

NOBO Meeting Notes - 01/26/2017

Thank-you Margaret for continued support as the minutes editor

Agenda

- New Business
- Old Business
- Needle Felting Workshop

New Business

New Members and Guests

No new members registered at the meeting.

Welcome **Corinn Flaherty** Assistant Director of the new Salisbury Library.

Fabulous Fibers display at the West Newbury Library

NOBO Guild Member **Susan Babb** is the director of the West Newbury Library. Susan described the items in the display

Featured is a selection of pieces from *Margaret Preservation Wrap collection* and a number of items have been included in the display:

- Quilt made by the Council on Aging and other quilt makers
- Rugs done by "the hookers"
- Paintings with fibre added to provide texture
- Wool felted booties

In addition, a small table loom has been set up together with a *first time weaving* show piece woven by Susan under Margeret's tutelage.

On the evening of February 2nd the display will open, the location is 490 Main Street, On the evening of February 2nd there will be Open House and Guild members were encouraged to come. The event starts at 6:00pm and Margaret's presentation begins at 6:30pm. The event ends at 8:00pm. The exhibit will be in place for the remainder of January and through February.

There is an article in Newburyport Daily News covering the exhibit.

New Library at Salisbury

Corinn Flaherty is the Assistant Director of the new Salisbury Library

Corinn has been tasked with setting up art shows at the library. Corinn has an interest to fibre arts and would like to set up a fibre display of items from NOBO. Currently nothing is scheduled and this is an open request to the guild to contribute items and display ideas.

During the resulting discussion, the table cloth will be needed for NEWS in July. There is a NOBO banner available as well. If possible Corinn would like to get this going as soon as possible.

There is a glass enclosed area which has a metal track around the top from which items can be hung.

The guild decided that setting up a display for April and May would be feasible.

Corinn is also interested in any ideas for a workshop please. Please send Corinn any ideas and proposals.

Volunteer Project

This has been named *Read It and Weave*. The project is making good progress and books are now being selected for inclusion.

Court Positions

Please think about positions. There was a proposal to keep the positions through June and the new positions take effect in the Fall. This was followed by a suggestion to move the Fiscal Year to September, the elections for the positions would still occur in April. The advantage is that this would provide an overlap for the incoming officers.

The proposal to move the fiscal year and have the overlap was put top a vote and carried.

Workshops and Presentations

This topic started with a request for ideas for presentations or workshops in May and June.

It was suggested that the survey should be reviewed to determine what the main interests were and structure the presentations around that input. It was noted that the survey is not on the web site. Ted agreed to post it in an open area if the results could be provided.

Discussions included providing a workshop loom for demonstrations, the concept was that the workshop loom could be provided to the presenter and it could be prepared by the presenter for the workshop. Questions relating to logistics were raised relating to housing and portability. Sensing some low level of concern it was then suggested that the presenter could take videos of their own loom setup and project that at the meeting.

At this point Anonymous Coward asked if there was any interest in presentation on a recent commission received to weave a special band. There was interest:

The **May Presentation** will be *Kyle's Band*. This will cover the steps from the original request for the band, through the design and approval process, weaving of samples for approval to the finished article. Included will be a live display of the development of the design using DB-WEAVE.

Exploring interest levels further AC asked if there was interest in a presentation in the use of design tools, DB-Weave, Fibreworks and WeavePoint. Betsy suggested that this may be better suited for a study group. Interest will be assessed after the May presentation.

OLD Business

NEWS

The discussion began with a request if a decision had been made to continue as a member of NEWS. There is a need to let the committee know in April if we intend to continue with NOBO membership. **Vicki** has server 4 years in this role and needs to transfer responsibilities to someone else. The representatives duties include attending 2 meetings per year in addition to attending NEWS. There is also a requirement to organise volunteers for tasks during the NEWS event.

Discussions continued exploring the consequences of not being a member. Individuals can still go to NEWS, it is possible to have a table for NOBO but there would be a fee. There is a discount for being a member. Non members are allowed to take classes.

Kathy goes to Florida all Winter which makes it difficult for Kathy to do any organisation work in the Winter.

Responsibilities for NEWS rep

1. Attend 2 meeting per year. These are usually held at WEBS
2. Bring back all information to the guild
3. Organize and deliver items for the NEWS gallery and fashion show
4. Coordinate guild volunteer s
5. Work on whatever our guild is responsible for. Currently it is publicity, but it could change.

Actions

- Organise an email blast will be used to determine if to *NEWEXIT*.
- Ted was volunteered to be the new representative if there was a *REMAIN* vote
- Vicki needs to know in the next two months if anyone intends to submit for the fashion show.
- The Table Cloth will be the NOBO display centre piece
 - The coverings are needed in June
 - Weave napkins and towels in natural colours, textures as opposed to colours.

Library Presentation Update

The guild had offered to do a talk, Margaret said that a follow up to this offer was needed. Margaret asked the guild:

- What would people be willing to present or demonstrate.
- One input was not to forget spinning.

PRESENTATION

The presentation was a workshop on needle felting by Penny Boling, one of the Ladies Nobo.