

## NELG Meeting Minutes: 23 April 2022

### Attendees

Executive Board: Carolyn Wetzel, Barbara Morrow

Sharon Sacco, Kathy Draves, Mary Linden, Sr. Madeleine, Janet Blanchard, Winann Steinmetz, Mary Mangan, Laura Bensley, Mary Lou Ricci, Rita Bartholomew, Carmen Bartholomew, Sumiko Tray, Devon Thein, Sue Felshin, Linda Kukolich, Joan Thomas (guest)

The meeting was held online by Zoom due to the on-going Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 and it was announced that the meeting would be recorded.

It was announced that the meeting would suspend at 11:30 for our program and resume after the program.

Attendees were told to type their name in the chat for entry into the attendance raffle.

Minutes from the [March 2022](#) meeting were approved with 1 minor change.

### I. Officer and Committee Reports

#### A. President

- i. We still need a volunteer to “run” for the Board position of Vice-President/Programs in June. Absentee ballots will be in the May newsletter. If we don't get a VP we won't have many programs next year. Barbara has offered to continue as Treasurer, but speak up if you are interested.

#### B. Programs

- i. May - retreat
- ii. June - annual elections & work on Ipswich project - we need enough to be ready for Fall demos. The meeting attendance raffle drawing will take place.
- iii. It's not too early to suggest ideas for fall! Help out our new VP!
- iv. Should we try to have a few in-person meetings?
- v. We possibly could have a field trip to Wistariahurst Museum (Holyoke, MA) to see their lace and do a public demo.

#### C. Library - nothing to report

D. Treasurer - Barbara made a \$1000 deposit for next year's retreat. Raffle ticket sales for Christina pillow are up to \$1750.

#### E. Retreat May 12-15, 2022

- i. Information mailing with all details will go out registrants in early May
  - a) Registration is now closed. 37 people are coming including teachers and husbands, with many commuters.
  - b) There is 1 room left (handicapped)

- c) 5 students are enrolled in the beginner class, 6 are in Allie's class, and 8 are in Holly's class
    - d) There was a reminder that everyone must have their covid vaccination card and will be required to take a quick test upon arrival. If positive, we will refund money but the infected person will have to leave. Winann suggested testing yourself before leaving for retreat. If you test positive at home, contact us for a refund. Masks are expected to be worn at all times when with other people, except when eating. They suggest using the bathroom in your own room as much as possible instead of shared/public bathrooms.
      - ii. There were a reminders about the raffle for the Christina pillow, the Silent auction, and that there is still time to make an ATC
- F. Newsletter - Submissions are due by May 1. Publication will be a few days later than usual to include news about the CT Sheep and Wool festival.
- G. Member-at-large
  - i. We need to collect volunteer time. We should have a lot of hours related to the Ipswich exhibit!
  - ii. April 30 - CT Sheep, Wool & Fiber Festival, North Haven, CT
  - iii. May 14 & 15 - New Hampshire Sheep & Wool Festival, Deerfield, NH
  - iv. May 28 & 29 - MA Sheep & Woolcraft Festival, Cummington, MA
  - v. June 11 - Dudley Farm Museum, Guilford, CT
  - vi. Sept 16 - Oct 2 - The Big E
  - vii. Mary M asked about how to get an event listed - she said that "Culture House" in Salem MA has options for public demonstrations.
- H. Website - no updates
- I. Scholarships - no requests
- II. Meeting was suspended for the PROGRAM at 11:30
- III. Other Business & Announcements
  - A. People were asked if they had received solicitation for donations to the Conrad Lace Center. Sumiko shared information about the family and memorial project. It was suggested that individuals make donations if desired, because the NELG budget at this time is not large enough to donate.
  - B. Ipswich updates:
    - i. The IOLI Grant was approved for \$625. Mary M signed the notarized document and sent it back to the IOLI representative. IOLI requires periodic updates and that we write an article about the project for the IOLI Bulletin.
    - ii. The exhibit poster is drafted.
    - iii. Gail picked up the lace pillow from Karen, the folding cart was picked up from Bryce.
    - iv. Please bring samples to retreat or send to Mary Linden.

- v. Permissions for reprinting images, etc are in progress. The Lyman Allyn Museum was asked for photo rights, and they said they will give us their banner with a woman with a lace shawl from their former exhibit.
  - vi. Mary M said that WBUR Radio Boston - Hidden History in MA is interested in covering the Ipswich project for a show.
  - vii. Mary Mangan is doing a great job! See the Ipswich project Forum on the NELG website (members only area) for her many discoveries.
- C. The Big E - Creative Arts. Mary L said that they changed the manager, Paige S is taking over that job. Mary is in contact with her.
- D. We went around and shared recent/ongoing projects.

IV. Adjourned 1:06 pm

Program - Felice Caivano "Women's Work" exhibit of lace doilies at Wistariahurst Museum  
Connecting Point video (4:21)

 "Uncredited" at Wistariahurst Explores Unseen Impact of Women | Connecting Point | Apr....

<https://fb.watch/ct8l6opd9l/> Facebook video Holyoke Media (10:05)