

Guild Newsletter April 2020

The meeting was held at Pauli's farm and was attended in person by 8 people with one joining us on Zoom. For those who tried to Zoom in and were unsuccessful, we apologize. We were having computer issues and didn't get the meeting up until 10:20.

Treasurer's Report: current balance is \$932.19. Raquel read thank you letter from Wander's Rest for the donation in Catherine Jones' memory and the thank you letter from the Food Bank of CNY, our donation provided funds for 600 meals.

Stephanie and Gordon announced they would be leaving the guild in January. This means that the positions of President and Secretary will be vacant. Also, in 2020 Joyce agreed to be Vice President for one year. That year has obviously past so that position will also be vacant. We need to start thinking about new officers.

Pauli and Kirsten gave the news from the CNY Fiber Festival:

1. The committee is still working hard to make sure the festival will go ahead under the current laws.
2. They may have to change the name from Fiber Festival to Fiber Market, since festivals are frowned on by the bureaucracy, but markets are ok.
3. The committee asked the guilds if they would like to have a booth. If they can have them each booth could have only 2 people manning it at one time. The members who were at the meeting all agreed that they would like to have a booth.
4. There will be no Weaving Competition this year. The committee would like to have better guidelines for the competition. The first competition had so much variety of different articles that it was difficult to judge (how can you judge between a scarf and a rug?). Last meeting it was suggested that each year they have only one category, such as scarves or rugs. The category for the next year can be announced at the current year's festival, giving the weavers a full year to complete their project. Stephanie is including a list of possible projects that she can think of (see below), but if you can think of any others, please let Pauli or Kirsten know.

The May meeting will be held at Pauli's farm and there will be no program. We will have a Dye Day at the Fesenger's house on a Saturday on either the 22nd or 29th. The weather should be plenty warm enough for us to have it outside or at least in the garage. We'll send out more details on that later.

CNY Fiber Festival Weaving Competition Themes

The following could be done on any kind of loom:

Dish Towels

Scarves

Lap Blankets

Small Floor Rugs

Wall Hangings

Shawls

Small, Usable, Household Project (set of 4) such as Hot Pads, Wash Cloths, Mug Rugs, etc.

Table Runners

Place Mats

Napkins

Maybe some addition themes could be done on inkle looms, by card weaving, on a tapestry looms, or could include sewing in the project:

Belts

Decorative Bands

Shoe Laces

Tapestry: Abstract subjects, Landscape or Still Life subjects, Portraits of People or Animals

Wearable Article sewn from hand woven fabric such as Vests, Shirts, Skirts, etc.

(The inkle looms, card weaving, and tapestry looms could give people who can't afford a bigger loom a chance to compete and the sewn project could be a collaborative project for a weaver and a non—weaver.)

Stephanie