WGRI Meeting Minutes, 2/07/2024

In attendance:
27 Participants on Zoom, including 2 guests

Minutes were approved and accepted as posted

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne Hosier
Balance: 13,483.88
Encumbered: 6,918.80
General: 6,565.08

There are 60 members, 4 are honorary

President Report: Donna LaVallee

Nominating Committee - We currently do not have anyone (or group) to help fill next years guild board. Luckily, three out of four incumbents are able to stay next year. Therefore, we only need to fill one roll, Programs. Jaimee has offered to field questions and add guidance to whomever is willing to take on the job.

Another note about programs - the guild has the funds to pay for some nice programs, such as bringing in a lecturer from afar, or having a notable weavers on zoom, etc.

Updated photos are needed for the website. Please send to Noriko.
Email: noriko.t07@gmail.com
Subject: photos for the guild website - name
Let's all try to take photos of our gatherings ie) meetings, workshops, woven examples.
Alternatively, you can drop them here:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vYMTBVKAQyUicOp5xq-PyDzesXKe2ZWo?usp=sharing

Vice President Report: Jaimee Roberts

Jaimee reiterated that she'd be more than happy to help give the next VP/Programs Chair lecturer ideas and job overview.

Up Coming Programs

February - 2/7 Wed 7:00pm, Sara Resnick from Gist Yarn. Pls note: This is an evening meeting
March - 3/2 Location TBD, Lynda Rhynard - hands on, tapestry weaving talk
April - 4/6 North Kingstown Library, Sara Saulson - painted warps presentation
May - 5/4 Field Trip to WovenSeas in Warren RI, Elizabeth Springett's studio
June - 6/1 Party TBD

Sarah Saulson Painted Warp Workshop, 4/4 &4/5.
Location is at Clark Memorial Library, Carolina RI
Sign up by sending $150 check to Gretchen White.
21 Boulder Rd.
Carolina, RI 02812

Other Contributions:

Bags for Foster Care - Michelle O'Donnell proposed a community project that she and Marjorie Wheeler have spearheaded with the CT guild. Please consider helping in the effort to construct 200 bags for kids. A pattern has been made and kits are available in order to make this doable and easy! There's been mention of a RIWC event, where we can gather together to sew the bags. Please email Michelle for more information:
mmo.ladybug@gmail.com

Community Showcases - Donna mentioned 3 community fiber events happening this year. We've been asked to participate, but need volunteers to represent WGRI. Please let Donna know if you can help out. We've already committed to the showcase in Providence and need your help:
Farm to Fiber Showcase March 30th
PVD Farmers Market Sims Ave, Providence

The other two showcases are:
May 18th at Cogshell Farm in Bristol
April 27 in Jamestown at a sheep farm.
We'll need canopy tents for these events

Guild Art on Display - Donna has a piece on display the the Art Association in Fall River. They have a fiber exhibit happening now though the end of the month. Congratulations, Donna!
Fall River Art Association -
80 Belmont St.
Fall River, MA
Hours: Saturday 5:00 - 8:00, Sunday 1:00 - 4:00

Program of the Month: Sara Resnick from Gist Yarn

Sara is the founder of Gist Yarn. Her company is about bringing a yarn product to the market that focuses on a sustainable supply chain, ie) domestic sourcing, some organic fibers, conscientious production practices. They have their own lines of small batch yarns.

To name a few:
Mallo - 100% US made yarn, thick and thin texture
Beam - US made with organic fiber content, size 3/2
Array - Worsted spun wool yarn, multitude of colors, most popular line
Ode - Alpaca yarn from Peru, 3-4 blended colors creating melange shades
Sero - 3/15 silk nail - invests in Chinese farming communities to be produced

Please note Gist Yarn also offers:
Open calls for published patterns
"The Weave Podcast"
Artist in Residency - remote opportunity