

NELG Meeting 19 March 2022

Attendees

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

Rita Bartholomew, Carmen Bartholomew, Sr. Madeleine, Linda Dumas, Mary Mangan, Mary Lou Ricci, Janet Blanchard, Kathy Draves, Winann Steinmetz, Sharon Sacco, Devon Thein, Laura Bensley, Nancy Neff

Meeting was held online by Zoom due to the on-going Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 11:07 and it was announced that the meeting would be recorded.

Attendees introduced themselves. Minutes from the September 2021 and February 2022 meeting were approved.

I. Officer and Committee Reports

A. President

- Board positions up for election in June: Treasurer (Barbara has offered to continue, but speak up if you are interested); Vice-President/Programs

B. Programs

- April – No program as yet. Everyone was asked for suggestions
- May - retreat
- June - annual elections & work on Ipswich project - need enough to be ready for Fall demos. Meeting attendance raffle drawing.

C. Library - nothing to report

D. Treasurer

- Barbara reported that she has paid \$1,000 deposit to Mercy by the Sea for next year's retreat.
- There is currently a healthy balance in the bank, but this is income from retreat and will be needed for retreat expenses.

E. Retreat May 12-15, 2022

- Currently there are 26 overnight and 4 day commuters
- Allie has 6 students; Holly has 6 students; Jill has 4 students
- There are 2 shared rooms still available
- 2 people will be doing Russian lace with Holly, so anyone interested in this lace is encouraged to sign up for the workshop
- There will be a special members only raffle for the Christina pillow, donated by Patty Foley. We reviewed the website and discussed how to purchase tickets.

F. Newsletter

- Gail encouraged anyone attending upcoming demonstrations to take photos for the newsletter.
- Member-at-large - Demonstrations:
 - April 9 & 10: Oxford Historical Society, Oxford, CT
 - April 30: CT Sheep & Wool, North Haven
 - May 14 & 15: NH Sheep & Wool, Deerfield
 - May 28 & 29: MA Sheep & Wool, Cummington
 - June 11: Dudley Farm, Guilford CT
 - September 16 – October 2: The Big E

G. Website - no update

H. Scholarships - no update

II. Other Business & Announcements

A. April meeting is moved to 23rd due to Easter and Passover

B. Ipswich update:

- Mary Mangan reported that IOLI is looking for specific information concerning budget requests, custody of the exhibits and insurance
- Mary will provide detailed information regarding what items we are expecting to purchase with funds from the IOLI grant
- We agreed that we should establish an inventory of items which should be checked off each time the exhibit changes hands, as well as a document for recording who currently has custody. This could potentially be hosted on the website.
- In terms of insurance, all items are contemporary (i.e. not of historical value) and special insurance is not required
- IOLI will review our application as its next meeting in April
- Gail mentioned that 20 of the 22 samples have been spoken for. Please bring your completed sample to retreat (if you are going) or mail to Mary Linden.

C. Meeting with Australian NELG

- Jill said she has been unable to find the Australian NELG on Google or Facebook and is interested to learn how to contact them for a potential joint meeting
- Devon reminded us that the IOLI Lace Lecture tomorrow is being hosted by that group, and we should ask on the chat for a contact person.

D. The “Threads of Power” exhibit

- This will take place at the Bard Graduate Center in New York from September 16 through January 1
- They will host a welcome for lacemakers on Saturday, September 24

- Members of the Brooklyn Lace Guild will be “artists in residence” on the third floor and may potentially host tours of the exhibit

E. Ithaca Lace Days

- Devon mentioned that the Finger Lakes Lace Group is voting tomorrow (3/20) about hosting Ithaca Lace Days in September at a new location: Casowasco Camp & Retreat Center in Moravia, NY (note added 4-23-22 yes, approved)
- The event is planned for September 15 through 18

F. Silent auction at retreat

- Bryce mentioned that the group is coming into possession of a large amount of lacemaking equipment from older members who are “retiring” from making lace
- Some of these items are of excellent quality and should perhaps have a reserve price at the Silent Auction and the group agreed that this would be acceptable
- Alternative sites for selling items independently of the silent auction are:
 - Bobbin Lace Market (Facebook)
 - Etsy
 - Ebay
- Linda Dumas offered to assist Bryce with selling items on the internet
- It was also suggested that we might want to make certain items part of a Chinese auction, rather than Silent Auction

III. Adjourned 12:25 pm

Program – show and tell