

# SCSWG GUILD MEETING MINUTES

## ZOOM MEETING

October 5, 2020, 1 PM

**In Attendance:** Dianne Lim, Yvonne Stowell, Mary Bentley, Lynda Annibal, Trish Clooney, Merrily Corder, Jean Curry, Jana Eby, Doreen MacLauchlan, Marjorie Ann Malcolm, Susan Morris, Peg Neilon, Barby Paulus, Muriel Prior, Bonnie Smith, Penny Stewart, Lynne Sturm, Helena Tkalez, Vanessa Bjerreskov.

Yvonne welcomed the group to our Zoom meeting and thanked them for coming.

**MINUTES** Lynda Annibal moved, seconded by Jana, that the Minutes from September 14, 2020, be accepted. Carried.

## BUDGET

A REVISED Budget approval memo will be emailed to all guild members this week. This is in lieu of the previous memo and needs to be voted on by all members. Yvonne asked that members respond with "Accepted" or "Not Accepted" by October 15 so the Budget can be ratified.

## POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

Yvonne asked that all Committee heads please forward their job descriptions directly to Kim Fenton. These will be placed in the new Policy Manual.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### MEMBERSHIP

Peg reported that we now have 99 members, including 3 that joined in late summer.

## FINANCIAL

Lynda read out the current balances. Although there is no requirement to pay guild fees this year, members who wish to do so can send checks by mail. E-transfers can be done if members call Lynda for the details. She said the Guild's on-line banking is almost worked out.

## GRANTS & AWARDS

Dianne reported that there are no applications as yet. Yvonne reminded us that online classes are eligible for grants.

## WORKSHOPS

### PRESENTATIONS

Susan Morris asked members for ideas about future presenters. She also asked us to decide on an honorarium amount for guild or non-guild member presenters. Doreen agreed that guild members should be paid if they present a program. The Executive will discuss the Honorarium amount and make a recommendation to the membership.

Yvonne thanked Susan Morris for arranging our speaker, Vanessa Bjerreskov.

## WEBSITE

Helena has reviewed the existing website. She needs to input the basic program and activity dates then she will do a full site review. She asked members to send her information for the website. Yvonne mentioned that a members-only section would be an important addition.

## **NEWSLETTER**

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We still need a Guild Newsletter editor. Yvonne hopes some member will step forward for this important job.

## **ARCHIVES LIBRARY**

Jana has been taking book requests from members and provides pickup once a month. The next date is Tuesday, October 13, from 1:30 to 2:15pm. Meet Jana in the church parking lot for book pick-ups and returns.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Muriel mentioned that the Louet wheel is back and can be borrowed. Much of the smaller equipment is out on loan.

## **WEAVER'S CIRCLE STUDY GROUP**

Mary mentioned that the Deflected Double Weave study group will be starting in a few weeks. There are a few spaces for members. The group will meet by Zoom on Wednesdays and will weave projects individually with Mary's help. There is a printed booklet for each member.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **FIBRE CAMP**

### **FIBRES PLUS SALE**

Both of these events will take place in 2021.

Marjorie Ann thanked Yvonne for running the knitting afternoons in the garden.

## **PROGRAM**

Susan introduced our speaker, Vanessa Bjerreskov from Powell River.

Vanessa is a 2017 graduate of the Master Spinners Program at Olds College, Alberta. She has taught spinning and knitting widely, has been featured in PLY and Spin-Off magazines, and is host of the bi-weekly podcast, "By the Fibreside". Vanessa has an article in the Winter Spin-Off, 2020, coming out soon.

She started her textile journey working with crochet, cross stitch, and knitting and finally began learning how to spin. She credits the Olds Master Spinner program for helping develop her spinning skills.

Vanessa clarified the terms woollen and worsted and how they affect yarn.

She discussed worsted preparation, woollen preparation, the worsted spinning style, and the woollen spinning style. She talked about the differences between fibre top (combed and parallel) and roving (not quite parallel with some short fibres remaining).

She showed yarns that had worsted preparation then spun worsted, worsted preparation then spun woollen, woollen preparation then spun worsted, and woollen preparation then spun woollen. There are different uses for these types of yarns.

There was an "ask me anything" session at the end.

Helena spun a worsted 3-ply that ended up too heavy and rope-like. Vanessa said she might have put too much twist in it. The Twist, Drafting Zone, and Tension are areas to consider.

Marjorie Ann asked about the yurts event. Vanessa will be at Fibreworks on October 23,24,25 from 10am-4pm. Any member can come and ask questions. Doreen reminded us that Vanessa will be teaching plant fibres, including cotton, at Fibre Camp 2021.

Yvonne thanked Vanessa for her presentation.

## **SHOW & TELL**

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Dianne finished spinning and plying her first 100 gram skein from her new Ashford wheel. Penny enjoyed taking part in the weekend online event called Fibre Love Affair. Now she is dyeing, labelling and preparing yarn skeins for Art Crawl.

Lynne is knitting triangular scarves in wool/silk Noro yarn.

Mary showed her Deflected Double Weave scarves woven in silk, linen and alpaca.

Muriel showed a mushroom and lichen-dyed knitted sweater using small coloured skeins.

Helena finished her handspun cowl. She is test knitting a colour woven cardigan in Everlea Yarn. She has almost finished the red sweater.

Trish showed her dyed skeins and will use some lobster mushrooms to dye more yarn.

Marjorie Ann showed her partly knitted sweater in Noro yarn.

Jean has been practicing spinning linen. She has also been marking weaving samples from the Master Weaver program.

Doreen is working on her Pandemic knitted socks which are purposefully not matching.

Barby is working on the sleeves in her dark kahki sweater. She still has to do neck ribbing.

Lynda has almost finished knitting the turquoise sweater with Sweet Georgia linen/silk and stripes of mohair.

Merrily showed us some indigo dyed fleece. She modeled a lovely shawl woven years ago by guild member, Jane Iverson.

Yvonne showed her pink and orange, Honeysuckle pullover sweater knitted on the Manitoba road trip. Yvonne and Marilyn's Mark of the Hand Studio has been relocated to Yvonne's home due to a property sale at the previous location.

Yvonne thanked members for attending the meeting and wished everyone a great month.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bentley**