

NOBO Meeting Minutes – December 1st 2016

Thanks Terry for taking these excellent notes.

Highlight - Lots of wonderful food!

Old Business

NEWS update from Vicki and Kathy

Tablecloth project for our table display at NEWS. To complement the tablecloth we are all to weave a small project - napkins, towels, place mats - in a neutral color such as natural, ecru, etc. The focus will be on the pattern and not the colors of the table linens since the tablecloth has enough color.

Due date: The April meeting.

Byfield Library

The library would like us to give a talk in the spring. Margaret might have more information, but she was not at the meeting.

Leah could give a talk on Medieval textiles and such. More information is needed from the library - when, how long, etc.

Margaret will contact Jean.

Our current show at the library comes down on the 12th of December - if you have something on display you can come by and pick it up then, or you can come by and help. Coordinate with either Margaret or Kathie for picking up your items if you cannot pick them up at the library on the 12th.

Bag Program (part of the charitable work of the library).

Kathy Corcoran and Jean Jacobson have jput together a little package and have coordinated with the children's librarian at the library. The library has several children's books on fiber and weaving.

A little sign titled: **Read It & Weave** will be displayed at the library.

In the bag, which the child and parent will check out, there will be a small frame loom with an item partially woven, some yarn, a fork for beating the weft, a small woven piece to show what can be made and directions on how to weave the item, and some books. They have 4 of these put together. Possibly looking for small frame looms.

Pam Jones (a new member) showed how she turned the packing foam from Chrome books into a small loom. She teaches grades 1 - 5 sewing, knitting, weaving, etc. **Betsy** suggested that our next NEWS table (in 2019) focus on teaching weaving and such to children.

Brief discussion of whether or not our guild should stay as a member of NEWS. The discussion was tabled until January.

Kathy C. mentioned that there is plenty of weaving equipment left over from the 4H project.

Other ideas for the 'bag' were floated: battered women's shelters, a sober group, prison. Since we are currently working on the children's weaving bag the discussion of other places to introduce the bag is being postponed until April. Terry suggested that in future there be a '**subcommittee**' that handles the bag in future. People seemed to think that was a good idea and it will be implemented during or after the April meeting.

NOBO Library

Terry mentioned that she moved her studio from Lawrence to Haverhill. She will, once again, be working through the evenings in the winter and will not be able to attend the meeting, but she hopes to get to the studio, in the mornings, at least twice a week. Call or email if you want to look at anything in the library.

Treasurers Report

Vicki presented the balances.

New Business

West Newbury Library

Susan Babb - director of a library in West Newbury, would like to exhibit some of our works at her library. Based on the amount of space she has she is asking for only smaller pieces. You can contact her at: [978-363-1160](tel:978-363-1160). She also wants speakers to present and/or talk about something fiber related; most likely in January or February - she's flexible - evening programs, Saturday, day time... Please contact her directly at the number listed above or at her email.

Study Groups

Some informal talk about setting up new ones. Question as to where the original survey of study group topics went. Maybe we can ask the whole group via these minutes?

Kathie K. led a study group on sett which in a sense is still ongoing. They will, most likely, have a meeting prior to our February meeting and will give a quick presentation at that meeting.

Bow Weaving Wrap-up

Vicki and Terry showed people how to finish off their bow weaving project.

Needle Felt Project

Penny spoke about the needle felt project that she will be showing us all how to do at the January meeting. She will follow up with an email, but, briefly, bring a large sponge (and she means LARGE - like those used to wash cars), a small cookie cutter (that will be the shape of your felted piece). Penny will provide the roving and needles. There will be a fee, to be determined.

Show and Share

1. Overshot runner by **Martha R.** She made it up as she went along. Used 10/2 cotton for the warp and tabby weft, 5/2 blue for the pattern weft.
2. Towels with 8/2 cotton by **Martha R.** Beautiful towels in which she experimented with different tie ups and different colors for the weft.
3. Rockland farmers market demo coasters done in Double weave by **Eileen.** She wove them so that she locked the two layers together by drawing the pattern through from one layer to the next.
4. Overshot runner by **Deb Hiatt.** 10/2 cotton in natural for the warp and tabby weft. 10/2 brown cotton, doubled for the pattern weft. Sett at 24 epi.
5. Knitted Kinsdale Cloak by **Leah.** Her own pattern, using a worsted weight yarn. She copied the shaping from the Kinsdale Cloak pattern from Folkwear Patterns.

Box Of Yarn

Eileen spoke about a *box of yarn* from **Just Our Yarns (JOY)**. They would send us (the guild, Eileen will take ownership of the box) and we would purchase on consignment the yarns we wish to have and send the rest back. We just need a resale number to do so. We discussed that a bit since yarn is not subject to sales tax in MA. Terry offered to use her resale number if need be.

Yankee Swap followed.

Meeting ended at about 9:15.