



October 2018

OLYMPIA WEAVERS GUILD Newsletter

Guild Meeting

October 19, 2018

**South Bay Fire Station 8-3
5046 Boston Harbor Rd. NE
Olympia, WA**

9:00 Library opens

9:45 Business meeting

11:00 Showcase

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Program:

Virginia Sorrells, a long-time collector of Japanese textiles, will present "Talking Japanese Textiles".

Refreshments:

Thanks to Patty Berke, Carol Dargatz, Sarah Nopp and Mary Orazem for bringing goodies.

Friendly Reminder:

Please be sure to shred last year's yearbook when you are ready to discard it! If you do not have a shredder, you can give yours to Nancy Sedlacek at the October or November meetings and she will be sure it gets shredded.

President's Musings

We are off to a wonderful start of our new year. The September meeting was very full with business reports, requests for volunteers, and a final showcase presentation by Jean and Lana of reed gathering that had us all woven together in laughter. And then the comment by Linda Henderickson, our presenter, that we were the most fun guild she has ever been to! A great compliment!

We have much to accomplish in October: items to make for the sale, guild decisions to make, programs and workshops to attend, and friendships to make.

Speaking of friendships, I'm at Lake Tahoe maintaining the sister friendship with my sibling. We are given this time to weave the warp and weft of our lives together. We feel very fortunate. *Tricia Shaw*

October Program: *Talking Japanese Textiles*

Every work of textile art has stories to tell about the people who made and used it and the times in which it was made. This was especially true in 20th Century Japan when a long textile tradition enthusiastically embraced outside influences.

In this presentation, we'll explore the stories embedded in pieces made between the late 19th and mid-20th centuries to give you a deeper insight into Japanese history and society.

Virginia has been mad about textiles for decades and (almost) got her fill over 15 years spent roaming the flea markets of Japan. She moved to Olympia from Tokyo in 2017.

Minutes of Guild Meeting of September 21, 2018

President Tricia Shaw called the meeting to order at 9:50, welcomed everyone and explained that she has become Guild President due to the unexpected death of President Elect Debby Sporseen.

We had 5 guests or new members: Aurora, Marilyn Trent, Michele Unsworth, Julie Fear, and Karen Jackson.

Sherri Hruby announced that the Guild now has 105 members. There were 67 members in attendance.

May 2018 Minutes – There was some confusion about the minutes. They were published in the June Newsletter, but as there was no business meeting, the May minutes were not approved. There were no minutes available to be read and approval was delayed to the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Berger posted the numbers from the May meeting on the white board. She has not brought the books up to date for the current month. The account has approximately \$1,600 more than the previous month.

Tricia reminded us to only drive or park on the meeting room side of the fire station.

Extra parking is available behind the building. The drive way to this parking is just past the fire station building.

Membership – Sherri Hruby thanked Jean Schwartz for past service as the Membership Chair. Sherri announced that the new yearbooks are available and asked that members mark by their name if they took a copy of the yearbook.

Newsletter – Nancy Sedlacek is changing the due date for submitting newsletter items to the **first day of the month.** She brought up the issue of sharing the Guild newsletter with other guilds. A lively discussion ensued.

Linda Hansen made a motion to share the newsletter with other guilds with the redaction of sensitive information such as addresses and budget information. Carrie Secord seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Yearbook – Rosanne Horovitz and Jan Green did the yearbook. If you have any questions regarding the yearbook, please contact Rosanne.

Properties and Rentals -- Lulie Herigstad announced that there was a loom repair day held at the storage facility in Tumwater and all equipment should now be in good order.

Education Outreach – Vicki Booth reported that kids at the fair enjoyed our demonstration. One child returned for the third year in a row. Lulie mentioned that the most popular item with kids this year was the drum carder.

Library – It was announced that a book will be donated to the Guild library in memory of Debby Sporseen.

Publicity – Lynn Hicks asked members to review the list of sponsors in the yearbook and make a point of thanking those sponsors when they shop with them.

Sheep to Shawl – Gail Trotter reported on Shawl and 4 x 4 at the Puyallup Fair. She asked the participants to rise and thanked them for their help. She was also approached by a woman at the Fair who would like empty cones.

HGA Liaison – Tamie Herridge talked about entering items in the Fair. She recommends keeping your descriptions simple, since you have to fill out the forms in triplicate.

Refreshments -- Regine Carey announced that she is circulating a signup sheet for refreshments. She would like four volunteers each month to bring refreshments, with one item being gluten-free.

Show and Sale – Carol Williams thanked her committee and requested a volunteer to chair the event next year by working with her this year. *Continued on page 3.*

Minutes, continued

Jan Downen said posters will be available at the next meeting and explained where to display them. America Smith prepared the postcards with the help of Erica and her husband. She has 800 ready to mail and many more for Guild members to distribute. If you have additional names for postcards, email addresses would help cut costs of stamps. Ardith Hamilton is responsible for the inventory spreadsheets. She will be available at the end of the October meeting to help guild members with their spreadsheets as needed. Carrie Seacord explained the Sale volunteer sign-up sheets and passed them around. Regine asked that members turn in their sale items at 11 am and to **not** help with the display of the items. There will be a receiving table at the front door. This avoids confusion on the sales floor during set up. Karen Verrill asked for door prize donations. Often the winners return and purchase many more items.

Programs – Marise Person announced that an understudy is needed for the Program Chair. A volunteer is also needed to become the Workshop Chair.

Old Business – Tricia introduced the proposed Terri Standley memorial, which is unfinished business from the 2017-2018 year. Marjorie Erickson said she has received a thank you note from the Arachne Guild for donations to the memorial bench in Terri's honor to be installed at the Puyallup fairgrounds. There was a proposal before the Guild to establish a new Guild award in honor of Terri's memory. Considerable discussion ensued. It was agreed that Karen Verrill would be added to the committee that developed the proposal and they would meet prior to Oct. 1 to refine and clarify the proposal. It was agreed to table the proposal until next month. The revised proposal will be published in the newsletter for discussion at the next meeting.

New Business

Tricia stated that next year, 2020, will be the seventy-fifth anniversary of the formation of the Olympia Weaving Guild. Tamie Herridge volunteered to chair a committee to develop and plan for activities to commemorate the occasion.

Past President, Eleni Adkins discussed the fact that there are still vacant positions on the Board that need to be filled. The position of First Vice President is currently vacant, due to Tricia moving up to fill the President position. Understudies are also needed to become chairs of the Hospitality and Program and Workshops committees.

Announcements

Jan Green stated that more competition is needed at the Thurston County Fair. She entered thirteen items and won eleven ribbons, including a best of category.

Marjorie Erickson reported on the Dee Milne weaving stash and disposal of same. Proceeds from the sale of woven items will be donated to the Guild, and books will be donated to the Guild Library.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

*Respectfully submitted, Pam Odam,
Secretary*



Boro: Japanese recycled textiles 1850-1950

Dee Milne's Artistic Creations

The items up for silent auction this month are actually items that Dee acquired on her travels in Mexico and Central America. There are wall hangings and rugs in this collection. I would suggest having them dry cleaned to spruce them up rather than wet finishing them since the colors may bleed. They will be on display in the foyer at our October Guild meeting. Bidding will start at 9:00 and end 10 minutes prior to the program presentation. Thank you to everyone who bid at the September meeting! We raised \$195!!

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Should Your Name be on this List?

Nancy Sedlacek , Colleen Graney, Nadine Sanders, Laura Hartman, Marjorie Erickson, Lana Schneider, Liz Frey, Joyce Dougherty, Rosanne Horovitz, Betty Marcelynas, Kim Kerley, Karen Anderson, Debra Spoorseen , Margaret Cook.

Definitely YES!!! These members received an OWG Enrichment Grant and presented their study results to the Guild. Some studied independently, some took course work and others worked together as a group.

An oral presentation is not required. PowerPoint works. Written results work.

What can your imagination come up with? Why not arrange a meeting with Betty and Joan or talk with one of our recipients to explore ideas?

Betty Marcelynas, Grants Chair

Quilt + Fiber Show

The Hoffman Center for the Arts announces their 2018 Quilt + Fiber Show.

Located at 594 Laneda Ave. in Manzanita, OR, the show runs every Friday, Saturday and Sunday November 2nd to December 2nd.

The event features a show of local talent, holiday market and artist demonstrations.

For more information visit:
hoffmanblog.org

Show and Sale "Make-Sures"

Ahead of time:

- Make sure that you start early. It always takes me longer than I think it will to organize, make inventory sheets, and tag my items.
- Locate the spreadsheet and instructions you received in January, 2018 (if you participated in the sale last year) or request a spreadsheet (ardithjh@hotmail.com) if you did not.
- Make sure that all items you might wish to offer for sale are on the Inventory Sheet and email it back to me (ardithjh@hotmail.com).
- You will receive your tags within 2 days of submitting your spreadsheet (barring disaster, of course).
- Print your tags on cardstock. Carefully cut them apart.
- Make sure that items requiring fiber content and care instructions have the appropriate tags. This is required by law and isn't negotiable.
- Make sure that your tags are attached to the proper item and that they match the inventory sheet. I review each item in order and pack it for transport.
- Make sure that your tags are attached so as not to fall off or damage the item or prevent clerks from removing the part that is needed for inventory control. In particular, the tag must be on the outside of a packaged item and firmly attached. Do not use tape to attach the tag.
- Feel free to include your own tags or business cards in addition.
- Make sure that your items are clean, pressed, and ready for display.

When you load your car for delivery:

- Make sure that you have all the items you are planning to show/sell and that you do not have items that are not tagged or intended for sale.
- If you will not be at the November meeting to pick up your check, make sure you have included a SASE so your check can be mailed.

At the end of the Show and Sale:

- Make sure you pick up your End of Sale Summary to assure that you have retrieved any items not recorded as sold.
- If you cannot find an item, make sure to tell one of the committee members before you leave. Recheck items once you get home and if you find the item in question, let that person know ASAP.

Ardith Hamilton

OWG 75th Anniversary Planning

In 1944 "Grace Wilder proposed the formation of a weaving study group under the Home Economics Department of AAUW. The object of the organization 'is not for social gathering but to help each other in learning and doing the art of weaving.' There were nine charter members." — *Ardith Hamilton*

And thus began the sharing spirit that has become our current Olympia Weavers Guild. I imagine they did not envision the great opportunities that would come to us today in our guild continuing to help each other learn and do fiber arts.

Next year (2019-2020) will be the 75th Anniversary of their initiative. If you would like to help with planning what we can do to celebrate this Diamond Jubilee, please contact Gail Trotter getrotter@comcast.net .

Show and Sale Reminders

Have you signed up to work at this year's Show and Sale (November 9-11)? It is our biggest event of the year and you don't want to miss it! The sign-up sheet will be available at the October meeting or you can sign up via email: dseachord@aol.com.

Remember to indicate if there is a job you do not want to do. You will receive information about your assignment on October 28th.

Dates and times to remember:

- Last date to get your inventory back to Ardith (ardithjh@hotmail.com) is November 5th
- Time to drop off your items for the Show and Sale—11 am-12 noon, November 9th
- Time to arrive, prior to the sale, if you need to do arranging of your display—2:30 pm, November 9th
- Time to pick up unsold items—no earlier than 4:30, Sunday, November 11th

Ardith will be available after the October meeting to assist in any way with the completion of your inventory spreadsheet.

Call or contact any committee member if you have questions.



Katagami, *Umbrellas, water and pine needle clusters* (late 19th century)

Please Welcome Our Newest Members:

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Following is the committee's recommendation for an inspirational award in memory of Terri Standley. The Guild needs to review the recommendation, discuss and vote on it.

OLYMPIA WEAVERS GUILD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Section 4: Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

E: Awards. The Board will have discretion as to when awards should be given for outstanding performance as a guild member or as an inspiration to the Guild. Recommendations can be made to the Board in writing by members in good standing at any time.

Terri Standley Inspirational Member Award

The inspirational member award is in memory of Terri Standley. Terri was an active Guild member for seven years between 2011- 2018. She supported the Guild in many and various ways. She was a Board member, participated in the Annual Show and Sale, the Sheep to Shawl contest, Guild workshops and other activities. Her bright attitude and smile always brought a ray of sunshine to our members. Her life was taken abruptly; however, her memory will live on in our hearts and minds.

The award will be given to a member who has been an inspiration to the Guild members. Inspiration may be broadly defined and may include terms such as thoughtfulness, kindhearted, a mentor, generous with her/his expertise and or time, a friend to the Guild.

Written recommendations may be submitted to the Board by any Guild member or group of members at any time. The Board will respond in a timely manner.

We will also be acting on the May 2017 minutes, and those can be found on our blog on our website. Just scroll down to the June 2017 newsletter and use the password 2107OWG2018