

VERMONT WEAVERS GUILD

Minutes from Meeting March 8, 2025 Meeting

Attending: Layne Tharp; Julie George; Trudy Otis; Andy Bird; Jane Bird; Bonnie Dore; Claudia Gibson; Becky Jensen; Marcia Bellas; Sarah Wakefield; Tricia Parmelee; Heidi Beckwith; Annette Higby; Sue Smith; Robin Joy; Pam Wilson; Karen Henderson

on Zoom: Carol Macy; Susan Rockwell; "Susan's iPad" ("Susan"); Marty Reid; Heather Katz; Ann Levy; Toby Goldsmith; Katelynn Koskie; Daphne Jackson; Sally Gunn; Theresa George; Leslyn Hall; Dianna Mitchell; Alison Levy; Sherry Klesner.

10:00 - 11:00 Guild viewed a **presentation** by Rebecca Smith, on Transparency Weaving. Ms. Smith will lead a workshop on this technique for the Guild in May. This workshop is full to capacity, and Rebecca will send preparation documents to participants.

Meeting: 11:05 AM: [Claudia Gibson] President opened the meeting with a welcome to all.

Minutes of the last meeting (February 2025) of the Guild were APPROVED with the following corrections: "Programs" header should be "**Programs Committee.**" The following statement will be added to the Programs Committee Report: "**The full Program Committee report was posted to IO Groups February 4, 2025.**" "Voice and Vision" (the title of our Guild Exhibit in May) should be "***Vision and Voice.***"

Nominating Committee: [Annette Higby] The nominating committee is seeking candidates for President and one new Nominating Committee member. A slate will be presented at the April meeting for a vote in May.. Several members emphasized that the President's role has become more manageable due to well-functioning committees.

Membership: [Marty Reid] The Guild now has 81 members, with Sandy Lincoln as the newest addition.

Treasurer's Report: [Robin Joy] the Treasurer's report highlighted some discrepancies in membership income and programs income that need to be addressed.

Finance Committee: [Annette Higby] is working on next year's budget with a final meeting scheduled for today— this proposed budget will be presented for discussion at our next Guild meeting. The Finance Committee is also considering long-term planning, planned giving, and policies for large gifts.

Library Committee: [Annette Higby] Annette noted that the Library has 2 copies of a book cited by this morning's presenter. Discussion of the Library Committee's plan to

use “TinyCat” a program that would enable easy check-out of items. Theresa George brought up an idea of having a 'how to' session on using the library.

Programs Committee: [Layne Tharp] Layne presented upcoming programs, including Historic Rag Rugs by Leslie Feserman - April 26-27 (two slots still available) and Transparency Weaving by Rebecca Smith - May 17-18 (now full). The presentation at our April meeting will by Nancy Gossell is entitled “Repurposing Heirloom Textiles.” The entire program has been posted to our Groups forum on 2/4/25. The Programs Committee will post a report on Groups every month.

Guild Exhibit: [Julie George] “VISION & VOICE” is the title of the Guild Exhibit. April 12 is the deadline for submission of pieces. The exhibit will be up from May 10-25. Pieces will be juried or not depending on the preference of the submitter. Julie passed out copies of the two pieces of paper that support each submission (one is a waiver) and these are also available on the Guild website.

Julie will start a worksheet to sign up volunteers for various tasks and times to help set up/hang, host the opening event, “sit” the shows, and take it down. This will happen over Groups and the sign-up sheet will be available at the April meeting.

Website Work Group: [Claudia Gibson] This group is sending out a survey to all members, asking about usage of the current website and what they want to see in a new website.

NEWS 2025: [Leslyn Hall] The Guild Table exhibit will feature the napkin exchange of 2024 (coordinated by Shirley Bergert and Leslyn Hall). Regarding submission to NEWS exhibits (Fashion and Gallery shows): Deadline for submission of paperwork and other documentation is May 10 (at the annual meeting) — to Shirley and Claudia. All pieces going to NEWS (including those for the Guild Table) have to be in Claudia’s hands by May 25, when the Guild exhibit comes down. Claudia will be responsible for bringing them to NEWS and bringing them back (items can later be picked up from Claudia) or she will bring them to the September meeting.

Claudia presented a NEWS volunteer opportunity — to become co-Vice President (Programs) for NEWS 2027; anyone interested should contact her for more information.

The Vermont Guild plans to offer an award; a suitable theme would encompass qualities of Vermont’s geography. The award would be offered for a piece in the Gallery Exhibit. Pamela Wilson will develop wording for this award.

Meeting was adjourned at **12:10 PM**

Claudia Gibson