



KHWS General Meeting Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 7:00 pm on Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm (quorum requirement was met)

1. **Welcome:** Cathy Davidson greeted members and special welcome to Lee Jones
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion: Nancy Bowman **Seconded:** Hollie Currie **Carried**
3. **Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2024 Meeting**
Motion: Hollie Currie **Seconded:** Janet Noyes **Carried**
4. **Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2025 Meeting**
Amended to Correct a Spelling Error
Motion: Janet Noyes **Seconded:** Nancy Bowman **Carried**
5. **Programme: Presentation by Lee Jones - Hand Spinning E-Textile Yarns**

Cathy Davidson introduced Lee Jones, a member of KHWS, who is a Post-Doctoral Fellow at Queens School of Computing, iStudio Lab. Lee presented her innovative research on hand spinning e-textiles - including an exploration of hand spinning techniques with emerging e-textile crafting. Lee gave the members a history of some of the uses of conductive material in fabric, including a fascinating story about core memory woven by hand by women for the Apollo missions. Lee showed examples of the research that she is currently engaged in - experimenting with combining local materials with conductive fibres. Some of the work, for example, hand spinning, has been done with other members of KHWS. There were several questions after the presentation, including about the future for this innovative work in various fields.

6. Information Updates:

- a) **Membership:**
Norma Rosier reported that there are currently 114 members. There have been 5 new members since the beginning of January.
- b) **Studio and Equipment:**
Janet Noyes reported that most of the big changes to the studio have now been completed and they are now going to move to inventory. Cathy Davidson expressed thanks to the team (Janet Noyes, Alida Moffatt, Nancy Bowman, Norma Rosier) on behalf of KHWS for their work on reorganizing the studio. Janet Noyes gave an overview of the current projects ongoing in the studio.
- c) **Workshops:**
Janet Noyes noted that the workshops are listed on the website. Norma Rosier noted that there are

new dates available for the Weaving on a Table Loom workshop - see the website - March 17 to May 12. There is only one space left.

Other upcoming workshops:

- March 1st - Learning to Blend Colours
- March 22nd - Spinning Cotton
- April 12 and 13 - Summer and Winter weaving.

d) Events:

Nancy Bowman reminded the members that on Family Day at the Tett the KHWS Friendship Team will be holding a workshop for weaving friendship bracelets. Nancy Bowman noted that help is needed to plan Woven Together (April, 2025) - this is a partnership with Immigration Services. KHWS is also looking for volunteers to help with planning the Sheep to Shawl event in August.

e) Other:

- Janet Noyes has sent out information about the members portal on the website.
- Rosie Hyde - KHWS is now an affiliated guild member of the Handweavers Guild of America. Rosie has prepared a report on a panel discussion from the guild retreat. The report will be available on the website.

7. Show and Share:

Several members shared projects that they had been working on. Photographs of this work were shown at the meeting and sent to the members by email subsequently.

8. Next meeting:

March 12, 2025 – ZOOM Meeting.

Programme: Andrea Vollenwyder – Colour Design with an Art Student – 2 or more colours and pattern.

9. Adjournment:

Motion: Janet Noyes - Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.