

GUILD MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2017
9:45-12:30

Attendance: 45

President Karen Wiley called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. with a welcome for all. She thanked Patricia and Jennie who provided the snacks and Else who made the coffee.

Show and tell – Denise showed a Blazing Shuttles warp in a scarf, a piece in silk and cashmere, and linen towels given to her when she lived in Germany. Marya had two scarves/runners made from Blazing Shuttles warps. D'Elin showed a carpeting strip woven by her great-grandmother, who raised the sheep, dyed the yarn and wove carpet for her entire house. Cindy showed cotton yardage woven from yarn she got from D'Elin and wool, with perle cotton for warp for a skirt and vest. Patricia showed a mat made from Pendleton selvages. Yvonne showed a scarf she dyed in the shibori and indigo class. Kay showed core-spun alpaca yarn which is available for sale from a woman in Ohio.

Program - Canada, eh! -Jette Vandermeiden. Diane introduced Jette Vandermeiden who is from Ontario, near Lake Huron. She took us on a trip from British Columbia in the west to Newfoundland and Labrador in the east, talking about Canadian textile history, early and recent. Her talk was illustrated with photographs she had taken. We saw Haida Chilkat Tlingit dancing robes, Cowichan knitters' fisherman-style sweaters; Woolhouse looms, Doukhobor woven rugs and embroideries. In Alberta, we saw Hudson Bay blankets, woven in England traditionally. The Prairie provinces included Metis beading, strip quilting, Courier du bois sashes, The Red Dress, a contemporary statement on missing and murdered indigenous women created by Fiona Legg in 2011. From Baffin Island, we saw Pagnirtung tapestry depicting native prints and created in a cooperative. Ontario included quill work (Ojibway), birch bark baskets with porcupine quills. Dorothy Burnham, author of *Keep Me Warm One Night* and collector of coverlets, overshot, summer and winter, was from Ontario. We saw the historic Jacquard loom at Ontario Science Center, reflecting the many British and northern European settlers and moose hair tufting by indigenous tribes. In Quebec, we met Leclerc looms and catalogne and boutonne, French-Canadian techniques. In the Maritimes, we learned that Mary Black, *Key to Weaving*, was from here and that circular sock knitting machines were invented in WWI, Acadian weavers using blue, natural and tan, and British linen weaving. In Newfoundland and Labrador, the Grenfell Mission, in about 1900, began using silk stockings from England to weave rag rugs depicting native scenes.

Minutes - January meeting minutes were available. They are also posted on the web site.

Business Meeting

Treasurers Report – Norma reported our checking balance is \$953.09. All bills have been paid and there are deposits to be paid in.

Chair Reports:

Thursday Programs – Yvonne The March meeting will be the Hearst Castle trip. Yvonne had an information sheet she distributed; she will also send it by email. Buffet lunch will be \$24.50 including tax and tip. April – Debra Jarchow, weaving with chenille. The rigid heddle group will have a follow-up workshop on color and weave.

Saturday Programs - Nancy/Marya February 28, Cathy Briles scarf project. March – Sally Knight, Get Warped, warping with a paddle at Sally's house. Dye workshop using Blazing Fibers techniques n April 29.

Workshops – Diane reported we will have Katherine Weber next year. We may have a 3-day shibori workshop during summer. She also reported that the San Luis Art Center show in March will include works of Leslie Hanna, the person who provided the yarn for the recent sale. Members are encouraged to visit.

Website update - Marie Christine was not present, as she has just started a new job. If you can't get into the website, report it to Marie Christine who can work with you to solve the problem.

Library – Kay reported that there are few new books ready for circulation and many more to be catalogued.

Fair – The fair dates are July 19 to 30, 2017. We have contacted a possible judge, but must wait until the judging date is announced to see if she can fit it into her schedule.

Announcements

Retreat – Nov. 10-12

Pass if Forward - April 22

June Picnic at Betty Polansky's, June 17 (note date change)

The Tapestry group is doing show here at church 1st two weekends in August.

Patricia recommending Instagram; she and several other members are on it.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Thorne
Recording Secretary