

# SCSWG GUILD MEETING MINUTES

**ZOOM MEETING**

**September 14, 2020, 1 PM**

**In Attendance:** Dianne Lim, Yvonne Stowell, Bonnie Smith, Lynne Sturm, Ann Harmer, Pam Coxall, Muriel Prior, Lynda Annibal, Doreen MacLauchlan, Marjorie Ann Malcolm, Mary Bentley, Lydia Drasic, Andrea Kobus, Helena Tkalez, Penny Stewart, Kim Fenton, Catherine Nicholls.

Yvonne welcomed the group to our Zoom meeting and expressed how strange it feels to not be together. She thanked the outgoing Executive and especially Dianne, Past-President, for managing the new electronic interfaces and physical distancing that the guild must work with now.

Yvonne created our September newsletter and reminded us that we need a Newsletter editor. This is an important link to our membership.

She said that the Executive had many summer meetings and created a new Policy Manual which includes Job Descriptions. This will make it easier for members to understand the various jobs in the guild, and to understand the policies of the guild.

She thanked Kim for compiling the Manual and thanked the Executive and committee heads for their input.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Yvonne stated that annual fee payments are voluntary this year. Every current member will continue through 2020-2021 without being required to pay the annual \$30 fee.

Ann asked about the best way to pay dues. Lynda said she is still working on e-transfers. Checks could be sent to Lynda's address. Lynda said the Guild's On-line banking has been challenging to set up but this will be in place after Yvonne returns from Manitoba.

## **BUDGET**

Lynda read out the current balances. Yvonne mentioned that Janice and the Executive created a new Budget for 2020-2021. There are very few changes in this year's budget. Since we do not have a quorum today to ratify the new budget we will need to send an email vote to all members. This will be done.

## **LIBRARY**

Jana is taking book requests from members. She compiles the requests, selects the books at the church, then meets members in the parking lot at a prescribed date for pick-up. Yvonne thanked Jana for this extra work.

## **SHOW & TELL**

Lynne described her spinning. Her garden has been a great spin-in location for the guild. Ann experimented with leaf printing on a silk scarf blank. The ground was mushroom printed, and the leaves were dipped then pressed onto the scarf.

Muriel showed a pillow of knitted strips dyed in mushroom dyes then interlaced.

Mary showed a Deflected Double Weave cowl scarf woven in various silks and blends.

Doreen is knitting coloured Pandemic Socks from the Fibre Camp sock exchange mini skeins. Marjorie Ann is knitting a sweater.

Helena is finishing off a knitted cowl with handspun yarn. She has almost finished her red sweater and will start a new wool test knit for Plucky Pigeon using Jana's Everlea Yarn. Lynda is part way through knitting a blue sweater. Next she is going to design and knit a sweater for her husband.

Kim has been spinning her stash. She has also been working on her Sixareen Cape.

Muriel said she sewed dissolvable interfacing on her knitting to stabilize it before cutting.

Penny has woven two shawls, turquoise and emerald green, but has mostly been dyeing yarn.

Yoriko is creating "Fibre Love Affair", a market place ,Oct 3-4, to sell textiles and yarns.

It will include other vendors as well. This will take place on Facebook and Instagram.

Lydia is knitting a poncho with some handspun she purchased at a conference.

Catherine Nicholls showed a Melanie Berg pattern, lace-like, shawl knitted in black alpaca/silk spun by Yvonne.

Dianne showed her Sixareen Cape which she will be blocking soon.

Yvonne showed her road trip Honeysuckle Cardigan of blended Jacob, Romney and other locks which she spun earlier and knitted while driving to Manitoba.

Yvonne mentioned that online Study groups are a good way for us to keep learning about textiles during the Covid19 crisis.

Doreen asked about the Fall Sale. The Executive agreed it was too dangerous for our volunteers to have the sale at the Arts centre or at the yurts.

Yvonne thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bentley**