

## WGRI minutes 2/3/18

By Joy Beeson, Secretary

Janet Cooper opened the meeting at 9:30 am.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We have a hard copy for our records of the 70th Anniversary party, thanks to the work by Mary Brunell.

We are still asking for guild or weaving memories. Please send to Mary Brunell.

Janet handed out a certificate to Jenny Dean Howes as "Hostess with the Mostess," as part of our 70th Anniversary celebration.

The guild participates in Halcyon Yarn's guild rewards program. When purchasing from Halcyon, let them know you are a guild member. At the end of the year, Halcyon sends a percentage of the cost to the guild. Questions can be directed to Janet Cooper.

GUEST: Jan Doyle

PROGRAM: Nancy Ayton

Beautiful Bands: Decorative Weaving from the Sami and Baltic Regions

Nancy gave the history and showed slides of the people and their weaving. They use the reindeer antlers to make loom parts. They used rigid heddle looms to weave decorative bands for clothing, straps, shoe bands, and cradles.

While Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania were under Soviet rule, they were able to keep their traditional costumes - woven bands and sashes are important.

She had looms with her and showed how the bands are woven on inkle or rigid heddle looms. She demonstrated an Inkle loom pattern generator.

What an interesting talk and she handed out a very thorough Resource list for those who wish to try band weaving.

### BUSINESS MEETING:

Approval of Minutes from Dec. 2, 2017 - moved and accepted

### REPORTS AND COMMITTEES:

Programs: Mary Brunell

March program will be given by Norma Smayda. This program was cancelled because of bad weather in January.

April - Afternoon workshop did not have enough sign up and was cancelled.

June - we will hold our meeting and pot luck at Mary Brunell's farm in Burrillville.

TREASURER - Gretchen White  
\$6,660 in check book (\$3000 is encumbered)

EDUCATION: Manon Pelletier  
\$750 is still available for those wishing to take classes.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Sally Rianhard announced that Tony Kormos would like to hear from us. Bring a note to the next meeting to be mailed to her. She wants to keep up with the guild and would like to hear about what you are weaving.

#### SHOW AND TELL:

Mary Brunell showed a lovely scarf made of alpaca. Shade of purple

Lisa Geigen showed a towel - white and red cotton from last year challenge - chenille and cord sample. She also made a hot pad bigger into a bathroom rug - 8/13 cotton for warp.

Sally Rianhard showed towels from a sample kit from Halcyon. Also placemats made with rags. And she showed ply split made in the Connecticut guild. Made like a band.

Margaret Moore brought a book called "Inventive Weaving on a little loom". She also brought an Inkle loom warping board by LeClerc. You can make long bands on it. She is giving it away.

Joy brought two small tapestries showing comparisons of tense colors placed next to each other, or placed next to a lightened or grayed shade of the same color.

Astrid Drew - dyed chenille and wove lovely color squares for a bath towel. More chenille made a thicker and softer bath towel.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Moved and accepted at 9:42 a.m.