

WGB General Meeting 11 November 2020

Business Meeting

Virtual meeting via Zoom
73 people attended the Business Meeting
12:27 – 1:02 pm

Welcome – Linda Snook

Linda welcomed everyone.

Recording Secretary – Cindy Gimbert

Cindy summarized the minutes of the September meeting. Minutes are posted on the guild website on the **Membership** page of the website, under **Guild Administration**.

<https://www.weaversguildofboston.org/membership>

Treasurer – Beth Guertin

Beth submitted the following report:

November 9, 2020

The current balances in TD Bank are: savings account \$156,249.07, account earned \$33.08 interest in October

Checking account \$7,968.71

Both accounts are reconciled for October.

The state informed WGB that beginning January 2021, sales tax needs to be paid monthly instead of quarterly.

Membership Linda for Frann Bennett

The guild currently has 227 members.

Nominating Committee - Susan Pippin

Current openings on the board are:

- Outreach chair
- Public Relations Chair
- Second Assistant Chair for the Annual Sale
- Assistant to Morning Programs.

The most vital opening is the Assistant to Morning Programs! A volunteer is needed to work with Ginny Hamilton and Pat Vinter starting in January. Susan posted the following memo summarizing the position of **Assistant Chair of Morning Workshops**:

Why volunteer for Assistant Chair of Morning Workshops?

“In general, for every position I volunteered for, the rewards have been great. I’ve gotten back much more than I’ve given -- in learning, connecting with other weavers, trying new things and opening up new possibilities.”

“Have the pleasure of working with a wonderful group of people, amazing workshop instructors and give back to a Guild that you enjoy!”

If there is no volunteer, there will be no workshops.

The duties of WGB Morning Workshop Assistant Chair consist of the following, all of which are meant to help the Assistant learn the entire process in order to become the Morning Workshop Chair in the following year.

Work with Chair to:

- research workshop instructors for the year who could present either in person and/or via Zoom
- become familiar with using Zoom and managing meetings and workshops via Zoom
- become familiar with general set up of In Person Workshops in our rented space
- attend Zoom calls with instructors and speakers to prep for upcoming meetings
- become familiar with contracts for instructors: In Person and Zoom
- become familiar with all communications (emails primarily) to instructors and attendees about upcoming workshops
- attend Zoom Workshops as a “Co-Host” and assist Host in all facets of management of the Workshop (mainly monitoring questions and tech issues (no need to be a super techie, just a good basic knowledge of Zoom) - attend In Person Workshop days (when we recommence those) to participate in management of the Workshops- attend WGB

- Education Committee meetings via Zoom (Usually once a month)- attend monthly
- WGB meetings via Zoom or in person.
- attend quarterly WGB Board meetings

Please call or email Susan Pippin anytime if you are interested in volunteering.

Afternoon Speakers – Eileen Crawford, Associate Dean

We have two fabulous speakers coming up in 2021. Register here for the March and April general meetings on Zoom:

<https://www.weaversguildofboston.org/event-registration>

The dates for the Spring 2021 meetings are:

- **February 10**
- **March 10**
- **April 14**

Registration for the February meeting and spring workshops begins December 1.

<https://www.weaversguildofboston.org/education>

The February 2021 meeting will have a focus on our community of weavers.

At our March 2021 meeting, Denise Kovnat, from the Rochester, NY guild will speak. Her afternoon talk is *Once Upon a Warp: From the Loom to the Runway*. Her focus is hand dyeing and weaving garments. She is a prolific teacher. Our own Deb Kaplan helped her learn to work with a very fragile silk. The silk shawl Denise dyed and wove won third place in the Treenway Silk Awards and has just been published in the latest Complex Weavers Journal, which is available in our guild library. Check out Denise's blog and Etsy site on her website, *Random Acts of Color*, at: <https://www.denisekovnat.com>

Denise's three-day workshop scheduled for 2021 will be postponed until we can meet safely in person.

In April, Kris Bruland will be speaking about the website he created,

Handweaving.net. It makes available 69,921 drafts and has a new online color tool that you can use. The site allows you to expand your ideas about what you want to weave, learn about what other people have done, and experiment with new ways to manipulate colors with the color tool. Check it out:

<https://www.handweaving.net/about>

Morning Workshops – Ginny Hamilton/Pat Vinter

Morning workshops in the spring will continue on Zoom.

The February meeting will be a fun meeting called *Bringing the Guild Together*. We will spend part of the day in the “big room” on Zoom celebrating our community of handweavers. The morning will focus on our 100th anniversary projects: weaving for the Fuller Craft Museum; weaving the challenge scarf for the Charles River Museum; and the COVID Closet Cleanup Project. We will have time in smaller breakout rooms for conversation. There will be a Show and Tell. Think about what you’ve been working on that you’d like to share. We hope people will also share their progress on COVID Closet Cleanup projects. (In today’s meeting, Ginny shared her 9-inch block for the project and encouraged all to join in creating a square.) There will be member studio tours. Think about doing a little video of your home studio and send the video to Ginny and Pat. More information on the February meeting will be sent out soon.

In March, Denise Kovnat will do the morning workshop, *Dorset Buttons: Their History & How to Make Them*, before her afternoon guild talk. The workshop is based on a traditional needle lace technique. Information will be on the website soon. Registration begins December 1.

In April, Anne Graham will present a shadow weave workshop.

Ginny thanked everyone for attending the Zoom workshops and meetings. She extended many thanks to Penny LaCroix for presenting an excellent workshop on double weave V shawls, complete with videos, in the November morning workshop. To learn more about double weave V shawls you can look at *Handwoven* in March/April 2012 or March/April 2010.

100th Anniversary and Guild Challenge – Beth Guertin

Our Guild Challenge this year is *Getting Back to Our Roots* and all of the information is on the website.

<https://www.weaversguildofboston.org/whw-ii>

Beth's PowerPoint presentation on Weavers Helping Weavers is on the website. All the forms for submitting can be found on the website. Feel free to contact Beth with any questions you may have.

For those of you weaving for Fuller for the 100th, there are two Zoom meetings coming up on Tuesday, November 17 at 10 am and Wed., Nov. 18 at 7 pm, each talking about Design Productions. If you'd like to participate, email Beth and she will add you to the list. The meetings are interactive, helpful and informative, with people feeling free to bring problems to the table and share ideas and suggestions.

Linda added that the Zoom Weavers Helping Weavers session on the Guild Challenge from November's morning session will be on the website. <https://www.weaversguildofboston.org/100th-anniversary>

COVID Closet Clean-up Collaboration (CCCC) – Laurie Steger

The CCCC will create a community quilt. It is a project that will encourage participation of guild members and our inclusion in the Fuller Craft Museum or Charles River Museum exhibit for the 100th anniversary. Each member may make a square using your handwoven fabric. You can use a traditional quilt pattern or applique idea. The topic of your square would be what makes you feel secure and safe during the pandemic. Laurie has received about 10 squares, all very heartwarming. She expects the quilt will develop in a beautiful way and express the journey we all have experienced in this year of transitions.

The square should be 9 inches by 9 inches, including an inch around for selvages. When all the squares are collected, Laurie hopes a few volunteers will join her to arrange the squares into a quilt. For now, she rearranges the squares weekly on a large bulletin board as she receives the your contributions. People who don't want to make squares may

send swatches of their handwoven fabric and Laurie will make images from those swatches. The original deadline for acceptance of squares and swatches has been extended through February. She hopes to be able to show how the piece comes together in future meetings.

The recording of the October Weavers Helping Weavers session on this project is available on the website. The video explains with pictures the process of making a quilt square for the project.

<https://www.weaversguildofboston.org/100th-anniversary>

Ginny added that creating a square for the quilt has been a lot of fun and it can be as simple or complicated as you would like. You can also check out the website to see examples of some of the squares that have been created so far.

Eileen added that the February meeting will include a “quilting bee” with Laurie where we talk and sit together in the virtual room stitching our squares and sharing our work. Eileen encourages everyone to go to their sample closets today to collect swatches, scraps and materials to bring to the February meeting.

Ratings Ruth Buchman

As days get shorter and colder and you spend more time at home, think about submitting for a rating. The program can be done at your own pace.

Photos of the rating submissions of Penny LaCroix and Eileen Crawford, the new apprentices, will be in the bulletin. Photos from the new master weaver, Shannon Mathers, will be in the next bulletin.

The deadline to officially inform Ruth that you will be submitting this year is February 1. Please contact Ruth to give her official notice you intend to submit before February, even if you have previously let her know. She expects to hear from **all** intending to submit in the last half of January. The work itself is due the on date of the February meeting, which is February 10. Logistics for submitting will be worked out when you contact Ruth.

There have been a few very small changes in requirements since last year so make sure you are using the current requirements. The most recent version of requirements is on the website. You can email Ruth if you would like her to highlight the specifics for you. Please email Ruth with any questions you might have about the ratings or to talk about possibly doing the ratings.

WGB Blog Sara White & Carol McClennen

Carol reported the committee is analyzing the 115 responses to the survey the committee sent out.

The blog continues to get new subscribers almost daily.

<https://www.weaversguildofboston.org/wgb-blog>

Ads Linda for Martha Rossman

The advertising committee has offered sponsors the ability to revise their ads this year if they have changes due to COVID that they would like to put on the website. Sponsors may update their ads on two occasions during the 2020 to 2021 year.

Bulletin Diane Chaisson

Please send your contributions as soon as possible. The expectation is the Bulletin will be sent out December 1.

Social Media Linda for Mary Mandarino

Mary Mandarino is looking for contributions to our Facebook page. Please contact her if you have photos or weaving events for posting on the WGB Facebook page.

Announcements

The next **Board** Meeting on ZOOM for board members is Wednesday, December 9, 2020 (new date).

The next **General Meeting** for all is on Zoom February 10, 2021. Our February guild meeting will be an informal day with no business meeting.

The recording of the November 2020 business meeting will be on the website.

<https://www.weaversguildofboston.org/membership>

The Robin Spady lecture will be on the website through Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020.

<https://www.weaversguildofboston.org/meetings>

The next Guild General Meeting on Zoom is on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. Be sure to sign up on the website for the Zoom link.

Adjourned at 1:02 PM

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Gimbert, Recording Secretary*

Addendum:

Schedule for November 2020 WGB Meeting via Zoom

10 – Noon

Morning Workshop, *Doubleweave V-Shawl on 4 Shafts* – Penny LaCroix

Weavers Helping Weavers, Guild Challenge

12 Noon-12:20 PM

Small break out groups for informal discussion.

12:20 - 1:00 PM - Business Meeting

1:00 - 3:00 PM - Lecture *Couture Passementerie through the Eyes of a Fiber Artist* – Robyn Spady