

Vermont Weavers Guild

Minutes of Meeting: March 11 2023

Present: Rebecca Jensen Suzanne Gauthier Billie Smith Bonny Dutton
Deirdre Goulding Ann Levy Janet ? Jane Woodhouse Julie George
Mary Schwartz Marty Reid Mary Alice Favro Naomi Dettenbeck Pam Wilson
Penny Cunningham Rachel Wylie Ron Halterman Janet Ruggles-Power
Trudy Otis Barbara Levin Susan Rockwell Annette Higby Andy Bird
Jane Bird

Mary Alice Favro introduced new members: Heather Katz (returning member)
Mary Bauman Lois Price Penny Cunningham
Kelly McGill We were able to hear from and welcome Penny Cunningham,

Discussion led by Claudia Gibson, to set the details for our Guild Exhibit, as well as members' submissions to the NEWS Fashion / Gallery Show.

the Vermont Guild Exhibit will open on Memorial Day Weekend (May 27/28), here at the White River Craft Center, Randolph VT. The exhibit will be up over the following week and weekend, ending on the following Sunday (June 4).

Handing in pieces for the Vermont Guild Exhibit:

It was decided that the deadline (for submitting pieces) will be April 29th. We can take in whatever people want to bring to the April 9 meeting. Pieces can also be given to Julie, Trudy, or Claudia, OR mailed to the White River Craft Center, c/o Susan Rockwell. Pieces must have been received by April 29 for submission to the Guild Exhibit.

Forms: We will use our own forms for these submissions. We will arrange to have them download-able from our website, along with instructions.

Awards: We will have 4-5 awards. Julie and Trudy will contact HGA and Complex Weavers, asking if they will offer an award.

Judging: names were suggested: aiming for at least two judges. Claudia and Julie will contact potential judges to arrange a jurying in mid-May.

Submitting work to the New England Weavers Seminar (held in July this year, in Worcester):

Pieces submitted to N.E.W.S. do not have to be juried beforehand. However, entries to the NEWS (Fashion / Gallery) Exhibit *must be submitted by the Guild*. They are typically collected in April or May, and taken to NEWS by one of the Guild's representatives (Shirley Bergert or Claudia Gibson).

NEWS Exhibit Entry Forms: Fillable forms are available on the NEWS website: <https://www.newenglandweavers.org/gallery-fashion-shows>

The PILLOW CHALLENGE: These pillows will be exhibited on our Guild Table at NEWS. They will be collected on April 8, and up until April 29. Julie George and Shannon Cunniff had developed a form to be filled out for each entry or weaver, so that this information can become part of the Guild Table exhibit at NEWS. These forms will also be made available on our website ("Pillow Challenge Entry").

Planning for April meeting get-together:

In April we planned to hold a "convergence" for ourselves.

show and tell / what we've been working on

pieces made by students from the Susan Rockwell's *Doubleweave* Workshop

pieces made by from Lisa Hill's *Deflected Doubleweave* Workshop students

tables set up to: discuss looms, discuss fibers/sources

a fiber swap / sale (donation to the Guild)

a business meeting (to pre-discuss the budget for next year).

Claudia Gibson stated that the April business meeting will focus on our next annual budget (the budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting in May); we will want to go over some recent cost increases and set some priorities before preparing the budget for 2023-24.

Also in April — we will sign up volunteers to hang, as well as to monitor ("sit") our own Exhibit, and take it down when it's over.

Claudia also announced that the terms of two Guild officers: President and Vice-President/ Programming will need to be filled by vote of the membership at our Annual Meeting in May. Claudia said that she will put herself forward for President. Members should contact each other about possible candidates for the VP position. This year, programming has been very capably handled by a small group, including Annette Higby, Shannon Cuniff, Dena Hirschak and Claudia Gibson.

Layne Tharp announced that the knitting guild's Fleece Project this year has received enough enrollment and that they will not open participation to members of the weaving guild.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM