

## WGB Annual Meeting May 10, 2017

46 members in attendance.

Start of business meeting: 12:20PM - Called to order by Dean Diane Chaisson

Hetty Friedman asked for donations for the monthly drawing - (two/month)

Adele Harvey congratulated the weavers who participated in this year's Summer/Winter Challenge. The pieces will go to NEWS this summer, then be exhibited at the annual Sale in the fall.

Adele read a moving obituary for Betty Shannon who died at 95 years old. Donations in her memory can be made to Artisana - a non-profit in Holyoke, MA.

### **Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Beth Guertin reported that WGB ended this year in the black.

The 100th anniversary celebration in 2022-2023 will almost certainly be held at the Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton, MA.

**Associate Dean:** Carol McClennen gave a brief overview of the PM speakers this past year and a preview of the PM speakers for 2017/2018.

**NEWS rep and Membership:** Susan Targove reminded members about WGB show sitting responsibilities at NEWS.

She reported that the WGB membership is now 260 members with 25 new members this year. Susan noted three deaths of WGB weavers: Kathy Spangler, Betty Shannon, and Nancy Hodes.

**Bulletin:** Diane reported for Eileen Crawford that there have been 3 issues this year and one more will be coming in June.

**WGB Samples:** Ro Spinelli reminded people to pick up the June samples that are available now.

**Morning Workshops:** Mary Mandarino thanked Risa Burns, Ute Taylor, and Carol McClennen for their help. She reported that Joan Paul is the new morning set up person. This year the morning workshops made a profit of \$1900. Mary also gave a preview of next year's morning workshops.

**Special Workshops:** Eileen Fitzgerald reported on the November JOY workshop and the March Wedge Weave workshop. March 2018 will have a special workshop on Navaho/Rya rugs by Faith Milnes.

**Education Grants:** Martha Rossman reported on student memberships. She noted that Jane Moore was responsible for a new student member from Mass Art. Martha also spoke about Eileen Crawford's grant for the weaving program at OldsCollege. Two NEWS grants are still

available.

Martha also proposed to have information about a ride coordinator on the website.

**Library:** Linda Snook reported for Joanne Germaine that the vestry displays of library books have been successful. The cataloging process is continuing - help would be appreciated. Six new books and one DVD were purchased this year.

**Annual Sale:** Elizabeth Springett reported on the new place and dates for the Annual Sale. The sale will be at the Wellesley Congregational Church - Oct 25 - 28. Help is needed.

**Nominating Committee:** Susan Pippin reported that a co-chair for the sale is still needed. Kathy Zola will be the new Hospitality chair.

Carol McClennen, Acting Secretary, made a motion to approve the slate of the Nominating Committee as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

**Outreach:** Barbara Provest reported on fabrics woven for Plimoth in the past few years. Two notebooks with information on these fabrics were presented. One is for the WGB library and one was given to Plimoth.

**Public Relations:** Diane reported for Sue Knowles on the work done with local newspapers and Facebook. Sue is working on an article about WGB and Plimoth.

**Website:** Jane Moore reported that the website is running smoothly and that she and Sally Eyring are working on updates. So far the site has had 5000 hits.

**WGB Samples:** Ro Spinelli asked for more sample weavers. Sample weavers get a certificate and a one year WGB membership voucher.

**Hospitality:** Diane thanked Joan Paul for her service.

**Ratings:** Diane reported for Deb Watson that Diana Vaughn had earned her WGB Apprentice rating.

**Awards:** Dorothy Glowacki Award - Eileen Crawford  
Deborah Berry Award - Ruth Buchman  
Helen Barrett Award - Susan Targove  
Celebration of Weaving Life Award - Beth Guertin  
Honorary Membership - Barbara Elkins  
Mary Merrill Distinguished Achievement Award - Laurie Autio

Submitted by Carol McClennen