

GMRHG
Membership meeting (via Zoom)
July 19, 2020

- : Meeting commenced around 6PM
- : Secretary's minutes were reviewed and approved
- : Treasurer's Report stated we have had very little activity this year though we lost about \$3500 in advertising for the Show, which is now cancelled. We recovered all our costs otherwise. Volunteer wool sales and our ongoing raffle will easily cover this loss. In general we are financially healthy. Thank you to Trish Miller for all her work selling wool and giving the guild the proceeds.
- : Nothing new in Education and our membership is at a low of 270 members.
- : Tricia Miller has stepped up to be a Member-at-large for the Board. We have a full slate. Sue Brown has stepped in as President and we thank Gina Steen for hanging in there until we found a replacement. Thank you Sue for doing it.
- : Website Update- there have been changes so please check it out.
- : Our next live Hooked in the Mountains Show is now scheduled for 2022 BUT this year (2020) we will for the first time do a virtual Show.

For the 2020 Virtual Show: It will occur in early winter (Nov/Dec) and will be available for a long while. Submission forms will be available in later August. We will only accept excellent photos. To help our members get excellent photos we are offering 3 photo shoots around the State in August and early September. Anne Marie Littenberg will do the photos. People must contact Jennifer Davey to have photos taken (jcdavey7606@gmail.com). You cannot just show up. We are limiting each person to two flat rugs (no 3D pieces or extra large rugs) at these photo shoots.

We know many of you have good photos already so just submit those but we will reject any poor quality ones. We will let you know so you will have a chance to get new ones taken. Large rugs and 3D pieces are more than welcome in the Show, we just do not have the capacity to shoot them on site. The nice thing about a virtual Show is that we can add a lot of info about each piece so you can write about your work and include extra pictures that are only seen if someone clicks on the main image. We can all learn a lot about each of the hookers this way.

Our featured artists will have images in this Show and will be in real life in 2022. We will not do a Viewer's Choice because there is no fair way to do that online.

We are working on the concept of rugs being for sale. A Show like this reaches the whole world which can be good for sales BUT the guild would need to facilitate any sales as we are handling the Show and would be responsible for things going smoothly. Stay tuned on this topic. Covid 19 rugs are encouraged.

Our newsletter is only as good as what people send us so help keep our guild vital and interesting by telling us your stories. What is happening locally for you? Are you having Zoom gatherings or outdoor gatherings? How is that going? etc.. Send images of new rugs or interesting rugs in progress. We are all isolated and love getting news.

2022 Hooked in the Mountains and Beyond: We need ideas for change. Maybe Essex is too big and too much work. If you want it still then we need more people to step up and help make it work. The walls are heavy and expensive to store. People are burned out from the effort involved. Should we find smaller venues? Use mesh wire walls for display? ATHA rents walls they bought. The Board is really planning a major simplification of the Show. Chime in if you care about what happens next.

: Buy raffle tickets online. Winners chosen on Oct 7. This was when we would have opened the Show this year so we will have a virtual party instead. Read the directions for not only buying the raffle tickets but then submitting them. Quite a few people are doing it wrong so read carefully.

Adjourned 7:13PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Davey
Secretary