

Weavers' Guild of Rhode Island
Minutes from September 9, 2017
Secretary - Joy Beeson

President Janet Cooper opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.
WELCOME:

Welcome to Sandy Bernier (Past President), a former member who is rejoining the Guild.

Welcome to Judy Kinzel who will be presenting the program: Showcasing Your Weaving in Cards and Simple Books with Janet Cooper assisting her.

Welcome to the committee chairs for this year:

NEWS: Linda Rhynard
Newsletter: Lisa Geigen
Educational grants: Manon Pelletier
Hospitality: Jenny Dean Howes
Show 'n Tell: Margaret Moore
Membership and Webmaster: Pam Rathmell

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There is a rug weaving demonstration at the Jamestown library today. It is presented by the group called Little Rhody Thrummers.

November 4 meeting will be held at the Clark Memorial Library, 7 Pinehurst Dr., Carolina RI, 02812. Marjie Thompson will give a presentation on Forgotten Weaves in the morning. In the afternoon, there will be a workshop called Colorful Paper Weaving, presented by Anastasia Azure. Check our Web site for information. Payment for the workshop is due to our Treasurer by Oct. 1.

Our 70th Anniversary Luncheon will be held on October 21, 2017, at noon at the North Beach Clubhouse in Narragansett. Janet will email directions before the luncheon. There are 44 people planning to attend.

Norma Smayda and Jan Doyle have an exhibit at Hera Gallery, in Wakefield, titled The Shape of Weaving. The show opened last night and runs through Oct. 7th. The gallery is opening for the guild members to experience this exhibit, on September 22, from 10 am to noon. Norma and Jan will be talking about their work.

Joy Beeson has been juried into the Guilford Art Center's big Artistry Show that runs from the beginning of November to the beginning of January. She will also be teaching a 5-week class on Painting with alcohol inks, starting September 19th at the Jamestown Art Center. See Joy for more details.

The WGRI Yearbook, which contains a list of officers, the programs for the year, and the directory of members is available. You have the option of printing it from the Web site. Get in touch with Janet Cooper if you have questions or if you discover errors.

If you are not getting emails from Janet, please contact her.

Judy Tysmans is looking for advice on buying a table loom or a rigid heddle loom with a stand. Contact her if you can help.

MINUTES OF JUNE 2017 MEETING:

The minutes were distributed during the summer. There was a motion and vote to accept the minutes.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Mary Brunell gave an update on the programs for the year, and an update about the party on 10/21/17. The details are listed on the web site.

NEWS:

Thanks to all who volunteered at Smith College. For the fashion show, Manon Pelletier won Best in Show and First Place and Judy Schaefer won Second Place. For the gallery show, Lisa Geigen won Second Place. There is a table in the back of the room with a display of all the things that were woven for our Guild Table. What a great display.

2017-18 WEAVER'S CHALLENGE:

Design a scarf warp. Please make it 5 - 10" wide with a sett of 8 - 24 epi. Make up a threading draft and tie up by November 4. At the meeting, Margaret Moore and Sally Rianhard, will be assigning a number. Make a warp from draft and swap again. Weave from warp and draft - bring finished piece in June. Check with Margaret Moore or Sally Rianhard for more information.

The challenge was sent to members by e-mail and they are on the Web site. A forum has been set up as well.

Motion to Adjourn at 10 a.m.

PROGRAM

Showcasing Your Weaving in Cards and Simple Books
Judy Kinzel and Janet Cooper

1. The program began with wonderful cards with weaving added from Norma's collection. Always make with scrap paper first to make sure it works for you.

2. Judy gave sources of paper for cards.
3. What adhesive you use depends on what you are gluing. You can use double sided tape. We Are Memory Keepers is a brand you will find in scrapbook supplies. White glues are good for cloth, and they dry clear. You can also use archival adhesive or glue dots.
4. There are many types of cutting tools - straight, curved, and interesting shapes.
5. Different kinds of paper:
 - card stocks - lots of colors
 - embossed papers
 - handmade papers (check on line)
 - origami papers
6. Mix 50% Elmers glue and 50% water, and brush on the edge of cloth before cutting. Or use Fray-check or zig zag.

Judy and Janet had the group make beautiful origami card craft that we made into little fold out books. Small pieces of hand woven could be placed into the pages of the small book. Everyone seemed to enjoy making a book to take home. We all had lots of fun.

SHOW AND TELL:

Anastasia Azure showed some very colorful paper weavings. Similar to what she will be teaching at the class on November 4.

Virginia Walsh showed a lovely purple shawl made of Pima cotton. Great color and texture.

Lisa Geigen showed small wall hangings. They had a lovely Asian look.

Manon Pelletier showed a beautiful iridescent scarf made of green, purple, and blue Pima cotton.

Margaret Moore made a very interesting dish cloth that is the same number of warp thread and weft threads. This made squares.

Sandy Bernier showed a blue and purple iridescent shawl with variegated tencel and silk. This made a lovely shine.

Submitted by Joy Beeson