

Meeting attendance:

In person: Layne Tharp, Sarah Wakefield, Mary Alice Favor, Bonnie Dore, Jane Bird, Andy Bird, Kathy Carvey, Ron Halterman, Pollyanna Sidell, Julie George, Robin Joy, Billie Smith, Mary Schwartz, Susan Rockwell, Annette Higby, Heidi Beckwith

By Zoom: Jennifer Moore (guest speaker), Virginia Glenn (guest speaker), Leslyn Hall, Deidre Goulding, Suzanne Gauth, Katelyn Koskie, Janet Ruggles, Ann Levy, Sherry Klesner, Laura Hacker, Barbara Bendix, Pamela Wilson, Heather Katz, Linda Garrett, Marcia Bellas, Theresa George, Becky Jensen, Savannah Thomas, Danyelle Brodeur

Program: Jennifer Moore, ATA: Textile Traditions of the Peruvian Highlands

Business meeting: President Claudia Gibson presiding

Minutes of the November, 2024 meeting approved.

Elections: for Treasurer February 2025 - May 2026: Andy Bird made a motion to nominate Robin Joy for treasurer (to finish out Ron Halterman's term); Pollyanna Sidel seconded. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion passed unanimously.

Andy moved that Robin be able to open, close disperse and transfer guild funds as of this meeting. Mary Alice Favro seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Claudia presented a slate of nominations for the Nominating Committee, each beginning February, 2025:

Annette Higby (term ends May 2025)

Marty Reid (term ends May 2026)

Amy Stender (term ends May 2027)

There were no nominations from the floor. Andy moved to accept the slate and Julie George seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee: A new policy will cover both liability and property insurance for \$405/year, a savings over the old policy (\$440) that covered only property. In future, workshop instructors will be asked about any insurance they may carry.

Library: Annette Higby listed seven new books now available and thanked members who helped with compiling sample books and on work days. Marty announced a book sale in the library after the meeting.

NEWS 2025: Claudia reminded the group that registration has begun. Billie Smith volunteered to be NEWS representative for the guild, replacing Claudia. There will be a guild table exhibit using napkins from the 2024 exchange.

Guild Exhibit: Vision and Voice, May 10-25, 2025

Julie reminded members to bring their items for this show to the April, 2025 meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet to help hang and take down the show and in March, she will go over sign-up and paperwork to be part of the show. Julie's report from November that a consensus emerged to dispense with judging at the show sparked a new discussion of judging with many speaking in favor of the experience and insight gained. This discussion led to the possibility of allowing both juried and non-juried entries; more discussion and a vote may follow at a later meeting.

Programs Committee:

Layne Tharp described three upcoming multi-day workshops for this year. Next year, there will be only one such workshop. The rag rug workshop on April 26 & 27 needs one more participant. The full programs committee report was posted to [groups.io](https://groups.io) on February 4, 2025.

Website Committee:

Focus is to make the webpage work for information and for all commercial functions. A survey on what members want from the website will follow.

Other Business:

Marty described her excellent experience participating in the HGA Guild Development Workshop.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Carvey, secretary