

Vermont Weavers Guild

Minutes of the October 13, 2018 meeting

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Business meeting

President MaryAnn Bennett opened the meeting.

New Members

Mary Alice Favro introduced two new members Pamela Berghart and Nancy Lee, both from New Hampshire. Dena Hirschak announced two new members from New York who were not at the meeting, Jeanne Cease and Maureen Wilson.

Secretary's report

Minutes from the September meeting were read and approved.

Programming Committee

Dena Hirschak reported. A brief description of upcoming workshops was given. Please sign up early for workshops. The rest of the workshops this year will be afternoon workshops.

Treasurer's Report

Jennifer Kortfelt reported a total of \$8,276 in combined accounts. At this point in the budget, we are under budget for membership fees.

In Diana Mitchell's absence, Mary Ann Bennett passed around a signup list for duties pertaining to the Guild Show 2019. There was no membership report because Debra Maloney-Evans was not present. Please pay dues if you haven't yet.

Library Report

Annette Higby reported that we have Catharine Ellis's 2nd edition of her Woven Shibori book and her new dye book is on order.

2019 Guild Show

Pamela Wilson reported that the guild show cannot be held at Studio Place Arts (SPA) mainly because it's not their practice to host a show of work that they have not pre-juried. SPA is interesting in offering us an opportunity to hang a non-judged show in their classroom space for a month (9/9/19-10/1/19), in conjunction with us providing demos and instruction throughout the week of 9/20/19. The other weeks would see other fiber-related classes happening. Shown work does not have to be new work but should be work different from what's being shown in the Guild Show. Discussion followed. By a show of hands vote, the guild agreed to do the SPA show in September 2019.

The Guild Show will still be presented in May 2019, prior to NEWS. Pieces being sent to NEWS need not be judged in order to be entered at NEWS. The location is still to be decided. The T.W. Wood Gallery is no longer an option.

NEWS

Susan Rockwell reported that the July 2019 program has been posted online. Signups for the workshops begins in March.

Website and Forum

Mary Ann Bennett reported that Clair Dunn has resigned from all of her positions, maintaining the website and managing the forum. MaryAnn is working to get admin privileges to the forum so new members can log in. Also, apologies to new members, MaryAnn will work to get them added to the yahoo newsgroup within the next two weeks.

New Business

Legal Status of the Guild - MaryAnn Bennett reported that the Vermont Weavers Guild is an unincorporated association. Becoming a 501(3)c educational non-profit organization would bring us into legal standing. Besides making us a legal organization, this would allow the guild to receive grants more readily. The executive committee has gone over this and would like to move forward and take the steps needed to become a 501(3)c. Discussion followed. The consensus was that we are already promoting education well by posting the yearly workshops online, allowing the public to attend the first meeting without being a member, by maintaining a library of weaving resources and by attending annual shows around the state that promote weaving and fiber arts. There was no opposition voiced. The costs associated with this change are around \$425 to set it up, then \$25/yr to file with the state. Pamela Wilson encouraged everyone to check out the week-long report on non-profits in Vermont on the Seven Days website.

Announcements

Jane Woodhouse announced that the VT Sheep and Wool Festival is promoting rare breeds in the US in conjunction with the Livestock Conservancy by running a contest. She has flyers for anyone interested.

Mary Alice Favro announced that the VT Weaver's Guild was represented at the Shelburne Farms Festival and there was a great turnout. She also thanked everyone at the meeting for wearing nametags. She also put out literature for the George Washington University Textile Library which she reports, is amazing. Also scholarships are available for anyone in need, wishing to take a guild workshop.

Dena Hirschak announced that a similar great attendance was seen at the Sheep and Wool Festival. Thanks to everyone who volunteered for that. Also, the loom that was donated last month by a local Randolph resident is now sitting outside of the library and available to anyone in the guild as a long-term loan if they would like to use it. It is a high castle 4-harness 6-treadle counter-balance loom.

Christine Pratt has a fly shuttle available for sale for a Macomber 48" loom.

Bahkti Ziek announced that she still has yarn available for sale at her house for \$5/lb.

Janet Clark requested that the program portion should last for 1-1/2 hours and the meeting should start at 11:30.

After Show and Tell, the meeting was adjourned.