

NELG Meeting 19 February 2022

Attendees

Executive Board - Carolyn Wetzel, Jill Hawkins, Barbara Morrow, Bryce Wolf, Gail MacLean

Rita Bartholomew, Carmen Bartholomew, Sr. Madeleine, Linda Dumas, Mary Mangan, Karen Thompson, Marjorie Dashef, Mary Lou Ricci, Janet Blanchard, Kathy Draves, Winann Steinmetz, Sharon Sacco, Devon Thein, Mary Linden, Barbara LaFemina, Laura Bensley, Sue Felshin, Linda Kukolich, Elaine Cohen, Joyce Arsnow, Sharon Moon, Sandra Maier

Meeting was held online by Zoom due to the on-going Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 11:10 and it was announced that the meeting would be recorded.

Attendees introduced themselves. Minutes from the January 2022 meeting were approved.

I. Officer and Committee Reports

A. President

- i. Board positions up for election in June: Treasurer (Barbara has offered to continue, but speak up if you are interested); Vice-President/Programs
- ii. Zoom offers a discount on an annual license. We pay month-to-month, not annual, so will not use the discount.

B. Programs

- i. March or April - Carolyn is talking to folks at Lacis about a presentation on the Lacis Museum by Jules Kliot, still working on details.
 - a) Ideas for the other month? If there is no specific program, then it will just be a social/lace-in meeting.
 - b) Program idea from Linda Kukolich: Ipswich pattern #6, #13 do not have a full repeat, so a program could be based on everyone working on variations for the missing half of the repeat.
 - c) Program idea from Mary M: meet with Australia NELG
- ii. May - retreat
- iii. June - annual elections & work on Ipswich project - need enough to be ready for summer demos. Meeting attendance raffle drawing.

C. Library - nothing to report

- D. Treasurer - Barbara just paid the biggest bill for the year, \$1188 for Wild Apricot (website and membership management) so the current balance is really low \$1307. Sharon suggested that we raise the membership dues. This should be discussed by the Board and brought to membership.
- E. Retreat May 12-15, 2022
Currently 22 people are registered. Allie has 7 students, Holly has 1 and Jill has 2. Need a minimum of 6 students per class. More advertising will be done; suggested sites were EventBrite, Reddit, Facebook. There was a reminder that there will be a silent auction again this year. Bryce and Clare Settle are collecting materials. Retreat 2023 dates changed to May 4-7 because our usual weekend was already booked.
- F. Newsletter - no report. The next issue is May, contact Mary M or Gail if you have something to include. They love to see works in progress.
- G. Member-at-large
 - i. Demonstrations:
 - a) 4 members are going to Farmington, CT on March 27
 - b) Oxford Historical Society, Oxford, CT: April 9 & 10
 - c) CT Sheep & Wool, North Haven: April 30
 - d) NH Sheep & Wool, Deerfield: May 14 & 15
 - e) MA Sheep & Wool, Cummington: May 28 & 29
 - f) Dudley Farm, Guilford CT: June 11
 - ii. There was a discussion of using a try-me pillow for demonstrations. It was decided that whether or not to run one is up to individual demonstrators based on their comfort level with close contact with lots of people.
 - iii. Location of NELG banners - Mary L has one banner & the pop-up canopy. Sharon might have one and will look for it.
- H. Website - no update
- I. Scholarships - Barbara M and Janet Blanchard - no update
- II. Other Business & Announcements
 - A. Passing of Susie Johnson was announced. Carolyn W will send the family a card on behalf of NELG.
 - B. IOLI lecture next week: "[The Lace Collection of the Museum Boijmans van Beuningen](#)" presented by Sue-an van der Zijpp, 27 February 2022, 3:30 pm New York time
 - C. The April NELG meeting was moved to April 23rd due to Easter and Passover
 - D. Eighth notes for 2024 IOLI Convention in Nashville - Gail, Sandra Maier will send info after the meeting. Maybe a program?
 - E. Hallmark Channel "The Veil" about Burano lace veil, 3 parts

- F. Kathleen Earnst - "The Lacemaker's Secret", Karen Thompson & Bev Wolov were experts consulted
- G. Ipswich update: There are only 3 unclaimed patterns: 10, 17, 20 still need to be made. Feedback from the IOLI grant application: They requested information about insurance and where materials will be held when not in use; they want to fund more durable items; we need to quantitate the value of items and volunteer time, so it was suggested to look at Big E valuation for submitted items for guidelines to estimate a dollar amount.

III. Adjourned 12:38 pm

Program - Valentine's lace exchange (Jill shared photos from the NELG website), followed by a presentation about Ipswich bobbins and tools led by Mary Mangan