

# **Weavers Guild of Rhode Island Minutes**

**Location: North Kingstown Library**

**September 7, 2019**

## **Call to order**

Mary Brunell called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Meeting started with a welcome to visitors: Susan and Mary

### **Executive Committee members present:**

President: Mary Brunell

Vice President: Janet Cooper

Treasurer: Gretchen White

Secretary: Elizabeth Hill

## **Announcements**

Mary Brunell reminded members that dues of \$35 are due. We also need volunteers to run the guild. If you are interested in helping, speak to Mary.

Mary Brunell, Janet Cooper, Norma Smayda, and Sally Rianhard visited Tony Kormos in June. Sally made lunch and Norma tied up Tony's loom for her to weave. Sally said Tony is going to move to Assisted Living and is doing some Tapestry weaving.

## **Minutes from the June Meeting**

Minutes from the June meeting were accepted by the membership with no corrections.

**Treasurer Report:** Gretchen White reported for June 1 through August 31, 2019.

General Fund: \$5,772.68

Encumbered Fund: \$5,956.97

Incoming Funds: \$2,026.50 (Dues, Donations, BGH Book)

Outgoing Funds: \$581.00

**Membership:** Gretchen passed around a list of information for each member to check for accuracy before she prints the Yearbook.

**Programs Report:** Janet Cooper reviewed the programs for the year. They are described on our website. She is now working on 2020-2021. Let her know if you have any requests for speakers.

## Committee Reports

**Educational Grants:** No changes. Funds are still available for workshops. Check the WGRI website for details.

**Nominations:** We need a chairperson for nominations.

**Publicity:** No report

**Weavers Challenge 2019-2020:** Projects are due at the Annual Meeting in June. Sally Rianhard and Margaret Moone brought copies of "Red Sings from Tree Tops" as the inspiration for our challenge.

The weaving challenge for this year is to be creative and find inspiration with a picture from the book "Red Sings From Treetops: A Year in Colors" by Joyce Sidman. Pictures from the book will be provided for members to choose at the September meeting. You can weave whatever you choose. Any weave patterns, embellishment, paint, dye, felt, various yarns and textures can be used to create what you think catches the feeling of the picture for you.

The words on the page might be the inspiration along with the picture. You might decide to choose a different page from the various seasons and put them together and see what happens. Interpretation of the picture through weaving, surface design, and color are possible.

\*\*There are also around 40 copies of the book available through the RI libraries for loan, if you want to use the whole book to review for your project.

**December Holiday Meeting and Yankee Swap:** Sally Rianhard discussed the swap for December, handwoven cards. She had a table of examples of beautiful cards she made with small pieces of handwoven fabric, cards, and tools to embellish the cards. You can swap one or more cards with another member. Get creative and use up those end of warp pieces to make something special!

**Newsletter:** Mary Brunell and Janet Cooper announced the Summer Newsletter was sent to members.

**Yardage Challenge:** Gretchen White announced no challenge this year. We will hold it on years with NEWS, so members can submit to NEWS.

**Website:** Mary Brunell and Janet Cooper are updating information on the website. Mary asked for members who have received awards to send the information to her for the website Awards Section.

**Community Outreach:** No report

**NEWS:**

**WGRI NEWS Representatives: Ginny Walsh and Judy Schafer**

NEWS 2019 WGRI Summary

NEWS 2019 was held at Smith College in Northampton, MA on July 11 through 14. There were almost three hundred attendees from across New England and also from Quebec, FL, NJ, IL, IND, PA, MD and SC! Twenty-one members from WGRI registered to attend; three were first timers. WGRI members submitted eleven (11) entries: four (4) for the Gallery Show and seven (7) for the Fashion Show. Ginny Walsh collected, logged, labeled and delivered the entries for jury judging at NEWS. The following are the entries in to the NEWS shows:

**Gallery**

Linda Rhynard	Tapestry
Norie Shirako	Towel
Norma Smayda	Yardage
Norma Smayda	Wall Hanging *

**Fashion**

Norie Shirako	Shawl	
Manon Pelletier	Dress *	
Cheryl Mincone	Dress (2 piece)	
Astrid Drew	Poncho	
Norma Smayda	Scarf	
Ginny Walsh	Scarf **	
Claire Wanebo	Scarf *	* Prize
Winners!		

The eleven entries garnered five (5) Prizes. They are:

**Gallery** Norma Smayda's 1st Place Wall Hanging (Castle Wall)

**Fashion** Manon Pelletier 1st Place in Dress Category

Claire Wanebo Best 1st Time entrant

Ginny Walsh 2nd Place 8 Harness Weave and

New Hampshire Weavers' Guild Prize (Celebrating Late Members)(Those members are Harriet Mitiguy, Barbara Bennett, Barbara Cowdry, and Rindy Hilton)

Linda Rynhard as well as serving as NEWS Board Recording Secretary served as Vendors Committee Chair. The "Shop Till you Drop" on Friday Night was a special success. Gretchen White organized the Faculty Show with expert help from Margaret Moone. Judy Schaefer and Ginny Walsh assisted with the set up. Judy Schaefer, NEWS Guild Rep, organized and mounted the WGRI Guild Table display based on WGRI Challenge to weave celebrating the Beatles and/or the 1960's. Judy was also instrumental in scheduling the hours assigned to WGRI to "sit" at shows during the conference weekend as well as fulfilling many hours herself. Next NEWS Trustees Meeting for NEWS 2021 is on September 28, 2019 at WEBS starting at 10:30. The meeting will review the successes and shortfalls of NEWS 2019 as well as discuss early Guild assignments.

**Submitted by Ginny Walsh, WGRI NEWS WGRI Rep, August 31, 2019**

**Publicity:** No report

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the business meeting at 10:03 am.**

## Presentation

### **Book Reports: Books that Every Weaver Should Know**

Weavers are fortunate to have an extensive literature of books on weaving techniques and woven cloth. “How-to” having books and illustrated exhibition catalogs that feature woven textiles are well-known month weavers. Less well known are the numerous readable and informative books on history, anthropology, and psychology that address the “what, why, and how” of both textiles in particular and craft in general. This talk will feature a discussion of three books that look at textiles and craft, and that ask questions such as “What is this object? Why was it made? Who made it? How was it used?”

**Scott Norris** is a weaver who specializes in tablecloths, bath towels, and other utilitarian household items, woven in hand-dyed linen. He is also a writer, with essays and reviews published in magazines and journals such as *American Craft*, *Ceramic Monthly*, *Ceramics Art and Perception*, and *Under the Sun*. Visit his website at [www.elamswidow.com](http://www.elamswidow.com).

### **Show & Tell**

Show and Tell was NEWS entries and winners from July. Norma Smayda and Manon Pelletier showed their winning entries. Joy Beeson showed us her tapestry work from this summer.

**Next Meeting:** October 5, 2019 at North Kingstown Library. The presentation will be “Color and Weave Effect” by Beth Guertin.