

Western Reserve Spinners & Weavers Guild
Minutes May 24, 2016

Members present: 32

Guests in attendance: Liz Andraso, the program speaker, and her husband Paul.

New members: New member Mo Doerner was in attendance.

Bobbie Shaffer called the meeting to order at 7:00, welcomed everyone and immediately thanked all who participated in the demonstrations at Lake Farm Park this last weekend.

Program

Nancy Curtiss introduced basket maker Liz Andraso as the featured speaker for the meeting. Liz provided many examples on the history, technique and uses of various baskets over the years. Members then had the opportunity to personally examine items on display.

Officer reports

Vice President, Jan Gibson was not in attendance.

Treasurer, Nora Eason reported that she did not have a report.

Secretary, JoEllen Salkin suggested that instead of reading the minutes each month, that they be posted with the meeting reminder for all to read on their own. There was consensus on this suggestion. She read the minutes from the May meeting. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes and this was seconded by Cindy Kolacz. Motion passed.

Newsletter Editor, Cheryl Laufer stated that the newsletter will be sent out shortly. Bobbie brought up last month's question about the length of the newsletter. Cheryl responded that this was the length when she began the newsletter, and only twice has she had to delay a story due to lack of space.

Librarian, Cindy Kolacz stated that there were no basketry books to bring to the meeting, but she had a variety of other books available to borrow.

Committee Reports

Programs/Workshops: Cheryl reported on the felting workshop and gave an example of the bird pods that members created. Upcoming workshops include wine cozies on June 11th, and jewelry on July 6 & 7. There are also plans for a nuno felting workshop.

Rebecca Steinback stated that next year's program committee will be meeting again on June 9th.

Show: Bobbie thanked all who participated on the Kirkland Library display.

SIG updates

Spinning: Nancy invited members to view all the skeins that SIG members have been working on this past month. During the next month members will be preparing one pound of fleece to process.

Felting: Cheryl stated that Darlene Smith is hosting the June meeting and members will bring projects on which they are working.

Lace: Sue Ingrassia said the group met yesterday and continue to work on various projects. They are exploring workshop opportunities for next year.

Old business

No items.

New Business

Megan Weidner stated that she brought an antique skein winder to raffle off to a member. Names were collected and Roberta McAllister took home the skein winder.

Show & Tell

Members Sally Vourlojianis, Sheila Winkler, Nora Eason, Aura Perez, Nancy Curtiss, Cheryl Laufer, and Megan Weidner brought examples of felting, spinning and weaving projects to share.

Submitted by
JoEllen Salkin, Secretary