

# Vermont Weavers Guild

Minutes of the March 9, 2019 meeting

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## Business meeting

President Mary Ann Bennett opened the meeting. 29 members were present.

## New Members

No new members were present.

## Minutes

The minutes from February 2019 were posted on the forum and approved.

## Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was posted on forum and approved. Treasurer Jennifer Kortfelt announced that she will be developing the budget for next year in the coming months. Anyone that spends money for the guild needs to provide their budget info to her **by April 1**.

## Library Report

Librarian Annette Higby announced that Catharine Ellis's new book *The Art and Science of Natural Dyes* is in the library now. A popup sale of duplicate books was available during the meeting. Let Annette know if you'd like her to order any new books.

## Programming Report

Dena Hirschak reported that programming for this guild year is scheduled through May 2019. Beth Guertin is coming to present and lead a workshop on Melange Warps (mixed Warps) in April. There is still room if you'd like to sign up for that workshop. In May, our own Sue Smith will be presenting on COE and leading a workshop on Loom-Controlled Lace Weaves. For the 2019-2020 guild year, workshops are planned through November 2019 and the spring 2020 workshops are starting to take shape. Jayne Flanagan has agreed to come and present and lead a workshop. Dena has posted her workshop options on the forum at <http://vtweaversguild.org/VWG-FORUM/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=146>. Please take a moment and vote on the topic that interests you the most.

## 2019 Guild Show

A discussion was held about upcoming judging in May, NEWS in July and SPA in September. A clearer timeline will be posted online by a member of the Show Committee. Registration for NEWS classes begins March 10 at 2pm. There was also a reminder that the guild needs to provide 16 volunteer hours to sit the show for NEWS. Each volunteer will earn a vendor coupon.

## Old Business

Officer and committee vacancies-

Mary Ann has had three people volunteer for the vacancies on the nominating committee. We need 1 more position filled for the nominating committee. Thank you to those who volunteered! We are still in

need of someone to fill the secretary position for the remainder of the term which goes through May 2020. Mary Ann's term as president will be ending in May 2019. We are currently seeking someone to be president of the guild for a 2-year term in 2019-2021.

#### Bylaw Changes-

MaryAnn Bennett read the changes to the bylaws at the meeting. The changes were voted in unanimously.

#### Donated Loom-

Susan Rockwell made a motion for the guild to donate the older counter-balance loom (that was donated to us in the past year) to the Sustainable Earth Foundation's Heritage Weaving Studio in Bridgewater, VT. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Andy and Jane Bird will deliver the loom to the studio in Bridgewater.

#### Local Exhibit-

Beth Carroll announced that a new show is being exhibited at the T.W. Wood Gallery in Montpelier. It's called Close to the Cloth: A Textile Exhibit. It features the works of Barbara Bendix, Karen Henderson, Stephanie Krauss, Skye Livingston, Kate Ruddle and Neysa Russo. It runs through 3/29.

#### Bulk purchasing Opportunity-

MaryAnn Bennett announced that UKI has been bought out and the [Hartford Artisan's Weaving Center](#) in Hartford, CT will help facilitate a group buy to get a better price for their mercerized 5/2 and 10/2 cotton. MaryAnn offered to organize the pickup. If we buy in bulk, we can get a significant discount (about 1/3 less than the Halcyon price). The proceeds of the sale goes to fundraising for the Center's Artisan program for blind or visually impaired weavers.

#### Permission to Photograph-

Pam Wilson asked that anyone who objects to themselves or their work being photographed on behalf of the guild, please let her know.

The meeting was adjourned.