

WGB Board Meeting - August 27, 2014

American Textile History Museum

The meeting began at 10:10 with 16 board members present.

A representative from ATHM welcomed the WGB board and discussed ways that we may be able to work together in the future. We were asked to nominate a member to speak at the WGB's induction to the ATHM Hall of Fame on Monday, September 8, 2014. Susan Targove suggested that Ruth Ward will say a few words about the guild, and that Susan and former Deans accept the award and all agreed.

Carol McClennen, Morning Workshops, said that the core curriculum will be on the website in a PDF format. Carol will work with Jane to format the spreadsheet of the Core Curriculum to make it more readable. The finished spreadsheet will be linked as a PDF on the website, posted on the bulletin board, and included in the November bulletin. 20 people have signed up for workshops. An email blast will be sent out August 31, to give a 10 day's notice for workshop registration. The fee will be \$23 less than 10 days prior to the workshop. There will be a waiver for new members if they sign up for membership that same day.

Elizabeth Springett, Special Workshops, only 2 people signed up for the coverlets workshop. For Robin Spady workshop March 12-14, 11 people have signed up. Housing and transportation still needs to be looked into.

Susan Targove, Weavers helping weavers, New format this year- more free form, Susan will be on sight for answering questions/problems. At the September and October meetings Nancy Barry will be on hand to answer questions about the annual sale.

Susan spoke about: The bulletin board will be decorated and have titles for sections. We need to bring the Loom List, the new Education Grants application form, and other items for it.

- We're trying to compile a list of Convergence and Complex Weavers exhibitors and winners to recognize them during the meeting. Mentioned so far: Louise Abbott, Laurie Carlson, Sarah Fortin, Dora Hsiung, Judith Shangold, and Carol Wooten.

- Sticky tags will available to new members, or visiting people interested in becoming members, so they can be identified. Each month there should be a hostess greeter for new members.

- Members are to sign the sign in sheet upon arrival as it will not be passed around any longer. There will also be a jar for a monthly raffle with paper and pen to write your name on for the drawing to be held at the beginning of the business meeting. Perhaps board members can take turns bringing the raffle item.

- The business meetings will be kept very short- not all board members chairs need to speak, but only those that have important information to share.

- Keys to the church hall are kept by, the Dean, Associate Dean, Librarian, and Morning Workshop chair.

Yearbook Chair, Kathy Tappan, said that the yearbook and name tags will be distributed at the meeting. Kathy Tappan needs the printed name tags and mailing

labels for all members by next Wednesday (Sept 3) to give her time to stuff the packets, including envelopes with the name-tags for those getting the yearbook as a PDF.

-The ads in the yearbook present a problem for online views as the file is huge and so something has to be figured out about that.

-There are no bulletin samples for September.

Updated yearbook with teachers, looms for sale, guilds and contacts.

Nancy Barry, Annual Sale Chair, an email was sent to last year's members who participated in handing shops sale information packets, with hopes that they will volunteer to do it again this year. One deadline to meet in distributing the packets is to get the packets to the shops who are part of the Greater Boston Yarn Crawl.

-People can download poster and postcard on the WGB website.

-The suggestion for inventory scanning is at a standstill.

-Still working on lighting the show.

The donation of items from Eleanor Q. Wood estate can be included in the annual sale but must pass jurying as all other weaver's goods do.

Beth Guertine, Treasurer divided a one year CD which matured at the end of July, was divided into 2 CD's of \$15,000 each. (12mo @ 0.25%, 3 year @0.50%, 5 year @ .090%)

-Reduce size of storage space- we will always need a space. Beth would like to clear out boxes of books- We need someone to list the remaining Betty Shannon books on Amazon for sale in their used book marketplace. There are nine banker's boxes of books remaining and they have been brought to meetings for sale a few times.

NEWS Guild Exhibit chair – gather items in May from the Guild Challenge, set up the table at NEWS. We need to encourage people to participate. Volunteers always needed.

Outreach Opportunity: Demoing at the ICA on Saturday, Dec 6, for a fiber exhibit running from October to January. See Mara Taylor for more information.

Education Grants: The main purpose is to give grants to attend a workshop or class. This is not necessarily for someone in need. Small modifications will be made to clarify things such as the "payback" which required a recipient of a grant to write about it in the Bulletin, or teach a class in the technique learned, or show notebook samples. There will be a new Education Grants application form placed on the bulletin board.

Long Range Planning Committee:-Strengthen what we have and who we are.-Stronger speakers from afar.

Beth Guertin and Nancy Hodes are working on getting tote bags/grocery sacks with our logo to offer for sale to our members and at the Annual Sale. If anyone has a good hires image with the "WGB" name on it, please contact Beth. We also discussed offering other items for order as part of the renewal form, so we could pre-determine demand and order the appropriate number of items or using Café Press to offer a variety of

items without the need to purchase inventory.

100th Anniversary- Party, exhibit, 100 item monograph book?

Meeting adjourned 1:00

Respectfully submitted,

Mara Taylor, Recording Secretary