

Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc. September 9, 2013 Membership Guild Meeting Minutes

President Juanita Manning-Walsh opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Cathy McCarthy announced the Sale sign-up sheets would be circulating during the meeting. She encouraged members to sign up to work the Wafa Sale. She also shared that this year worker schedules would be e-mailed to members, rather than the individual reminder notes that used to be handed out at the November Guild meeting. **(Sale dates are Thursday through Saturday, November 21, 22, and 23.)**

Nancy Crampton gave a brief Wafa Report. She discussed using the new tags this year. Nancy encouraged all members selling in the sale to make sure to pick up their free tags if they had not already picked them up.

Juanita cautioned people to not wait and try to tag their yarn closer to the sale. She has been working on hers all summer.

Kristi Chapman made an announcement for Gail Ross: Please be reminded that the Virtual Swatch Study Group will again take place, and for the sake of knowing how many swatches to weave, please sign up by notifying Gail Ross of your intent to participate by October 15.

Jill Strobel shared there were some weaving implements on the back table, i.e., threading helpers, lease sticks, etc., and she asked members to please take them!

Nancy Crampton shared there was a flyer about a Schact loom for sale. See Nancy for further details.

Juanita announced that there was a table in the back that has minutes, a treasurer report, and sign up forms for Mary Sue Fenner's clothing workshop. Mary Sue will take 20 students, and Juanita encouraged people to sign up soon if they wish to be in the class. Several people have already signed up for this workshop. The workshop will be held at Fabrications in Richland on February 8 and 9. The workshop form is not yet on the website, but if you want to sign up using your computer, just use last year's workshop form, but make sure you cross out last year's date, and write in 2014.

WGK, Inc. gave a scholarship out for Fiber Fest, and that included a year's free membership. Unfortunately the recipient was not present at tonight's meeting, so Juanita will try to introduce her next month.

Next Juanita introduced our guest speaker, Judy Petrovitch, from Holly, MI. Judy raises alpacas and a few years ago began experimenting with a felting loom. She now owns a heavy duty felting loom that can felt fabric up to 66 inches wide. This loom has eleven needle boards and each needle board holds 80 felting needles.

Judy gave a very nice talk on her entry into the world of felting, and brought many wonderful felted creations to share with the guild members present. The talk ended with an informal modeling of her garments by various guild members.

Juanita thanked Judy for her very informative talk, and the meeting closed at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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