

Annual Guild Picnic and Tag Sale

Saturday, June 11, 2017

Betty Polansky's House

836 Ballard Canyon Road, Solvang

10 AM to 2 PM

About thirty-five people gathered in Betty's shady garden to greet friends and visit. The Tag Sale began as soon as people arrived and continued throughout the day. There were wonderful bargains in equipment and yarn.

Business Meeting

President Karen Wiley called the meeting to order about 11 a.m. with a welcome to all and a special thanks to Betty for hosting us. Guest Ethelyn Tucker, a tapestry weaver and Barbara Schreiber's sister, joined us.

Mid-State Fair – The fair will be July 19-30. We have been asked to demonstrate on Friday, July 21 and Friday, July 28. There is a sign-up sheet. We hope many members have entered items in the fair.

Membership – Dues for the 2017/18-year are now due and payable to Camille. For the first time, members can pay by PayPal. Camille reported that 110 members have already paid, 20% using PayPal.

Library – Kay reported that she would bring new materials to the September meeting. HGA is disbanding their library; we have requested items for our library and will learn if we are to receive any in the future.

Tapestry SIG – the Tapestry SIG will have a show at the Methodist Church August 5-7 and 11-13. The group had very attractive postcards and requested members to circulate them. There was a sign-up for people to sit the show.

Sale – Jannie reminded people to “get started weaving” for the sale. If you are a first-time seller, please let Jannie know so she can add you to the list. The 2017 Sale materials are on the Web site.

Upcoming meetings – Nancy and Marya, the Saturday meeting coordinators, had a sign-up for people to indicate meeting topics they would like. Yvonne said the September Thursday meeting will be an extended show-and-tell.

The group broke for the usual delicious potluck lunch, more visiting and more tag sales.

2017 Challenge, 2018 Challenge

Complementary plain weave, also known by other names, was the challenge for the year. Only four members completed the challenge, with a number of people professing they had planned to but didn't get it done.

Marya used the handout for guidance and did several warps. She used the May/June draft of the month.

Camille wove Star of Bethlehem on four shafts, using Jannie's lecture.

Else used an article in *Handwoven*. Her pattern was on four shafts in two different greens.

Karen used the pattern, Martha Washington, from Davison, weaving on eight shafts. She also showed a piece she had done in the past.

Nancy announced the 2018 Challenge and distributed a descriptive flyer. The challenge will be to weave a scarf using colors signifying the initials, CCW. The flyer has a chart of colors and more information.

Show and Tell

Marya showed napkins she had woven in a plaited twill, using 10/2 cotton and a rainbow of colors.

Nancy showed towels from a warp she had tied on and were just off the loom.

Jannie showed a towel of many twills and colors and placemats in diversified plain weave in her "by the riverside" design.

Jeannie showed a piece using bobbin lace, twining and sumak. She has also recently had another piece sent off for a show.

Camille showed runners from her draw loom, 10/2 cotton set at 36 epi. One was red and burnt orange and one was blue and red.

Cindy showed spinning from art batts she made at a Saturday meeting. She plans to use it for a shawl.

Barbara Schneiderhan showed napkins on a straight threading and treadling, but with four different tie-ups. It was her first project on the Barbara loom. She is now planning a tablecloth to go with the napkins.

D'Elin showed a beaded necklace using a jade pendant and antique beads of Kathy Briles'.

Ann showed her own personal challenge, multicolor towels in yarns from her stash.

Betty showed a rug in acrylic chenille, using a Swedish lace pattern from the Draft.

Kathy showed a pillow top in monks belt, using a tied thrum weft.

Announcements

Convergence will be in Reno, July 6-12, 2018.

The Garment Construction SIG will have a “sew in” on July 12-14.

Adjournment

Karen adjourned the event at 2 p.m. Another pleasurable picnic!