

Guild Membership Meeting- April 27, 2019

Meeting convened at 10:45AM by Gina Steen (President GMRHG)

Four new people attended the hook-in (Jody, Donna, Melanie and Janine) and we welcomed them. I didn't catch their last names so my apologies.

Biffie Gallant (GMRHG Treasurer) gave an update on the 2018 Hooked in the Mountains Show. The Guild almost broke even. There are a few bills yet to be settled but the debt is at most \$1500 rather than the \$7000 we have been dealing with since we moved to Essex. We seem to have found a business plan that works. The Guild table was particularly productive, netting \$4000 to help offset our costs.

Gina requested that members suggest ideas for fundraisers to help offset the cost of our programs. Sharon O'Neill (Program Chair) described our summer hook-in at Lake Morey in Fairlee Vt and our fall event will return to the Stoweflake resort in Stowe. Each resort has donated items for us to raffle. Lake Morey resort has donated a 1-night stay and the Stoweflake resort has donated a 2-night stay. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. We will sell them at the hook-ins and we should get them online soon too.

Gina introduced the Board members who were present and announced that she will be stepping down when her term is up this fall. She highly encourages members to volunteer for the Board. It is the only way to keep this guild alive. We all need to do what we can.

The XX Hooked in the Mountains Show will be in Essex again Oct 7-11th 2020. 20/20 Vision is the theme. Our featured artists will be Sandra Grant and Grace Collette. Our challenge will be to make either 6"x 6" or 6" x 8" squares of letters. They will be displayed in the form of an eye chart! Be creative and have fun.

We had many announcements about events this year including the Green Mountain Rug Hooking School in Montpelier (june 22-29th). There are still some slots open and there is an open hooking room. There will be a Show at the Pompanoosuc Mills in Thetford starting in Oct and going through Thanksgiving this year (2019), all new work. The Fiber Bees will have their hook-in in the Island on Aug 10th.

Barb Ackemann (Newsletter Editor) requests that you send her photos and stories about hooking! The newsletter is only as good as we make it. Please share! Pictures of new rugs, pictures of local groups hooking, whatever, please contribute. Send to Barb Ackemann (barb@irislines.com).

The meeting adjourned around 11:30AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Davey
GMRHG Secretary