cash to increase your stash! ! John Plutchak has volunteered to help him with pricing, etc.

January's Wild and Wonderful Weaving Weekend will begin on Thursday January 17th and continue through Sunday! Hope you will come and join in the fun!!!

Show and Share followed.

Jean's Program: the ugly baby weaving contest was informative with lots of humor as we critiqued some weaving "fails". Thanks also to brave weavers who shared their weaving disasters!!!

President's Note....

Dear Guild Members,

It has been a year of growth and loss. Looking forward, there are many areas that need hands and good ideals. Please make the decision to become involved with a festival, workshop, or sale. The guild needs all hands.

I have some unfinished business to do in this note, I would like to thank Rudy and Arleen for their time, effort and commitment to the Liberty Spinners. This was a group started by a small group of guild spinners several years ago at Sycamore Shoals in Elizabethton. Rudy and Arleen came and stayed every meeting date and for all the time stated. I myself started with them, but I faded when things conflicted with the date of the meeting. The group has now folded as of November of this year.

So I say Many Thanks Rudy, you taught a few really interested people to spin, and educated many children and parents. There is a lot to admire about commitment.

Vickie Almaroad

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Respectfully submitted,
Linda Muraski, Secretary
with special thanks to Marita

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