

Contemporary Handweavers of Houston

CHH Membership Meeting Minutes for August 21, 2021

Location: In person at the Guild House and online via ZOOM

Molly brought the meeting to order at 10 am.

Attendance:

- 30 members attended the meeting at the Guild House and 8 members signed in on Zoom.
- New members in attendance Joey Barnes, Jon Porch and Abigail Sherriff. In addition, Din's mother was a special guest. She modeled her beautiful sari.
- Door prizes were won by Dottie Schmooker (nettle shawl), Abigail Sherriff (freshly baked bread), Molly Koehn (lanolin hand cream) and Rene Derewetsky (sheep bookmark)

Membership:

- D'Anne Craft reported that we have 117 members. She noted that if you did not locate your name tag, to please let her know and she will make one for you.

Guild House:

- Tracy Kaestner reports that all the upcoming classes have sign ups.
- Din has a few of his own weavings on display in the reception/library area.
- The new chair rack works great to move our folding chairs from the office to the training room. Everyone helped load the chairs.
- Reminder that there are additional parking spaces in the back of the building.

Artisan Sale:

- Peggy Friedrichs and Pat Powell encouraged more members to enter the sale. The entry form and fee are due mid-September.
- The invitations are printed and ready to pick up at the guild house for personal mailing. The mailing list mail out will be mid-October.
- Volunteers who would like to help at the sale, should fill out the volunteer portion of the entry form.
- Try and submit your inventory in one batch to consign pro.
- Diane would like photos of the things you are making. Send them to her for "sneak peak" announcements on the Facebook page.

Programs & Workshops:

- **Programs**
 - Din Iyar announced the upcoming programs through February 2022:

- September – CHH Swatch Swap presents National Parks
 - October – Polly Leonard, founder and editor of Selvedge Magazine
 - November – Mary Zicafoos
 - December – Holiday Party on Sunday, 12/12/21, times to be announced
 - January 2022- Janet Philips weaver from England, Designing Woven Fabrics
 - February 2022 – Deborah Silver subject to be determined
- **Workshops**
 - Mary Zicafoos workshop is full with a wait list
 - Deborah Silver will be coming to give a three-day workshop on Split Shed Weaving February 2022

Vice President:

- Kathy Bone thanked everyone who donated items for the CHT conference bag 2021. The contributors are:
 - Marian Chin
 - Barbara Esterholm
 - Diane Ferguson
 - Fern Handler
 - Annie Lancaster
 - Pat Powell
 - Theresa Rogerson
 - Ann Stephens
 - Laura Viada
 - DeeDee Woodbury
 - Estate of Lou Caldwell - prepared by Tracy Kaestner
 - CHH key chain stash
- The [Museum of Fine Arts Houston](#) (MFAH) is currently exhibiting [Olga de Amaral: To Weave a Rock](#) through September 19, 2021. As part of the exhibit, the Craft Curator, Anna Walker held a “Tour of a Tapestry Loom” Zoom presentation featuring our Molly Koehn, Laura Viada and Blaine Davis on August 9, 2021. Here is the [link](#) to the presentation. Thanks to our member’s participation, CHH received a very generous stipend from the MFAH.
- Anna Walker, the MFAH Craft Curator, has offered to do a private tour of exhibit, [Olga de Amaral: To Weave a Rock](#) on September 11, 2021 at 10:00 am. Contact Molly to sign up. This tour is limited to 20 people.

- Kathy announced that after September's general meeting a "Junk In the Trunk" will be held in the parking lot. The idea is to bring fiber related things that you no longer want and give to a fellow guild member.

Simple rules:

- Keep the items in your car.
- Nothing is to be brought inside the Guild House.
- No money will exchange hands. This is a swap.

Other Announcements:

- Diane Ferguson shared information about a program Deborah Chandler from Guatemala City is starting to support a small group of weavers with materials. The goal is to raise approximately \$300.00. Diane collected donations at the meeting.

If you would like to support this program, please send along your donation, referencing Deborah Chandler to:

Christina Foley
The Ripple Effect
5304 44th Avenue East
Tacoma, WA 98443

- Sidney Formanek shared that the [Austin School of Fiber Arts](#) is hosting Peruvian tapestry artist [Maximo Lauro](#)

Show & Tell:

We had some lovely show and tell by members.

- Diane F. showed a huck lace baby blanket.
- Pat Compton showed a houndstooth baby blanket.
- Blaine Davis showed a sample of gold leaf applied to weaving,
- Marion Sullivan showed a rug woven with selvages.
- Fern Handler showed her summer top dyed in her indigo pot
- Abigail showed an alpaca scarf
- Molly showed a piece of silk screen with stitching. She also announced that 30 of her original art works are on exhibition in a multi-family building in California.

Molly adjourned the business meeting at 11:00 am to start the program: Textiles of India by Dinkar Iyar.

Minutes taken by DeeDee Woodbury on behalf of Pennie Taylor.