

WRSW – August 22, 2017 meeting at Lake Farm Parks

Members present: 29

Guests in attendance: 2

New member present: Gwendolyn Landoll

Show & Tell

At 6:45pm we had a short show and tell, 3 people talked about their projects, and several more were on the table with Show & Tell sheets for people to peruse.

Introductions

At 7pm JoEllen Salkin called the meeting to order. She asked everyone present to say their name and if and where they were during the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017.

Program

At 7:10pm Rebecca Steinbeck announced that our planned speaker, Nancy Hart, was not able to attend due to health issues. A few of our long-standing members, specifically, Jan Gibson, Jamie Fisher, Bobbie Shafer, Uarda Taylor, Lisa Davis, Rebecca Steinbeck and Susan Conover held an impromptu discussion on the early days of Western Reserve Spinners and Weavers Guild. It was a delightful discussion.

During the break we enjoyed refreshments provided by Darlene Smith. Members were also encouraged to look over the books acquired from the HGA library sale.

Business Meeting Called to Order

At 8:02pm JoEllen Salkin stated officer and committee reports were waived due to the extent of discussion required for the Reimbursement Award for Active Membership (RAAM), SIG Guidelines and other items on the agenda.

The RAAM committee, consisting of Nancy Curtiss, chair, and Nora Eason and Rebecca Steinbeck gave a thorough presentation regarding the updates required for program. The essence of the program remains the same – that guild members are encouraged to take classes and workshops in order to add to their education in their individual fiber interest, and that this program will give the recipient the opportunity to give back to the guild for the privilege of utilizing the award.

The RAAM will replace the Anniversary Reimbursement Award program beginning in January 2018. The purpose of the update is so that this program more closely reflects the needs and desires of WRSW, as stated by the Executive Committee.

These needs are as follows:

1. Members are encouraged to pay their yearly dues in a timely manner so that a proper budget can be determined before the start of each new year.
2. Members are encouraged to attend the monthly general meeting and program.

3. Members are encouraged to participate at a Farm Park/guild event.
4. Members are encouraged to actively serve on a committee.

To that end, the committee proposed the following updates:

Page 2 - Revised Reimbursement Program documentation

Page 3 – Program outline

Page 4 – My points document

Page 5 – Application of Intent

The committee wants to encourage members to track their point progress along with the Committee records, and to feel free to ask where they stand. It's not their intent to keep secret records of members' participation in guild activities. The more transparent and self-governing this process is the more members can see how individuals affect the guild in a positive way. The forms will be made available on the WRSW website under the Members Only content.

The Committee suggests that the guild still honor member anniversaries with a note in the newsletter, but the RAAM will no longer be tied to a member's anniversary.

A motion was made by Susan Conover to accept the proposed changes. Seconded by Nora Eason. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

The Special Interest Groups (SIG) Guidelines were presented by Susan Conover, chairperson. A motion was made by Nora Eason to accept the Guidelines and place them in our Jobs and Responsibilities Handbook. Seconded by Mo Doerner. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

JoEllen Salkin discussed the proposed annual dues increase. A motion was made by Mo Doerner to accept the increase of annual dues to \$25 per individual and an additional \$10 per person for family membership; dues for the following year are expected to be paid in September of the current year. Seconded by Jean Mackenzie. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

JoEllen Salkin also reminded members present that our election of Officers is scheduled to take place at the October meeting. A nominating committee needs to be formed. Susan Conover agreed to be chairperson with Jean Mackenzie and Bobbi Shafer volunteering as members of the committee. There will not be a meeting in September due to Lake Farm Park's Wool Fest so an email will go out to all members with the slate of proposed officers and also a call for any nominations from the general membership, provided the nominee has given consent. Qualified nominees must be in good standing with at least one year of active participation.

Committee Updates

Hospitality – Sue Ingrassia has volunteered for the position of chairperson.

Café Press – Tammy Howell has volunteered for the position.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Conover, Substitute Secretary