### Minutes for 3/28/2023 - Rigid Heddle Study Group Hybrid Meeting

On 3/28/2023, the Rigid Heddle study group met in person and via Zoom.

Attendees:

Welcome new member, Shelley Green! Attending members; Marsha Phelps. Sharyl McCullough, Jan Isbell, Randee Frommer, Raylene Keating, Beth O’Mahoney, Barbara Kracher, Sara Freitag, and our hostess, Mary Anna Swinnerton. Zoom attendees were Kay Parkinson, Shelley Green, and Lynn Owens.

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome, administrative topics
   1. ANWG Conference June 14-17
      1. Mary Anna shared an idea to demonstrate RHL techniques and methods at the conference. There will be an outdoor tent set up where groups can sign up to display projects or demonstrations for conference attendees on Saturday at 1:30 to 2:30. Mary Anna’s suggestion is for several of us to plan to bring RH Looms warped to demonstrate a variety of weaving methods used on RHLs. People can observe, ask questions. This demo would last an hour or an hour and a half. Mary Anna will find out more about this and share next month.
      2. Randee will publish the schedule in the next meeting notes.
      3. Randee had talked with Diana Perkey and they are looking for ideas for classes for RH loom weavers for next year. She would like our input on ideas and people to contact. She has talked to John Malarkey and Lavern Waddington so far. Let Randee know if you have a suggestion of a person you’d like to learn from! Lynn Owen recommended Linda Teller Pete and her sister to teach Navajo weaving classes. There are 3 books by them and the first is How To Weave a Navajo rug.
   2. Show and Share

Barbara wanted to let us all know we can send her pictures and information about our weaving projects at any time to add to the minutes of our meetings.

* 1. It was suggested we need to show hybrid warping techniques again.
  2. Mary Anna gifted everyone with a bookmark she wove in conference colors. Thank you, sweet lady!

1. Program of Study: Honeycomb Weaving
   1. Marsha shared how this was not easy for her and didn’t work, but many others in the group shared what they had done. Raylene shared a cheat sheet she made to help us since it is quite hard. This sheet will also be available online!
   2. Raylene shared her beautiful dishcloths using Honeycomb.
   3. Randee shared Textures and Patterns for the Rigid Heddle Loom by Betty Ann Davenport which has many variations of Honeycomb.
2. April meeting will be on what we are currently working on and our weave to wear projects.
3. Show and Share
   1. Randee shared the kimono she has been working on. It is ready to show for weave to wear. She is currently making a blouse cut on the bias, pattern from Spin to Weave by Sarah Howard.
   2. Beth O’Mahoney shared the honeycomb pillow and tea cozy she made.
   3. We each shared what we are working on to show at the conference.
4. Other Topics
   1. We started to talk about tapestry since quite a few are interested in it. Jan shared a book, The Art of Tapestry Weaving by Rebecca Mezoff. She has also talked to Jim Wilson who will make tapestry looms for those who wish to order them. Sizes come in small, medium, and large. Let her know if you want to order one soon!
   2. Kathy Tod Hooker’s book, Tapestry 101 and her two other books were highly recommended and are available to borrow from our guild.
   3. We also talked about tapestry warp and Harrisville wool or cotton 12-9 was recommended. Check page 167 from our Inventive Weaving book by Syne Mitchell.

MEETINGS ARE HELD MONTHLY ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY (except for November due to Thanksgiving week; December’s meeting is canceled:

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| Mtg dates | Location | Facilitator | Topics/pages covered |
| April 25, 2023 | Mary Anna’s home/hybrid |  | Swatch Loom. Please bring yours if you have one. |
| May 23, 2023 | Mary Anna’s home/hybrid | Raylene Keating | Weaving Spots, Spot Bronson pgs. 192 – 193 |
| June 27, 2023 | Mary Anna’s home/hybrid |  | Weaving Spots, Spot Bronson |
| July 25, 2023 | TBD |  | Possible presentation to COSWG |
| August 22, 2023 | Mary Anna’s home/hybrid | Barbara Karcher | Supplemental Weft Inlay, pg. 194 |
| September 26, 2023 | Mary Anna’s home/hybrid |  | Supplemental Weft Inlay |
| October 24, 2023 | Mary Anna’s home/hybrid | Jan Isbell | Doup Leno pgs. 195 - 200 |
| November ??, 2022  TG is the 23rd |  |  |  |
| December 2022 | NO MEETING |  |  |

Please remember to send your pictures for Show and Share to Barbara Kracher ([b\_kracher@hotmail.com](mailto:b_kracher@hotmail.com)) at least a week before the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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