

Vermont Weavers Guild

Minutes of the May 11, 2019 meeting

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Business meeting

President Mary Ann Bennett opened the meeting.

New Members

No new members were present.

Minutes

The minutes from March 2019, posted on the forum, were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jennifer Kortfelt was absent so there was no treasurer's report.

Library Report

Librarian Annette Higby reminded everyone that since it's May, 5 books could be checked out for the summer.

Programming Report

Dena Hirschak reported that programming for next year is close to being completed. We have ample registration for the Norma Smayda's Krokbragd and Cameron Taylor-Brown's Color in Cloth workshops, so those are both confirmed. For the spring, we've invited Linda Whiting (Maine) to come teach Tapestry Techniques, Mary Ann Sanborn to come teach Tablet Weaving, and Suzi Ballanger to come teach Transforming Tools and Weaving Wonders—how to use your loom and tools to get the most out of them. Jayne Flanagan is no longer able to come lead a workshop next year. Please sign up early for workshops!

Dena also announced that the guild has received a \$750 donation from Concept2, Inc, a Vermont company in Morrisville, that has a generous donations budget for Vermont organizations.

2019 Guild Show

A discussion was held about the guild show at Studio Place Arts in September. The dates for that show are Sept 9-Oct 1. Pam Wilson fielded lots of questions about what the requirements are for the show and what the deadlines are. Drop-off will be the last weekend in August and the install will be the first week of September. There will be items available for displaying the items such as hanging bars, display props, mannequins, tables, and display cases for smaller items. As for what you should enter in the show, choose piece(s) that delight and excite you. It doesn't have to be a recent piece. It doesn't have to follow the theme. We should not under-estimate how little the general public understands woven cloth...look at your piece from a non-weaver's perspective. If it's something that's been shown within 30 minutes of Barre in the last two years, please don't submit it. Work can be for sale. Studio Place Arts will keep 35% of the sale price as a commission. Pam Wilson will post all pertinent information on the forum and on the website. We also discussed having looms for those visiting the show to try, and perhaps photos or videos of the displayed pieces when they were being woven.

NEWS 2019

Shirley Bergert is the new NEWS volunteer. She replaces Donna Pratt who with Claudia Gibson are now on the NEWS Facilities Committee. There was a discussion about volunteering at NEWS to sit the show. Each guild is responsible for a certain number of volunteer hours for 'show sitting'. Each volunteer will earn a vendor coupon. For anyone going to NEWS who has not volunteered for their hour yet, please contact Shirley Bergert.

Old Business

This was Mary Ann Bennett's last meeting as president so she spent time gratefully thanking many guild members for their help throughout the last two years.

- Dianna Mitchell for stepping up to manage the judging, and the guild show.
- Donna Pratt and Shirley Bergert for helping to organize and manage the NEWS submissions.
- Annette Higby for her terrific work with the library and for her legal help with attaining non-profit status.
- Layne Tharp and Beth Carroll for agreeing to be on the nominating committee.
- Debra Maloney-Evans for keeping all the dues organized
- Jennifer Kortfelt for her work as treasurer and for asking the tough questions during the non-profit process
- Dena Hirschak for all her help during the non-profit process

Budget Approval for next year

Betty Mitchell made a motion to approve the budget for 2019-2020. Cynthia Quilici seconded the motion and it unanimously passed.

Officer and committee vacancies

Nominating Committee

Cynthia Quilici made a motion to elect Layne Tharp to the 1 year term and Beth Carroll for a 2 year term on the nominating committee. Betty Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Secretary

Beth Carroll nominated Sue Smith to be Secretary for 1 year, completing the 2018-2020 term that Dena Hirschak started. The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Vice-President

Dena Hirschak was nominated to be Vice-President. The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

President

Mary Ann Bennett read the full list of responsibilities of the president. After some discussion, Donna Pratt and Layne Tharp agreed to be co-presidents. The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.