

VERMONT WEAVERS GUILD

Minutes from Meeting November 9, 2024 Meeting Approved Feb 8, 2025

Attending: Claudia Gibson, Amy Stender, Tricia Parmelee, Jane Bird, Andy Bird, Sarah Wakefield, Annette Higby, ,Bonnie Dore, Anne Pritchard, Layne Tharp, Janet Clark, Trudy Otis, Heidi Beckwith, Susan Rockwell, ,Julie George, Daphne Jackson, Mary Schwartz, Tory Rhodin

on Zoom: Theresa George, Marcia Bellas, Heather Katz, Becky Jensen, Janet Ruggles-Power, Ron Halterman, Marty Reid, Barbara Bendix, Shirley Bergert, Leslyn Hall, Deirdre Goulding, Shannon Cunniff, Dena Hirschak, Billie Smith

Guild viewed a presentation by Leslie Fesperman "*Weaving in North Carolina Today & Yesterday/ Textile Waste and Rag Style Weaving*" from 10:00-11:00

11:05 AM: President Claudia Gibson opened the meeting with a welcome to all and specifically to new members.

Membership Report: Marty Reid - membership is now at 75, with one new member from Quebec.

Library Report: Annette Higby - Library Committee has met and working group has completed cataloguing the Guild's library on *Library Thing*. This doesn't include sample books (of which the Guild holds many that are interesting and valuable); members are encouraged to peruse these whenever the Library is open. Library Thing catalog will be made available to members on the website. Annette will remain available to meet someone wishing to use the Library, by appointment with her.

Treasurer: Ron Halterman - Finance Committee has met twice to work on a budget for 2025-26. Issue of liability insurance will be examined this month. *The Finance Committee was charged with determining a provider for an insurance policy that covers our property (Library, some equipment) and offers liability coverage for volunteers and public participants in Guild events, on-site and off-site.*

Programs: Layne Tharp - Layne announced the spring list of presentations and programs (attached). Members' support for these workshops was elicited earlier this year, and sign-ups are now encouraged.

Tech Group: Claudia Gibson - Tech Group has yet to meet together this Fall. There are problems with the current website affecting the Guild's ability to accept online payments for workshops.

Guild Exhibit: Julie George - "*Voice and Vision*" is the theme. Pieces for the Guild exhibit must be handed in at the April meeting. The show will run from May 10

(opening, but hanging will have to occur before opening day). It will run for two weeks, until Sunday May 25. *The exhibit will not be juried.*

New England Weavers Seminar (NEWS): Shirley Bergert and Claudia Gibson - Exhibits (Gallery or Fashion Show) — DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRE-JURIED. So pieces entered in our Guild Exhibit can be entered at NEWS.

There is an upcoming meeting of NEWS representatives with the two guild reps who are coordinating Fashion and Gallery shows. Shirley and Claudia will make all of the info available to the membership, with new entry forms and important deadlines for submissions.

Registration for the conference will be open on Sunday Feb. 2nd for all members of participating guilds. Marty sends a list of current members to the NEWS Registrar in early January.

Meeting was adjourned at **12:10**

Claudia Gibson