

NOBO Meeting Notes – 03/23/2017

Agenda

- NEWS Update
- Salisbury library exhibit
- Court positions.
- Survey results
- Upcoming events and workshops, etc.
- Next month's Anniversary Party - NOBO is having a birthday
- Featured Presentation by **Fran** on ***Double Weave***

Business

New Member

Margaret introduced Karen from Cambridge. Karen is the proud owner of two Macomber looms, a 40” and 24”, both are 8 shaft versions.

April Meeting

This will be the 9th anniversary party, ***please come to ensure a full turn out!***

NEWS

Only 5 members have signed up to take classes and volunteer. This is a very poor turn out from a guild with over 25 members. There were only 4 responses to the survey which suggests that there is minimal interest in continuing membership of NEWS. The cost, benefit is not there to support continued membership. The majority of members present voted to drop membership of NEWS after this year. This decision can be revisited yearly to determine if the interest level changes,

Vicki indicated that NOBO could continue to have a table and some level of presence. The fee for a table is \$25.

Decision: Drop membership of NEWS after this year.

Tablecloth Project

Not all worksheets and draw downs have been received. For those who participated please complete the worksheets and draw downs for the strips that were woven. This information is needed for the notebook that will accompany the tablecloth at NEWS.

Reminder: please complete the table cloth accessory linens that are needed for the NEWS display.

Court Positions

A number of positions remain open, Terry will send out an email blast indicating which positions remain to be filled. Please review the list and indicate the position you would like to serve in at the April meeting.

Nobo Sponsored Instructions

Will members please provide input for potential subjects for the NoBo sponsored instruction. A common item was warping, in particular front to back versus back to front

Treasurer Report Vicki

The Guild is solvent.

Dues next month please, \$25 in cash in an envelope or cheque made out to Vicki White please. Also please print out the form on the web site so that all contact information can be accurately captured.

There was a discussion on the coverage of the email blasts, some members were not receiving the emails. Terry will be asked to check the email list against the membership list and send out a message requesting a response to help validate the integrity of the mailing.

Survey

The majority of members were not interested in filling out web based or web downloaded forms. The preference was to receive paper copies at the meetings and fill them out.

It was decided that a formal survey should be taken once per year, ideally to be completed by the May meeting.

Salisbury Library

Submission needed. The **show opens on May 15** and runs through June 23rd. There will be a reception on May 18 at 6:30pm. Feel free to submit more than one piece although space is limited. Margaret and Kathy volunteered to collect items and deliver them to the library. Please bring items for submission to the April meeting. If weavers could supply a short write up of the item and an abbreviated bio that would be appreciated.

List of events

- Gore Place 30th Sheepshearing Festival – April 29, 2017
- Connecticut Sheep, Wool & Fiber Festival – April 29, 2017
- New Hampshire Sheep & Wool – May 13 & 14, 2017
- Rhode Island Fiber Festival & Craft Fair – May 20, 2017
- Massachusetts Sheep & Woolcraft Fair – May 27 & 28, 2017
- Maine Fiber Frolic – June 3 & 4, 2017
- NEWS – July 13 – 16, 2017
- Fiber Revival – TBD
- Fiber Festival of New England – November 4 & 5, 2017

Presentation

Fran presented Double Weave complete with samples.

Fran outlined the threading for double weave and the theory for the lift sequences for the shafts. Fran continued with the techniques for weaving tubes and double width items.

Fran finished the presentation with an introduction to the use of pickup sticks to bring to the foreground the background layers. The samples included tube and double width, alternate stripes of foreground and background, pickup samples and a special piece using a lace weave for the foreground and a solid background to show off the lace design.



Thank-you Fran for an excellent presentation.



Show and Share

- Drift wood tapestry weaving by Corinn
- Re-enactment Viking Leg Wraps by Leah
- Historical Coverlet saved by Kathie K
- Knit hat for Margaret generously knitted by guild member Peggy.

