

Vermont Weavers Guild October 14, 2023

Kelly McDowell presented a program on fibers and sustainability entitled “Fashion Production: Where Do Our Clothes Come From?”

Layne Tharp presented a community knitting project: a scarf begun at the Sheep and Wool Festival. She will bring it to meetings and anyone in the community can knit and add to it.

President Claudia Gibson presided at the business meeting.

Membership: Marty Reid reported on membership numbers. Discussion focused on how long “members only” access should be extended to those who have not renewed membership.

Library: three swatch books donated to the library were available to look at: one by Virginia West and two by Malin Selander.

Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival: Layne described the outreach experience provided by guild members to people attending the festival. With the focus on demonstrations and participation on rigid heddle and table looms, she felt it was very successful. She discussed ideas for next year such as cardboard loom kits to take home.

NEWS: Claudia indicated that NEWS will not be held in Worcester MA in 2025 but will instead move to a different site. We discussed our plans for a guild challenge to use as a guild table at NEWS, a NEWS special exhibit, our 2025 local guild show or a combination of the three which will be a blanket donation project. Julie George and Tory Rhodin volunteered to serve as members on a project committee; this committee still needs a chairperson.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Carvey