WGRI Meeting Minutes, 12/02/2023

In attendance:
Donna LaVallee, Leslie Mahler, Claire Packer, Lisa Geigen, Mary Brown, Pam Provost, Sharon Northby, Manon Pelletier, Kris Kelly-Shumate, Susan Kirschenbaum, Norma Smayda, Pam Fahey, Loree Kallianen, Jayne Richmond, Gretchen White, Katie Schelling, Sally Rianhard, Linda Rhynard, Sandee Bernier, Elizabeth Springett, Cheryl Mincone

Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne is not here today. Report to be issued next month

Vice President report: Jaimee Roberts is not here today. Donna to outline upcoming program details (see below)

President Report: Donna LaVallee

Upcoming Program Overview - Please note - The January and February meeting will be on Zoom.

January's program - Deb Essen topic: Supplementary Warps
February's program - Sara Resnick from Gist Yarn and Fiber, *held on Weds 2/07
March program - Linda Rhynard, tapestry weaver and teacher
April program - 4/4 and 4/5 Sara Saulson will be hosting a Painted Warps workshop, Clark Memorial Library in Richmond

<u>More about Sara's Workshop in April:</u>

There will be a fee for this 2 day event, $150

Sara needs a place to stay overnight. If you live near the Clark Library in Richmond, please consider hosting her. She's lovely!

Painted Warp Scarves, using Sara's technique, were passed around. Visually they are reminiscent of Ikat textiles, but the making method is different. They are rich in color and several had contrasting bands running the length of the warp. This will be a fantastic workshop!

Other Contributions:

Tapestry Happening - Linda Rhynard (I need clarification about this)*****

Reed Order - Last call for the group order from Gowdey Reed. Please order through Gretchen by this weekend. Additionally, if you'd like confirmation that your order is included ask her.

NEWS news - It's not to early to have NEWS 2025 on your mind. It will be held at Westfield State University, with comfortable amenities. Please consider including a piece in one of the exhibits, Gallery or Fashion. It was sparse this past year. The more entries there are, the more interesting the exhibit is.

Weavers Challenge - Sally Rianhard reminded everyone about the Guild Challenge, due June 2024. She has Georgia Okeefe art postcards as inspiration. Ask her for one if you don't have

one yet. There's no need to replicate the image, simply use it as a starting point. Use artistic license and as an opportunity play with color, material, size. Just have fun with it!

Open Call for Entry - The Gladys E. Kelly Library in Webster, MA has an open call for exhibit proposals for an artist (or group) exhibit. If you are interested in this opportunity, reach out to them directly.

Please note the new email address to reach Donna, Presidentwgri@gmail.com

Program of the Day - A Celebration Honoring our Mentors
In Donna's words; we honor "those who taught us, those who inspired us, those who wrote books and articles, those who helped wipe away the tears after a project gone wrong." Several of our former members, along with our longtime and newer membership came together to celebrate the spirit of mentorship and collaboration. We all shared stories or remembrance of our teachers and those who have inspired us. For the holidays, we had a gift exchange that included poems and quotes. Thank you to all who participated, brought food, drinks and made our event heartwarming.