

WEAVERS GUILD OF RHODE ISLAND

Saturday, September 10, 2011

First meeting of Guild year convened at 10:45 am by President Barbara Jarzombeck. Meeting hosted by Iris and David Westcott at their home in RI to facilitate Natural Dye workshop offered by Ellen Stone.

Minutes presented to guild officers after last meeting and approved. Members agreed to forgo the reading of Minutes of June, 2011 meeting. Plan to have minutes available to membership through Guild website.

Treasurer's Report. Gretchen White reported that the Guild has \$5000.00 available funds and \$8000.00 designated funds.

Gretchen reminded us that Guild membership dues are due. There are currently only 35 of 60+ members who have paid their dues. Gretchen would like to have a the Guild Directory available for members at our next meeting in October. She does not believe that she can do this until she hears from other active members.

Members requested that as many cell phone telephone numbers as possible be included in the Guild Directory.

NEW BUSINESS

Co-Vice Presidents and Program Co-ordinators, Laurie Carlson and Dave Westcott outlined the Guild Program for our next year. Each sang the praises of the other but Dave insisted that Laurie is the "champion".

Laurie and Dave have worked from a list of possibilities that had been suggested by both Jody Brown and Katie Schelleng. Laurie reports that she is focusing her efforts on finding people whose work illustrate the use of different weaving techniques. Laurie reported on program to date. Program is almost set and will be posted on the Guild Website when it is complete.

Linen Bath Towel Study Group. Laurie reported that groups first meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 7th, after the Guild meeting. Minimum size of towels is 36"x60"

Also scheduled for October 7th, is the second "Dishtowel" study group meeting. (Note there is a conflict here since members of the Dishtowel study group may also want to become a part of the Linen Bath Towel Study Group. This possible conflict should be raised at the October meeting.

October 7th presenter will be our own Suzi Ballenger. Suzi is the recipient of many weaving awards. She will speak on "Equipment Modification and the Open Reed".

Announcements

Fuller Museum, Brockton, Ma.

1. October 8th, 2011, 2pm

Randy Darwell and Brian Murphy, Fiber Artists and Partners have been collaborating artists for over 20 years. They will be talking about their weaving.

(Note: This talk has been postponed to a later date)

2. July 30th – Dec 11th, 2011

National Basketry Organization Biennial Juried Exhibition.

Newsletter

Norma Smayda distributed woven samples which are to accompany the most recent Guild Newsletter. These will also be available at our next Guild meeting in October. Samples woven by Norma Smayda.

David Westcott introduced Ellen Stone who spoke to those present about her interest and history in the exploration of Natural Dye. Natural Dye Workshop to follow.

Meeting ended at 11:13 am