

Minutes for Sept 22, 2020 Rigid Heddle Study Group Zoom Meeting

On Sept 22, 2020, the new Rigid Heddle study group held its first meeting via Zoom. The group has 20 members, nine of which were able to attend the first meeting. A new COSW member has joined since the 1st meeting. G Kaldenbach will send the group a roster of study group members.

Attendees: Carrie Gordon, Barbara Kracher, Sandy Long, Sharyl McCulloch, Linda Petersen, Lynne Roy, Mary Anna Swinnerton, Jim Wilson, Mary Wonser, and Ginger Kaldenbach as Organizer.

Group Organization

We discussed various ways we could organize and study together. Ginger proposed that the members could each take an active role in sharing the *Meeting Facilitator* function. Duties would be to develop questions for the meeting subject, keep discussion on-topic, assure everyone has a chance to speak. The Facilitator is not a “teacher” of the subject. Each member is responsible for preparing for the meeting subject and actively participating. Each member will mentor others when able.

The group could have a *Coordinator* (possibly 2 could share this role). Coordinator is responsible for scheduling meetings, all email communication, taking minutes at each meeting and distributing to members, and maintaining member roster.

A person to *compile references* for the subject was discussed. Sharyl McCulloch volunteered to compile, maintain and distribute a Reference list. List will include books, uTube, DVDs, and will be a source to help focus on a specific topic.

Carrie Gordon volunteered to *teach warping*. Sandy Prock and Linda Gettmann have also volunteered to help with warping lessons.

Meeting Frequency and Format

The group decided to meet once a month via Zoom. The group will decide on a day/time to meet monthly.

The group will explore ways for smaller groups to meet safely in person, as well.

Possible Topics to Explore

Members shared their Rigid Heddle experience and what they were interested in exploring. There is a range of experience, from beginning weavers to more experienced. Some potential topics are:

- Warping – various techniques, keeping even tension.
- Yarns – various fiber types, weights, colors, textures.
- Basic weaving techniques
- Plain weave variations: basket weave, color and weave effects.
- Clasp warp or weft
- Tapestry techniques
- Pick-up
- Hand-manipulated techniques (e.g Leno, etc)
- Double heddles
- Selvages

The next meeting will be scheduled (via Doodle poll) for mid to late October.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Coordinator - need 1 or 2 volunteers
- Decide on topic of study
- Monthly meeting day/time

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