

## **Western Reserve Spinners & Weavers Guild**

### **Minutes, March 28, 2017**

Members present: 32

Guests in attendance: 3 Cindy O'Donnell, Ann Davies, Sue Runo

New members: None

JoEllen Salkin called the meeting to order at 7pm. She welcomed everyone and had all present introduce themselves and share their area(s) of interest.

#### **Program**

Jan Gibson introduced and moderated a panel (Nancy Curtiss, Jamie Fish, Uarda Taylor, Darlene Smith and Bobbie Shafer) for the discussion of "Clothing From Handwoven Fabric." Most panelists shared that they learned to sew at young age. When it comes to weaving, some are project oriented while others let the yarn speak to them, and most learned to weave from workshops and programs versus being self-taught. Patterns, cutting fabric, finishing edges, yarn, sett, and closures were also covered. Discussion was open with the all the Guild members in attendance. Samples were passed around and items left on the table for inspection during the break.

#### **Officer reports**

Vice President, Nancy Curtiss presented the results of the survey taken on line by 65% of the members. The pie charts are in the April/May newsletter and will aid the 2018 Program Committee with planning for future programs and workshops.

Treasurer, Nora Eason reported we took in \$140 for the Tapestry workshop and \$10 from the sale of a tapestry loom. Disbursements are \$100 to Bobbie Shafer for teaching the Tapestry workshop and \$25.17 to Jan Gibson for snacks for the workshop.

Secretary, JoEllen Salkin spoke for Madeleine Schneider (who is still ill) and said there was a copy of the minutes laid out before meeting, as well as a link online. Nora Eason made a motion to accept the minutes and this was seconded by Cheryl Laufer. Motion passed.

Newsletter Editor, Cheryl Laufer stated there was an opening for submissions to the April/May newsletter and confirmed only one newsletter has been delivered so far, this year.

Librarian, Cindy Kolacz shared some of the book titles we have in the library that complimented tonight's program and reminded us of the library's duplicate-book-sale at next month's meeting. All money made will go to the library fund.

#### **Committee Reports**

Programs/Workshops: April's meeting is "What's on the Bookshelf."

Jan Gibson reminded members to bring a favorite book (or two) on weaving, spinning, felting, dyeing, inspirational, etc. to the April meeting. She is donating a book on sewing with handwoven and a felting book for a drawing.

May's meeting will be a tour of Lake County Historical Society's museum and the docent will talk to members about the textile collection. More details will be shared at the April meeting.

Show: Linda Christopher felt there was enough help signed up for Lake FarmPark's shearing weekend in May. Items are being collected at the meeting for the April display at Kirtland Library. The Guild has been given the Atrium for displays and demonstrations at the FarmPark's Wool Jamboree. Start working on items for display.

Publicity: Sherri Gittenger is having information cards made up for the Guild to share with the public. It will have basic information with a website address. It will not include our yearly schedule so we can print a quantity to be used longer than a year.

Anniversary Reimbursement: Nancy Curtiss shared that all recipients were contacted and she's heard back from two who are interested in using the reimbursement.

**SIG updates** Jo Ellen Salkin acknowledged that the SIGs had been meeting and updates will be in the newsletter.

**Old business** Nancy Curtiss spoke for and thanked the Audit Committee. She read a prepared statement which included the purpose of the audit, the methods used to carry it out, a summary of the findings, and recommendations. She also commended Nora Eason for taking over as treasurer six years ago and for the outstanding job she has done with record keeping. The report was submitted to President, JoEllen Salkin.

The 2017 Budget was shared by Susan Conover. The committee comprised of the Audit Committee and JoEllen Salkin. Susan presented the operating income and expenses based on dues alone. Workshop profits are to fund the Anniversary Reimbursement Committee and will be placed in a separate account. A recommendation was made to create a "Buffer Fund" for 2018. Funds should be set aside for the possibility of a future need to rent meeting space. The Executive Committee approved the budget. Nora Eason made a motion to accept the budget and this was seconded by Jamie Fish. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

The Textile Art Alliance will have a show at the Beachwood Branch of the Cuyahoga Library April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2-4pm. Uarda Taylor has an item in the show.

The Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory and Educational Foundation (of which Guild member Shelia Winkler is a member) will present American Fiber, a juried exhibition. 1754 E. 47<sup>th</sup> St, Cleveland.

Bobbie Shafer Made a motion to discuss Show and Tell and it was seconded by Jamie Fish. Jo Ellen said it would be brought up for discussion at the next meeting as it was already after 9pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Cheryl Laufer, Substitute Secretary

Submitted by  
JoEllen Salkin, Secretary