

WGB General Meeting
10 April 2019

Westboro Congregational Church
57 attendees
12:40-1:30

Morning workshops were all full. People in Reggie Delarm's band workshop made bands, which they displayed. Sarah Fortin's 2-block color doubleweave class shared their homework, including woven examples. Barbara Herbster's class on embroidery embroidery saw lots of examples. In Beth Guertin's class on the challenge members showed amazing creativity.

May meeting. Challenge submissions are due at the May meeting. Beth will collect them and the paperwork afterward. We will have the annual Fashion Show, which features more than clothing! Susan Pippin will be the photographer.

Announcements. Gretchen Tanzer, who presented to us last year, has won a \$15K grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Florence announced that her latest handloom supplement has just been published.

Treasurer. Beth Guertin.

We are approaching the end of the year, and Beth had to move some money from savings to checking to pay the rest of the rent for the church. Because of the sale of IBM stock, the IRS has been investigating the guild, causing a lot of work for Beth and the accountant. Two books were sold off of the website.

100th Anniversary Exhibit. Remember our bra exhibit a few years ago? Beth would like to exhibit them again. Please let her know if you have one she could use.

Yard Sale. Member Rosey Corey died, and her extensive yarn collection will be sold, profits to go to the guild to pay for a presenter for the whole guild. Some members have asked Beth when the next yarn sale will be. So there will be a yard sale at Beth's house in Waltham Saturday June 8, 9-5, and Sunday June 9, 10-2. Please spread word to other guilds. An email blast will be sent with details, which will also be posted on the website.

Nominating. Susan Pippin & Eileen Crawford.

We still have openings for a third person for the Sale, two for Nominating, Outreach chair, PR chair, a person to handle marketing for the Sale, and yearbook advertising.

Website. Helen Sandoz.

We are redesigning the website. Please send photos of your work to rotate on the website. We need permission to display a photo of any person.

Samples. Boxes with samples are here. Pick them up. Some people, who did not request physical samples but accepted the digital version only, do not have folders. If you want physical samples next year, check the appropriate box on the membership renewal form.

There was a correction on the form with the latest sample as distributed in the Bulletin. Today's sheets are correct.

Membership. Membership may be renewed on the website. Helen will be at meetings to help anyone with the website. If you renew on the web, you pay online, and Susan Targove will send you a form to correct. The Treasurer prefers that you pay by check in May to avoid the transaction charge over the website.

Several questions arose. Renewal procedures will be clarified in an email blast.

Awards. Diane Chaisson. Please nominate members for our awards, and send the nominations to Laurie Autio.

NEWS. Bring your items for the Guild table to the meeting in May. Please volunteer to help. If you submit to one of the shows, please go to the website and check requirements and procedures.

Sale. Elizabeth Springett & Nancy Flood.

The Sale will be in Wellesley on Nov. 6-9. We need a third person on the committee. We would like more people to participate. Rita Steinbach will be giving free workshops on the art of selling.

Door prizes.

Show and Tell. Debbie Kaplan showed a runner using unusual stiff plant fibers for weft; Eileen Crawford a silk scarf from warp leftover from the guild challenge; Joan Paul a pin cushion from the guild workshop; Penny Lacroix a V shawl; Sarah White a ply-split basket from a workshop by Sarah Fortin.

Submitted by Dorothy Solbrig