

Weavers' Guild of Boston  
2017/18 Annual Report  
Dean

I am profoundly thankful for all the support and encouragement provided by all of the members of the Guild and especially for my wonderful, dedicated Board. No challenge is too difficult for this hardworking group to solve and have fun doing it. The Guild is a very stable organization with experienced members who care deeply about the skill and practice of weaving.

The Board was busy this year.

2017 began with NEWS where the Guild, with Beth Guertin's help displayed the 2017 Guild Challenge "Summer/Winter" and a memorial table for Nancy Hodes and Betty Shannon. As usual, the Guild was well represented in the NEWS awards. We thank all the volunteers from the guild for their work in intake, show sitting, and class assistants.

In August the Board was very busy with the planning for the change in Sale venue. Beth Guertin, Elizabeth Springett, Nancy Flood, and Nancy Barry worked very hard in the planning process for the new location. October found us having a very successful sale and we were invited back for 2018. The November Board meeting looked in depth at issues related to the sale in light of the new venue, inventories and sale tags. Elizabeth and Nancy have worked on all those issues and will be implemented in the fall.

The Board, under Susan Targove's leadership, decided in August, to look into creating a new and easier to edit website using a canned product. Over the year Susan has researched several programs and presented a report in March. The Board has chosen WIX as a platform. She is working with a small committee and assistance from Jane Moore and Sally Eyring to organize the information that needs to be on the site. As of May the early pages are being created and transition will occur over the summer.

Our final Board Meeting spent much of its time looking at needed changes to the Bylaws. It makes more sense to analyze the Bylaws once a Dean has worked with them rather than the beginning of her term. It should be in concert with the needs of the incoming Dean and with the knowledge of how the Board is functioning at the time. This year we decided to streamline some of the member functions and combine some of the appointments. Hopefully it will assist the Nomination Committee's work and speak to the difficulty of finding volunteers.

Finally, I want to thank Beth Guertin for hosting our Board Meetings. Having a consistent location set up for a full meeting and the most scrumptious and plentiful refreshments is a wonderful gift to the Guild. It's the blueberry muffins, fruit, bagels and croissants that bring us all back four times a year!

Thank you all for your hard work and support for the Guild.

Diane Chaisson  
Dean 2016/2018