

Minutes of Weavers' Guild of Rhode Island  
December 2, 2016  
Joy Beeson, Secretary

Meeting was called to order by Ingrid Buhre at 9:32 a.m.  
No guests or new members

1. Mayfair Hall will be stepping down as Treasurer effective Dec. 1, 2016. Gretchen White is the new Treasurer and was accepted unanimously by the Executive Committee. A big thank you to Mayfair Hall and Sue Seymour for all their work on this.
2. Minutes will be approved next month.
3. Programs - Susan McCarthy passed around a list for suggestions for programs in 2017. We all received membership cards which can be used for 10% off at JoAnn's and a free membership at RISD museum.
4. Linda Rhynard - reported we should get email about NEWS. If not call her.
5. New Business - Next year is the guild's 70th anniversary. We'll be doing some planning for this and gathering ideas for a celebration. Sally Rianhard mentioned a towel exchange in the Spring and display them in May - possibly at a Demo Day? We need to come up with a date in April or May at the library. She also reminded us about the Card Challenge.
6. Announcements - There was a craft show at the Octagon House at St. Augustine Church (Dec. 2 & 3). Jan Doyle had a booth. Jamestown Art Center Holiday Show was Dec. 9 & 10. Janet Cooper and Joy Beeson had booths at the show. Norma Smayda will be doing a program called *3 Shaft Weaving: More for less on Jan. 7, 2017*

Ingrid Buhre adjourned the business meeting at 9:50 a.m.

7. Program: Structural 3D Weaving by Sally Eyring

Sally is from Watertown MA and is a member of the Boston Guild. "The world isn't flat, so why is your weaving?" She uses all kinds of fibers to create 3D in the actual weaving structure rather than just changing tension. Stuart Golder is a jeweler who weaves jewelry with precious metals.

Sally mentioned Peggy Osterkamp and Anastasia Azure (is a member of our guild) use copper wire and do double weave. Peggy manipulates the double weave by hand.

Sally says she learned the rules of weaving so she could break them. She weaves with multiple rod beams that are each having different tension. She has built many looms and attachments to help her do 3D weaving. She makes all types of items, including clothing and decorative items. Sally will be teaching a class about 3D weaving on May 4 & 5 at the library.

8. Show and Tell

Norma Smayda showed napkins she wove for a gift for her daughter. Lovely colors.

Joy Beeson showed a table rug she did as a color study. The study shows relativity of various colors as they are woven next to other colors. Also the impact cool colors and warm colors have on the overall design.

Mayfair Hall - ribbon weaving. Christmas socks and gifts. Designer colors - quite colorful.

Sylvia Kilgour - showed a rayon boucle scarf that has the lovely feel of silk. Also a baby blanket with lovely bright colors (8 X 4 cotton). She also had a shawl made with rayon that looks like coconut. Great projects.

Susan McCarthy - showed a piece made with lovely tencel in great iridescent blues.

Ingrid Buhre - showed 3 large blue jean rag rugs. She also cut up duvet covers and sheets and flannel to weave the rugs. Woven in twills. Lovely.