

Vermont Weavers Guild October 9, 2021

Vice-president Claudia Gibson chaired the meeting. Four people attended in person and 13 attended via Zoom.

Claudia summarized a program advisory meeting held in September. The guild owns three small looms currently stored in the library where more space is needed. Two, a Macomber and a Harrisville, will be sold and one Harrisville will stay with the guild for use at demonstrations. The theme for the 2023 NEWS convention is legacy weavers and our guild will highlight Edith House, a long-time active weaver in the guild. We want to collect pieces of her weaving for our NEWS exhibit as well as compose a short biography.

Claudia shared results from the Weavers Helping Weavers survey. The top area of interest is in project planning, fiber choice and drafting. An idea is to set up sessions for after meetings or in small groups on Zoom.

November will feature a natural dying workshop and program. Claudia wants a publicity push for the workshop; a minimum of six participants are needed. Pictures of the workshop dyed skeins are gorgeous.

Annette Higby thanked Jane and Andy Bird for a new door installed in the library. For those unable to attend meetings, she remains available to meet people wanting library loans or for mailing materials.

Julie George described the weavers challenge for 2021-2022, a pillow or pillow top. Participants will be dealt four categories in “weaver’s poker”: design, fiber, color, structure as starting points for their project. There is allowance for wide latitude in all categories. April’s meeting will be sharing the projects of participants and guidelines will be posted on the forum.

The future of our guild scholarship fund was discussed with support for such a fund expressed by many. Plans and suggestions will be included in the November meeting.

Publicity for the guild will begin on Front Porch Forum and FaceBook and possibly Instagram as well.

Claudia reminded us that we will need a nominating committee to form this year.

Please send additions or corrections to kacarvey@gmail.com