**Central Coast Weavers**

**Guild Meeting**

**November 14, 2019**

Attendance: about 58

President D’Elin called the meeting to order at 9:50. She welcomed members and visitors. Yvonne introduced visitors Elizabeth Johnson, Melinda Forbes, and Cindy Jelinek, all active in the SLO Seed Exchange. D’Elin asked members to sign up for spring hospitality duty and passed around a sign-up sheet.

**Show and tell** – Denise showed a Bateman weave scarf. Yvonne showed a ruana made from a K. Weber warp and a scarf from a Diane Totten crimp cloth kit. Nancy showed a natural cotton towel , 10/2 cotton using Strickler 98 for the design. Jannie showed a felting over a jar, a retreat project. Debra Jury showed a necklace of off-loom woven beading. Lynne Beebe showed a shawl of silk and camel hair from France. Cathy showed felted jar covers from dyed batts made at the October meeting. Irene showed a silk scarf. Pat showed a woven shawl with knit edges. Sandra is doing a series of scarves, edged by braided and dyed kumihimo. She is presently dying the yarn for the center panel.

**Program** – Yvonne introduced Michele Belson who presented The History and Evolution of Lunatic Fringe Yarns. The founder of the company, she learned to weave from rug weaver in Florida. Her first loom was a 16 shaft AVL mechanical dobby. She began dying yarn to make color gamps and made kits to sell at Convergence. Her business started when she found a dyer to dye the vibrant colors she is known for. She showed us many beautiful color gamps, 20 colors by 20 colors, and explained how you can use it to find color combinations you really like. Originally, she had only 10/2 cottons, but has added 5/2 and 20/2.

She described the history of her company, including partnership with Mary Barrett, the addition of a “grays” series, and the growth of her kit business. After the collapse of the American cotton spinning industry, she began working with the California Sustainable Cotton Coalition, which as gone from four bales of cotton in the first year to thousands now. She has introduced hemp yarn to her line and additional “tints and tones” to her cottons. She is working with master weavers in designing projects. A resident of Orange County, she weaves in Long Beach.

Diane Ayres explained about the Lunatic Fringe yarn club, of which she is a member. Every month she gets a mailing of certain yarns; she can chose from 8 oz or lb. cones and from 5/2, 10/2, or 20/2 size yarn.

**Business meeting**

**Treasurer’s report** – Karen reported that the checking account balance is $7,531.70 and the savings account balance is $8,743.33.

**Sale** – Jannie reported an outstanding sale with record sales. All the 48 sellers sold something. She thanked all members for their hard work, especially those that helped with the sale but were not sellers.

**Study group** – Jannie reminded members that the study group would be deciding on next year’s topic of study at the January meeting. This is an excellent way for weavers to expand their knowledge, whether they are experienced or newer weavers.

**Programs** – The Christmas party will be Dec. 14 at Bayshore Village recreation center in Morro Bay. A potluck lunch, exchange of gifts and our annual star project will be high points. We will also be taking up a collection for the food banks of SLO and Santa Barbara counties.

**Web site** – D’Elin announced that Karen McCleary will be our new web master. She thanked Marie Christine for all her past work on the site.

**CNCH** – Kay encouraged people to sign up for the 2020 conference. The 2021 conference will be held at Cal Poly, date to be announced. Our guild will play a very active role in planning and putting of the conference. Cal Poly will be very flexible for local attendees in terms of housing, meals and parking.

**Retreat** – Roberta said people had a terrific time. Next year the dates will be in the middle of November. This is a chance to meet people from other guilds who come.

**SIGs** – The tapestry group will be holding a meeting in January. The rigid heddle group will have free weaving and a potluck lunch in December. Patricia showed a top she made from hand-woven fabric and announced the garment group will have a 3-day sew-in in January. As the event is limited to ten people per day, interested people need to sign up.

**Announcements**

Patricia announced that she will hold a 3-day beginning weaving class the January 18-19 weekend.

President D’Elin adjourned the meeting at 11:46.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Thorne

Recording Secretary