

**Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc.**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**October 10, 2016**

**Meeting called to order** by President, Karen Vander Weele at 7:05 pm.

It is Karen V.'s birthday. Everyone sang happy birthday to Karen

**Announcements:**

**Nominating Committee:** Karen V. we are now forming the nominating committee. The nominating committee will be comprised of the guild board members.

**MLH:** Letty reported that MLH is requesting donated items to put in their awards' bags. Letty is donating one of her braided mug rugs, Terri will donate 4 oz. of merino/silk roving. If anyone else is willing to donate items please contact Letty to get these items to her.

**Workshop:** Margie stated that they had a successful workshop this past weekend with Rebecca Fox and is excited to hear her speak tonight. Next month the speaker is Carol Irving. She is a fiber artist & rug weaver. She has 3 rugs in the Art Prize competition in Grand Rapids

**Study Groups:** Gail stated that this is the time to sign-up for the Swatch Study Group and others; try to get signed up by 10/15. Also, there may be 2 new study groups in the works – Scandinavian Textiles headed by Gail Ross, times to be announced & a Critique Study Group headed by Nancy Crampton to meet 4 times per year.

**Shuttle:** Paula stated that the deadline for next Shuttle is October 28. Please send her items by e-mail for things you want in The Shuttle. paula.m.clare@gmail.com

**Yarn for February's presentation:** Lenore reminded us to bring our yarn for the "Fabric of the Guild" that she will weave on her continuous strand loom. The yarn you donate needs to be your height plus 6 inches. It can be any fiber any weight. She'll be here again in November so don't forget.

**For Sale:** Anne May stated that she has past member Faye Wingate's Peacock Loom for sale

**WFA news:** Nancy Crampton urged members to sign-up for work hours at the WFA sale (sign-up sheets going around) and to read the Shuttle for details on the WFA sale (i.e., start times, etc.). - New this year will be a professional exhibit to promote members. She asked that anyone wishing to have their information in this exhibit furnish their article(s), book(s), business cards, knitting patterns etc. to put on this table to promote guild members. The set up for all of this will be at the time of WFA sale set-up. -She asked that folks putting items in the sale get them out early and air them out before bringing them in for set-up. -She reminded folks that demonstrations don't count as hours for sale time. Demonstration hours count for Service Bureau hours so sign-up with Melissa Powers for your demonstration hours. -Nancy Thornton is passing around the sign-up sheets for working your WFA sale hours. -WFA sale cards are on the back table, take some to give out at demonstrations or put out on

displays. Can also send e-copy of Wafa sale card and send out to your e-mail list. -Put yard signs out the Sunday before the sale.

**Yearbooks:** Mindy still has some yearbooks so she urged folks to pick theirs up if they haven't already.

**Scholarships:** Anne Mehring stated that sign up for scholarships is available on-line. Can be used for SOAR, Convergence, or other workshops. Get paperwork in 6 weeks in advance of need. (375-1638)

**Secretary's board:** Karen V. pointed out this display that is available at every meeting. It has current information on the guild such as approved minutes from previous general & board meetings, the latest year-to-date treasurer's report, and current news. Be sure to check it out.

**Speaker:**

Rebecca Fox is tonight's speaker. She taught the guild workshop this past weekend. Intro by Karen V. with talk to be on color theory, color blending, and using up your stash. Also, can use these tools to assess why you may not have liked some of your color combinations in the past. Talked of color wheel and primary, secondary, tertiary, & analogous colors. Suggested Deb Menz's *Colorworks* book. Can use these tools & others like them to help you for choose colors. Can also help you get out of your rut. Gray scale is part of this color theory. Can use the edit feature on your smart phone to put your color choices into black & white scale to see how close or far apart your color choices are.

She showed the use of these theories in weaving samples she passed around as she spoke. Had her book, *The Weaver's Weevil How to Bust That Weaving Stash!* available for sale & signing at the end of the meeting

Karen gave a quote to end the meeting:

"You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

A. A. Milne

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Terri M. Smith**

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