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Overmountain Weavers Guild
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Minutes of February 20, 2019.

Ann called the meeting to order welcoming everyone present.

January's Minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's report was given by Doug Lowman, Treasurer. Everyone was reminded that the money in "Ellen's Fund" (gained from the sale of Ellen Turpening's threads and yarns) is reserved for members to attend a class/workshop with 1/2 the registration fee paid by this fund. New bobbins were purchased for guild spinning wheels.

In Programs, Cheryl reported that the March Program will be "Dish Towels". Please bring copies of the draft to share if it is 'sharable'. April's Program will be a field trip to the William King Museum in Abingdon. The Program in May will be about profile and block drafts. Different structures having the same profile. June and July's Meetings and Programs will be held at the Reece Museum. The July Program will be presented by Melissa Dewey. The August Program will be a DYE Day presented by Barbara and John.

Walt reported that our guild memberships are presently at 75.

The OMWG Spring Fiber Festival will be held on Saturday, March 16 from 10 am to 4 pm at Sycamore Shoals State Park in Elizabethton. Vickie passed around the list of members who signed up to volunteer. There will be 13-14 local vendors with the addition of a rug hooking group. Vickie will allow for shifting in schedules if there is need. There will be weaving, spinning and hopefully carding demos. A pot luck lunch will be offered for guild members and vendors. Additions to the soups, etc that Vickie plans to bring are welcome. Email Vickie with questions.

The Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair is scheduled for April 27 and 28. Ann suggested we think of our part as a “mini Winter Weaving Weekend”! She will reserve our room and at least 1/2 of the back porch for us to enjoy, create and be willing to chat with visitors as they pass through. No sales for this event. We will also have Sheep to Shawl.

The Reece Museum Exhibit will be hung June 1 and remain through the end of July. Entry forms will be sent by email. They must be included with your fiber art as it is dropped off **by you** at the Reece Museum. Pieces must also be picked up by you, the artist, after the show. No pieces can be valued at more than \$5000. All Fibers are welcome. Bio forms will be emailed and due back by March. That info will be kept in a binder in the event anyone wants to know more about the artist or make contact. Sherry asks that all antique drafts be completed and returned to her by the April Meeting.

Convergence, an event presented by the Handweavers Guild of America, will be held July 24-30, 2020 at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Jean reported that our Wonderful Winter Weaving Weekend was successful and a lot of fun. She felt that it accomplished its goal with

much camaraderie, neat things going on like sewing woven fabrics and great food shared by all.

The Ron Ramsey Agricultural Center in Blountville is hosting an Appalachian Heritage Festival June 1, 2019. They will not charge for guild or individual booth space if we demo. Vickie plans to participate and you might check with her for more information.

Jean noted that 8 people are already signed up for the August Weaving Classes.

Deborah sketched an OMWG patch and had it stitched and is offering to take orders from those interested. (At the time of this printing,) they are \$16 each.

Sherry has more antique drafts that need to be woven if you're interested!

We discussed offering another Jr. Apprentice Day this year on October 19. Ann will send back a tentative yes, as several were interested in helping.

Show and Share followed. Then Cheryl presented a wonderful Program/report on Anni Albers and her impressive life and weaving in the 1900's.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 20.

OMWG Board Meeting followed...with Ann, Vickie, Deborah, Doug, Walt and I present.

Those present discussed a stitched OMWG design for button down or polo shirts, similar to one from years ago. Members will supply the shirts and John has access to a machine to stitch them for a nominal fee.

The guild has been offered a table loom from a previous member. Board members decided we should research its value that we might offer to purchase.

Those present discussed how much space we might use for the Spring Garden Fair and decided we will reserve the entire back porch.

Convergence July 24-30, 2020 will be an opportunity for people to learn and an opportunity for us to share about OMWG. We discussed being involved in volunteer roles. Possibly do a high-jacking here at Exchange Place or a tour? Offer this venue as a stop on their way home? Ours can be a historical/weaving tour. Maybe we could look to lighten our load in 2020 so we can take this on. Board asked Linda to email the Convergence info to everyone.

Those present decided that at the Sycamore Shoals Fiber Festival the felted fiber ball activity should only take place if weather permits - outside. Set up will be on Friday. It was agreed we should encourage new members to come - even if they didn't sign up!

Vickie will be at the Heritage Day June 1.

Doug reported that we are under budget at this point. A credit card application has been submitted for the guild. Doug will set up a PayPal account connected to it.

The Reece Museum Exhibit may need people to demo and answer questions? We plan a reception on Saturday, June 22 from 2-5 pm. We decided there will be no awards; it is enough and an honor just to be

there. \$300 in catered food will be furnished. They do not allow homemade food, only purchased items. Doug will contact someone about playing a dulcimer. Deborah will photograph items for advertising. Elections will be held at the June meeting there. Bio form will be due by the end of March. The entry form will ask for a value for insurance and if you're interested in selling, or NFS if not. Nothing leaves the show until its over. The museum would accept a 10% donation on sold items. **ARTISTS NEED TO PERSONALLY DELIVER THEIR PIECES TO THE MUSEUM.**

Since there is a field trip planned for April, there will be no meeting.

We will take a group photo at the next meeting of those who have woven antique drafts.

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The Handweavers Guild of America offers financial assistance to teachers and artists. Check it out at: www.WeaveSpinDye.org

President's Note....

Dear *OMWG* members,

Are you inspired by spring? I am! I love every change of season and spring is one of the best, especially in our beautiful region. It feels like the world is waking up and the possibilities are limitless. The air is scented and fresh, the grass is turning green, the trees are budding, the flowers are starting to bloom, & the honey bees are flying. Take a walk outdoors and let nature inspire your next fiber project!

And for even more fun and inspiration, be sure to attend our Spring Fiber Festival at Sycamore Shoals (March 16, 10-4pm), and the Spring Garden Fair at Exchange place (April 27/28).

Happy spring everyone! 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