

Weavers Guild of Rhode Island

April 2017 meeting

1. Ingrid Buhre opened the meeting @ 9:30
 - a. Welcome to Manon Pelletier and Judy Schaefer– the day’s presenters
 - b. Today’s agenda: announcements followed by a business meeting then a 15 minute break before Manon and Judy give their presentation
 - c. Sign-up sheets for the May 4th and 5th Weaving Workshop with Sally Eyring– see Janet Cooper to sign up.
 - d. There will be a short executive meeting during the break. Attending: Ingrid, Janet Cooper, Mary Brunell, Linda Rhynard and Gretchen White.
 - e. Two interesting exhibits: Women, Art & Fibers, Contemporary Responses to Abolition & the journey north, featuring work by Lynda Rhynard & Laurie Carlson–Streger It is ending soon, will be open through April 4th. It is at UMASS Dartmouth Galleries in N. Dartmouth Ma. The 2nd exhibition starts April 1, it is the 2017 Biennial exhibit of the Hand weavers’ Guild of CT; called Weavers’ Haven. It is at the River Street Gallery, at Fairhaven Furniture in HVN through 4/28
 - f. As always there is a sign-up sheet for next month’s hospitality, all refreshments are welcome.
2. Committee Reports:
 - a. Secretary: Joy Beeden–
 - i. Approval of minutes of March meeting. Correction to the spelling of a new member Barbara Mays–Stock. Her name is hyphenated. Moved was made and seconded to approve minutes
 - b. Treasurer: Gretchen White submitted report
 - c. Programs: New VP Mary Brunell–
 - i. Checks for the upcoming workshop for May are due. See Janet Cooper for any questions, all but 1 slot has been filled.
 - ii. An invitation to Fran Curran, Keynote speaker for the 70th Anniversary event October 21, 2017 at the North Beach Clubhouse, 79 Boston Neck Road, Narragansett, at noon, will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Looking for list of past officers and volunteers.
 - d. Newsletter: Lisa Geigan

- i. Work is progressing on reorganizing, should be finished by June.
- e. Towel Day; Sally Rianhard–
 - i. Give towels, labeled with you name to Sally
 - ii. Demo day–Saturday May 13, 2017– still looking for demonstrators
- f. NEWS– Linda Rhynard
 - i. 12 people from RI are attending NEWS
 - ii. Entries for all shows must be submitted by the May meeting
 - iii. Guild Table – Boas, Bonnets and Bags– we need these items for the June meeting– submit them to either Janet Cooper or Sylvia Kilgour
 - iv. Special exhibit– the Guild is responsible for this exhibit and needs volunteers to man the exhibit Thursday 1–6, Friday 8:30 to 6:00, Saturday 8:30 to 6:00, and Sunday 8:30 to 11:30
- g. New Business– Janet Cooper
 - i. Janet will take the old projector and have it looked at to possible fix as a back up
- h. There will be a 15 minute break, followed by the presentation then lunch with the afternoon workshop following.

Ingrid closed the meeting @ 9:55

Show and Tell:

Janet Cooper showed wonderful 8 shaft Summer and Winter towels in 10/2 cotton using a white warp and natural weft. Draft was from Handwoven Towel Collection

Noriko– Showed splendid towels in 8/2 cotton in gray and white.

Margaret Moone showed her cotton Rayon warp with wool and wool blend weft shawl that was at first disappointing until she washed it in hot water and threw it into the dryer. There it underwent a surprising and lovely transformation