

# THE WEAVERS GUILD OF RHODE ISLAND

Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Guild meeting was convened by President Barbara Jarzombek at 10:00am.

September Guild Minutes were read by Laurie Carlson in secretary's absence.

Motion to accept – Barbara Jarzombek and seconded by David Westcott.

Sylvia Kilgour, Guild Secretary, has requested that whenever possible, announcements of shows of possible interest to Guild members be presented to her in writing since it is often difficult note all of the information offered.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Guild Secretary, presented her comprehensive report on the current financial status of WGRI.

<b>Total Assets(Cash) 06/06/11</b>	<b>\$14,077.36</b>
<i>General Operating Funds</i>	\$ 5,316.10

**As of 10/07/11**

<i>General Operating Funds</i>	\$5,785.97
<b>Total Assets(Cash) 10/07/11</b>	<b>\$15,123.75</b>

Full Treasurer's report is available to membership through the Guild secretary.

## **Membership**

Gretchen White reported as of this date there are        paid members of WGRI  
List will be provided to membership when 2011- 2012 Yearbook has been completed.  
We have requested that, where possible, members provide their cell phone telephone numbers for publication in the Yearbook.

## **Scholarships**

Manon Pelletier reports that she has not received requests and reminded members that funds are available to members. Scholarships are awarded on basis of financial need. Manon has made us aware that she is currently the only officer on a supposed 3 person committee. She has requested two more volunteers to share the responsibilities with her. Both Norma Smayda and Jodie Brown have volunteered.

## **Education**

Two Study groups have been formed, a "dishtowel" group and a "linen bath towel group", both of which will be meeting later today after the Guild meeting, and presentation.

Sally Rianhard updated us on the “dishtowel” groups happenings. The group was originally formed to explore weave structures but does not restrict itself to dishtowels. The group modeled itself after Clotilde Barrett’s published description of 12 month study group focusing on different weave structures. Her study group chose to weave dishtowels for this purpose. The WGRI study group has chosen to meet every other Friday following the Guild meeting. By consensus, the “dishtowel” group will be known As “Adventures in Pattern Weaving”.

The group will meet today for the second time to share their explorations of the “Huck” weave structure. Rosepath weave structure was the first to have been explored by this group. The third weave structure to be explored will be determined by the group and their meeting today.

The “linen bath towel” group will hold their first meeting after today’s program. Brief details were provided about the groups goal/focus. Towels dimensions are to be 36” x 72” and are to be woven with linen or cottolin or a combination of the two fibers. They plan to meet monthly, following Guild and Program meetings.

## **NEWS**

WGRI’s NEWS representative is currently Barbara Jarzombek. She reports that she has attended the first NEWS 2013 organizational meeting at which time Guild “jobs” were determined (what jobs were open to us). Barbara has agreed that WGRI would be in charge of the Runway Show. Barbara is quite enthusiastic about this and stated “I have a lot of good ideas”. Her decision on behalf of the Guild was greeted with equal enthusiasm and ideas immediately began to be generated... including Laurie Carlson’s fiber optic hats!

Barbara has will be here before we know it.

Barbara reported the Cranberry Weaver’s Guild is also eager to help us with the Runway Show.

### **NEWS Travelling Library**

Barbara Jarzombek reports that she has spoken at some length with Ro Spinelli who has had the responsibility of maintaining/housing the NEWS Travelling Library for several years. Ro reported that the woven samples are quite old and is eager to update this facet of the library. Barbara wondered if we could send a sample of the weavings included in our Guild Newsletter to Ro to help her with her revitalization efforts.

Barbara also indicated that Ro has offered to come to our Guild meeting with her sample books (she’ll come for the price of a lunch!). Guild members expressed eagerness to help in the re-activation of the Travelling Library.

## **Programs**

Laurie Carlson reported that Gretchen White had printed the 2011-2012 Guild Directory

with the programs as they had been developed at that time. She and David are continue to work at rounding out the year's offerings.

Laurie raised the possibility of a May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Guild Field trip to Rockport(?) for a conservationist's tour.

Barbara Jarzombek also floated some ideas for our annual June Pot Luck Guild meeting.

Finalized Guild program will be posted on our website.

Regarding Sarah Fortin's workshop – Shadow Weave on 4+

Jody Brown asked if deposits should be made soon to reserve spots. This workshop is open to everyone from advanced beginner and beyond and will likely be limited to 15 weavers. Looms are to be dressed in advance. The usual deposit is \$60.00. Gretchen White will be taking any deposits made by members. It is important that this be done soon because we need to know if the workshop should be made available to other guilds.

## **Newsletter**

Suzi Ballenger – Most recent Newsletter and woven sample was made available at last Guild meeting and again today.

## **Website**

Pam Rathmell spoke of the redesign of WGRI website. She would like more pictures to use on the website forum. Pam assured us that the forum is private. If members are agreeable, Pam has offered to pre-register everyone and will email pertinent information to everyone.

To access WGRI Forum to to [www.WGRI.org](http://www.WGRI.org), click on forum.

Adventures in Weaving is available there as is Weaver to Weaver

## **New Business**

Norma Smayda reported that a \$465.00 royalty check had been received from Schiffer Publications for "Bertha".

Norma also reported that (?) WGRI had been offered a huge weaving studio which is to be housed at the Saunderstown Weaving School (because they have the room). Norma is requesting a letter of acceptance to the donor from the Guild which would make it a taxable deduction for the donor, Nish (?)

Norma suggested that the Guild could offer a scholarship that could be used for a weaving class on the 16 shaft J-Comp (?) computer Dobby Loom which is now housed at the Saunderstown Weaving School.

Norma has made available for show and tell today 2 woven sample boxes of a great weaving teacher, Nish. These incredible woven samples are a part of Nish's weaving studio which has been made available to Norma. She is eager to share these with us.

(?) Facebook page. Laurie Carlson asked if we would like to have a facebook page for WGRI as an organization. Suggested that it would possibly be good for reaching a younger group of weavers/potential weavers. We would get permission from each person for the posting of photos.

Suggested that this would also possibly solve the problem of making the Newsletter available to members. Newsletter could be given to Dave who can make a pdf adobe reader file (?)

## **Announcements**

October 22-23, 2011 – West Bay Open Studios

September 19-22, 2012 - Textile Society of America – Textile and Politics  
13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Symposium  
Washington, DC  
[www.textilesociety.org/symposia\\_2012.htm](http://www.textilesociety.org/symposia_2012.htm)

March 2-April 14, 2012 - Fiber Philadelphia – Juried Exhibition  
Outside/Inside the Box  
Will showcase innovative fiber/textile art that transcends disciplines.  
Received submissions from 517 artists from 15 countries. Accepted artists will be posted soon.  
[www.fiberphiladelphia.org/JuriedExhibition.html](http://www.fiberphiladelphia.org/JuriedExhibition.html)

Next meeting: Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 10:am

Program: Weaving as a Practice (on the Spiritual in Weaving). Professor Deborah Carlson. UMass Dartmouth.

Business meeting completed at 10:50am  
David Westcott moved that the meeting be closed  
Pam Rathmell seconded.