

**GMRHG Membership Meeting – November 9, 2019**  
Stoweflake Resort, Stowe, Vermont

Meeting Called to order by Gina Steen, President, at 10:15AM.

- Minutes from April meeting were approved.
- New attendees introduced themselves: Kathy Hitchcock (NY), Nancy Stevens (NY), and Lisa Beyer (NY)

Treasurer's Report (Biffie Gallant)

The Guild is in the black for the year. Nancy Jewett's wool that went through a fire and suffered smoke damage was given away and later sold at a big discount to people who understood the situation. All the money collected was donated to the guild (over \$2500 so far).

Program's Report (Sharon O'Neill)

The summer hook-in was lovely but thought to be a bit costly. Sharon asked folks to share ideas with Sharon about what they would like to see regarding programs by writing them down on posters hanging on the wall (many did this).

Our next hook in will be Saturday April 25 at the catholic church just off the Interstate in Randolph, VT. It will be free and we should bring our lunches though boxed lunches may be available for purchase.

Sharon can post info on the Guild's Instagram page for anyone who wants to do that. Our Facebook page is open to any member for posting so we can do that ourselves.

Selling of raffle tickets for a 2 night stay at the Stoweflake started to be sold today and the winner will be drawn today. We have already received \$500 towards that. We earned \$200 through a similar raffle at the Lake Morey Resort in July. Both resorts were generous to donate these gift certificates.

Education Report (Suzanne Girouard)

Sue has a raffle rug almost finished (she made it all). Tickets will be available in the afternoon. The guild has plenty of wool and noodles. We will now give our kits away to both children and adults. Many kits were given away to a teacher in Thetford and to Pam Finnigan in Montpelier for her hooking classes for children.

Show report (Gina Steen)

The show will be Oct 7-11 at the Essex Fairground as before. We will start building the show on Friday Oct 2, have our fall meeting on Oct 3 and then get the work hung Oct 3-6. The challenge is to make either 6"x6" or 6"x8" squares of letters for an "eye chart". Our theme is 20/20 Vision because it is our 20<sup>th</sup> Show. Fiber Bees volunteered to handle our Opening reception.

Elections (Gina Steen)

Biffie Gallant will stay on as Treasurer, Janice McKnight will continue to do Membership, Barb Ackemann will continue to handle communications, three people will be Members at large (Carol Gibson, Suzanne Brown and Sandra Grant). Gina is stepping down as President so Suzanne Dirmaier and Kris McDermet volunteered to form a Nomination Committee to find her replacement. The Membership voted “yes” for this plan and these officers.

### Announcements

Raffle tickets are now available for the beautiful cat’s paw rug that Sue Girouard has made.

Stephanie Krauss announced a 10% off sale at her store through November. They will also have an online 10% off sale. On Nov 23, Jane Stratton will teach a 4-hour workshop (1-5PM) at Stephanie’s store in Montpelier. Each in the class will make a fun fiber wreath. Also , the Green Mountain Rug School class registration is open.

Lynn Soule announced a bus trip to Sauder Village next Aug 9-17 with 1 full day at the Show. The cost is \$1700 each (double occupancy) and she needs a full bus of 50 people for that to work. She realizes it is expensive But that is the best they could do..

Also the Fiber Bees Fiber Fest will be August 8, 2020.

Dawn announced the TIGHR event for 2021. It will be in Newfoundland Oct 4-8<sup>th</sup>. They also discussed the 200 cushions event from The Cushion Project: Barachois Historic Church, Grand Barachois, New Brunswick and how that church is now organizing making cushions from each of our 50 states.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Davey (Secretary)