

Weavers Guild Meeting February 14, 2019

Business meeting notes

Minutes from last month were approved

Janet Meddings gave the Treasurer's report, and it was approved.

Guests and new members were recognized. Welcome

Thank you to hostesses, Carolyn White, Pam Jenkins, and Jan Cain. Next month's hostesses are Becky Gaskill, Marsha Harvey, and Kate Webb

Treasurer's Report:

Current Assets:

Cash operating Fund	\$ 11,800.66
Workshops/Field Trips	
Scholarship Fund	1,388.78
Library Fund	<u>396.40</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 13,665.84

Committee Reports:

Programs

Lynette Beebe reports that the program for March will be presented by Ann and Rev. William Say, of Once We Were Refugees, a non-profit that assists former refugees by teaching them to sew. They will be accepting donations of new sewing/knitting materials or money.

In April we will visit the warehouse of the Art Institute of Kansas City, and have a presentation by Lizbeth Contreas. Afterward we will have lunch at the Kemper, followed by a tour by Janet Meddings, who is also a docent at the Kemper. Those who wish lunch and/or tour at the Kemper need to sign up ahead of time.

The program for May will be a presentation by Gail White about wool milling and processing

September is our Guild Challenge. This year's theme was voted on, and will be "Movies"

Newsletter

Kathryn Worley asked that we check the directory to verify all personal info is correct. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please send an email to Janet Meddings, so she will have your correct address.

Workshops

Marcia Harvey reports that a workshop is scheduled for April 4-5 on "Spontaneous Warp" at the Westwood City Hall. The cost of \$185 includes the class and all materials. Attendees will need to bring a four-shaft loom.

April 6, will be a follow-up workshop on “Hand-Painted Warps”. The cost for it is \$90. Please bring cotton or cellulose warp material for dying.

Marcia needs a \$50 deposit for this set of workshops. There will be an opportunity to sign up at the guild meetings next month, and more information coming soon on the web site.

Service Project

Jackie Kinkaid was out of town. Jacqueline asked for a vote on whether we wanted to continue to provide crafting kits/supplies for the hospice house. We voted to continue.

When you bring supplies for this project, please put them in zip lock bags, and bring supplies for an entire project; for example, embroidery hoops, cloth, pattern, thread, needle, and scissors, *or* color pages and crayons or pencils, *or* yarn, crochet hook, pattern, and scissors.... Please begin the project, so the person who takes it up can just continue without having to think or plan. Examples would be to knit a few rows of a scarf, or embroider a leaf, etc.

Library

Deb Buddish reports the library has purchased a new book: Ondule’ Textiles. Please let her know if there are materials you wish to see in the library.

Scholarships

Gail White asks that everyone see the updated scholarship guidelines in the directory. Please send any scholarship applications to Gail, who will forward them to the board for approval.

Felting Group

Judy Santner reports that the felting group currently has an installation at the arboretum that will be there through March. She encouraged all to visit. Admission is \$3, except on Tuesdays, when it is free.

She also reported that the felters’ installation is featured on the cover of the Star Magazine.

The felting group will meet next on February 23 at the central library on 87th street at 10:30 am.

Sewing Group

Sandy Cahill reported that the sewing group are working on making an origami top from their hand-woven fabrics, and hope to share with the guild at a later date.

They have moved their meetings to the Yarn Mercantile (Angelika’s) in Independence. They meet on the first Saturday of every month from 10 to 12.

KAWS

Cheryl Davis reported that she and Becky Stevens are co-chairs for planning for KAWS 2020, when our guild will host. They have most of their team leaders, but still need volunteers and “worker bees”. They have created a Logo for the conference that will be available as a JPEG to download for those who want to make and share cards or brochures.

Registration for KAWS 2020 will begin November, 2019, and will be available on line.

Gail reports this is the first time KAWS will be working along-side Missouri Fiber Arts, and will be a unique opportunity for sharing talent and knowledge.

Creative Hand

Barrie Mason and Sandy Cahill have scheduled a retreat for those who wish to participate in planning this year's show, which is November 22-23 this fall. Please contact Barrie or Sandy to sign up.

Old Business:

- If you have items you wish to sell, you may bring them to guild meetings, and announce it during show-and-tell. You may also put sale items in the classified section of the newsletter.

New Business:

- Janet Meddings talked about allowing on-line payments for membership, registration for workshops, events, etc. She will be setting up a payment system through PayPal. Since PayPal charges a small amount for each transaction, the guild will add a one dollar "convenience fee" to any online payments, to cover those costs. Mailing or carrying in payment will still be allowed, and the dollar fee will not apply. The vote was carried.
- We have no one at this time to lead the mentorship program. Jacqueline sent around a sign-up sheet for those interested in participating as possible mentors. She will try to match mentors and mentees according to skills and abilities as well as travel convenience.
- Lynette is stepping down from work on the directory. The guild is looking for a new person to take on that responsibility. Kirsten Kakolewski volunteered for that job. Yeah!
- Jacqueline called for suggestions about what we might all make for our Christmas exchange. We voted, and decided to make bags (tote bags, lunch bags, purses, etc.)
- Leesa Duby has Weavers' Guild brochures available for anyone who would like to take some to give away or leave in public places (libraries, doctors offices, craft stores, etc.)
- Linda Stoker displayed a rug of original design in the Art Deco style that is being raffled by the State Line Rug Hookers ATHA Chapter. The raffle will support a fund raiser for The Grooming Project, which teaches women dog grooming skills that might help them find employment. The winner will be announced at a drawing on February 24. Tickets are one for \$5 or three for \$10. Email Jane@heartandharerugs.com if you have questions.
- To think about and discuss next meeting:
 - This is the guild's 65th year of existence. We are one of the oldest weavers' guilds in the US. Do we want to plan a special event of some kind to commemorate our 70th year? We have some time to plan.
 - Jacqueline suggested we might like to look into having an art installation displayed in a gallery, bank, or community center. Examples of woven art in a public place would be good publicity for the weavers' guild, and possibly boost interest in membership.

- Barrie suggested that the art installation(s) would create for us a track record in the community, showing our skill and the quality of our work, so that something really spectacular can be presented for our 70th anniversary.

Following today's show and tell, Lynette Beebe presented a slide show for her scholarship program "Creative Strength Training", a year-long on-line class she recently completed. After her presentation she encouraged members to use crafting items she brought to complete a meditative art exercise.