

## **GUILD MEETING**

**April 13, 2017**

**9:45-12:30**

ATTENDANCE: 46

President Karen Wiley called the meeting to order at 9:45. There were no new members or guests. Karen thanked Shirley Ritter and Kathy Briles, as well as the Hospitality team, for the refreshments.

**SHOW AND TELL** – Mary Ljung brought a knitted hat from thick and spongy alpaca she got at a pass-it-forward. Nancy Weber showed her linen table runner and piece of saori weaving from a class she took. Lizzie Searcy showed piece from the linen class in M's and O's. Carol Rixon showed a scarf in silk and wool she wove about 20 years ago and a jacket using corduroy she wove. Kay Thorne showed a vest her Indian student assistant gave her, hand-spun cotton from a senior center where her parents went. Kathy Alexander showed a shawl from hand-spun and hand-dyed wool. She was wearing a couched top which she made. Barb Schneiderhan showed a horse blanket with a little bling, combined colors, which will be in an auction in Montana. Becky Elwood showed a table runner using gleaned silk and a linen pattern. Roberta Foster showed red towels and a table runner she wove in a 16 plaited twill using reds and other colors.

**PROGRAM- Deborah Jarchow: Weaving with Rayon Chenille.** Program chair Yvonne Smith introduced Deborah, who began weaving after a corporate career. She did production weaving for about 15 years and became known for rayon chenille pieces. She has many looms but prefers simple structures, color and texture. Rayon chenille is an excellent material for plain weave. She loves chenille for its drapery quality, light reflection, and the fact it is nice for any climate. She described chenille as a chemically processed natural fiber which was first introduced in France in the 1880's as artificial silk. Chenille is the French word for 'caterpillar', which is quite descriptive of how it looks and acts. She described the manufacturing process, where two or three core threads are twisted together with little tufts of fiber in it. Chenille 'worms' because it is twisted only one way and made of slippery rayon. Knitting needles need to be sized according to size of the core threads inside. Pile has a direction (like velvet). Deborah described problems with manufacturing and advised caution in buying the yarns. She described her process in weaving with rayon chenille and gave many explicit tips for success. She illustrated her talk with many beautiful examples, including examples of what can go wrong. She had suggestions for embellishment and finishing. She gave us advice on sources and tips on purchasing, as well as having cones which she brought for sale. Her presentation was very interesting and probably produced enthusiasm for weaving with rayon chenille.

**MINUTES-** March Meeting were posted.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Norma Dengler reported our checking account balance was \$2652.61.

### **Chair Reports:**

**Thursday Programs** – Yvonne – The May meeting will be on coverlets with Nancy Hillenberg, textile historian and conservator and Judy Carter

**Saturday Programs** - Nancy/Marya - The April 29 meeting is overbooked. On May 27, the meeting will be at the strawbale barn, where participants will make art batts,

**Workshops** – Diane – The Jennifer Moore workshop has been postponed to Feb. 2018. It will be her new workshop, double rainbow. Diane has been trying to contact Tom Knisely for a possible workshop. She is also pursuing a workshop with Katheryn Weber.

**Website update** - Marie Christine was absent, so no report.

**Library** – Kay – She brought a number of new items for people to see

**Highway clean up** – Becky had a sign-up sheet for the next clean-up. Jannie will send out an email with details.

**CNCH** – Kay reported there are a few openings for the May conference, brochures are available.

**Fair** – Rosemary reported that a new Home Arts person is to be appointed, so details are on hold. We believe the judging will be Tues., June 27

**Retreat** – Roberta reminded people of the Nov. 10-12 Retreat, which will be \$170. She passed around a sign-up sheet, and asked that people pay next month.

### **New Business**

**Sheep to Shawl:** A new coordinator is needed for the event, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in October, Shell Beach Dinosaur Park. If you are interested, contact Karen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pass if Forward will be April 22 at the strawbale barn. Jannie will send out a reminder.

ANWG – Nancy reminded people that registration closes April 16.

The June Picnic will be at Betty Polansky's, June 17 (note date change).

Pat La Point thanked people for their help in donating supplies for childrens' projects at the San Antonio Mission Days. The event is always 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of April. This sounds like a fun event for Guild members.

Nancy had a sign-up sheet for her Sweater 101.

April 21-22 is the local yarn crawl.

April 23 – Yarn, the movie will be shown at 10:30 at the Palm Theatre, with a reception afterward at Yarns at the Adobe.

President Karen adjourned the meeting at 12:04.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosemary Thorne  
Recording Secretary