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### **Meeting of the General Membership MINUTES May 13, 2013**

Outgoing President **Martha Reeves** called our final meeting of 2013 to order at 7:02pm with a call to those on the meeting agenda to give their end of the year reports.

**Marta Williams** gave a brief tutorial on the website starting with an overview of the General Topics or Banner area that contains nine dropdown menus. She showed where the drop down menus are located and discussed each area in turn. While not entirely complete, the website, a “living document” is generally functioning well as the team of Marta and **Jill Strobel** continue to work on it and update it regularly.

Marta noted the various areas:

Membership: although this area is not yet fully functional, as it is completed, the Yearbook will be added to that area for members’ use only. She also reiterated that a web search for a member’s name would not show up on Google since if listed in the Members Only area, Google does not have access to those names. There will be about nine pages of text in the drop down headings under the banner about the Weavers Guild that would be permanent information plus what is added new each month.

- The Contact links will be linked to **Nancy Crampton** who will forward to the member responsible for handling that information.
- The Education area contains the most information.
- The Sale area has its own menu of dates, rules, and other pertinent information.
- The Links area has connections to other Guilds and weaving related areas.
- The Classified area has the classified policy posted and will contain sale information.
- Forms and Documents contains all our business related forms such as check requests for reimbursements, and is available to members only.
- Under Development are the current and archived issues of the Shuttle, the Yearbook area which will contain fabric samples with drafts.

**Anne Mehring** introduced the new brochure and book mark, thanking **Ellen Colston, Nan Krapf, Ellen Robertson, Marilyn Livingston, Stephanie Khyn and Cyndee Mishler** all of whom assisted with the writing, editing and proofreading of both. She also discussed the next Scholarship program year which will start at the September meeting. The application deadline will be April 31, 2014. She then introduced **Judith Jones**, who is the new scholarship recipient.

**Kristi Chapman** talked about Wafa, giving some of the current history of the sale. She noted that the annual proceeds have been low for the past five years which they believe is the result of the economy. This year the sale’s gross revenue was \$29,241 from which artists and expenses were taken after which Wafa donated \$2,000 to the Guild, while maintaining the balance for next year’s starting expenses. In all 47 artists participated, earning some \$300 less than last year. The sale racks are available to members for rental and are stored at Martha’s house.

The Wafa postcards are available. Kristi noted that we are our best publicity, so please take enough to distribute for the summer events we are engaged in. The yarn tags for spinners yarn have been redesigned, as have those for woven goods. Each person gets their first 50 for free and can purchase more at 10/50 cents or in larger lots. Spinners must use the new tags to reduce confusion over price generated by multiple tags. Please make lots of Christmas ornaments over the summer as those sell well, as do the strawberries and tatted lace. We need mouse proof containers for storage.

Kristi thanks the Guild for their assistance to her for the past 5 years and announced she was turning the leadership of the Wafa sale over to Nancy Crampton.

**Juanita Manning-Walsh** introduced the next year's programs. The theme is to be Fiber: Infrastructure.

**Nan Krapf** gave the treasurer's report.

Outgoing President **Martha Reeves** presented the new slate of officers for 2013-2014. They are:

- President: Juanita Manning-Walsh
- Vice President: Letty Klein
- Treasurer: Nan Krapf
- Secretary: Cathy McCarthy

Martha asked for any other nominations from the floor and since there were none, the motion was made and seconded to accept the slate. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Upon the vote, **Letty Klein** introduced herself to the members, saying that although she was a bit of a spinner and a bit of a weaver, she has good organizational skills, which the membership agreed were great attributes and welcomed her to a leadership position.

Martha then recognized this year's volunteers, with a potted pansy in recognition of their contributions to growing the Guild over the past year. Volunteers include the elected board, and the board at large as well as those involved with the sale. At the conclusion of the volunteer recognition, Juanita presented Martha with a hanging basket as a token of the Guild's appreciation for her year of service.

The following announcements included Martha's reminder to tidy up the room by putting away tables and chairs.

- Jochen Ditterich directed members' attention to the free yarn he brought and thanked Cathy McCarthy for all the assistance she provided when he was laid up this past year.
- **Mimi Cummings** asked the membership to look for photos of Eileen Guimond at her loom for Eileen's family.
- **Ellen Colston** gave the list of the volunteer opportunities available over the summer, noting the sign-up sheets. These are outlined in the Shuttle.

At the conclusion of the announcements, **Nancy Crampton** then introduced the evening's program, the review of the Study Groups and their show and tell tables. She had asked for one speaker from each group to outline the group's project and spoke about the works its members created. Members enjoyed the presentation this year. Martha then adjourned the meeting at 8:36.

Respectfully submitted,

*Anne Mehring*

Anne Mehring, Secretary