

Agenda for Sept 12, 2020 Organizational Meeting of the Valley Forge Rug Braiding Guild



1. **Call to Order** – Colleen Blaisdell
2. **Introduce the Officers** -- Colleen Blaisdell
3. **Review the Guild's Mission Statement** – Christine

The mission of the Valley Forge Rug Braiding Guild is to educate others about rug braiding, and maintain the art and craft of rug braiding.

The specific objectives and purposes of this organization shall be:

- a. to provide fellowship among those interested in all aspects of rug braiding
- b. to educate others in the techniques of rug braiding
- c. to train teachers of rug braiding
- d. to promote education in the craft through speakers, classes, conferences, and exhibits
- e. to further the artistry of rug braiding through yearly rug challenges
- f. to seek exhibit opportunities for members to show their braided rugs
- g. to create rugs as a group that will either be sold to raise funds for the guild, or donated to institutions or individuals

3. **Membership:** Review the survey

Dues: \$20/year

Monthly meetings: best time 10 am Saturday: Oct 17, Nov 14, Dec 12 (second Saturdays)

After a braid in, **most important** to me are:

Monthly zoom w/ Show & Tell & Chat (70%)

Monthly Guild meetings (50%)

Virtual Studio Tours or Interviews w/ well-known Braiders or other Wool Artists (30%)

Teaching & Learning: online classes, demos (25%)

4. **Committees:** Will organize next meeting. Think about which ones you would like to work on. Each committee needs a Chairperson.

- a. **Program Committee** (plan monthly meetings, speakers, demos, exhibits)
- b. **Education Committee** (two parts: teaching rug braiding, and teaching teachers)
- c. **Membership Committee** (monthly attendance records, greet new members, create membership list)
- d. **Retreat Committee*** **When the pandemic is over*
- e. **Conference Committee***
- f. **Media Committee** (website, newsletter, social media)
- g. **Nominating Committee** (submit nominee list in April for open officer positions)
- h. **Charity Committee** (organize group rugs, for sale or donation; braid in scholarship)
- i. **Finance Committee** (help Treasurer make the budget, approve expenses)

5. **Website:** coming soon. We'll send an email... give us 10 days. – Christine & Colleen

6. (Preliminary) **Treasurer's Report** – Debbie Wykosky

7. **Make plans:**

a. **Rug Challenges:** 2020 was supposed to be Braided Sculpture. After that were 2021 Braided Hats, then 2022 Braided Food. Do we make 2021 Braided Sculpture, or do we skip it altogether?

b. **Online Courses:** Planning on an online Beginner class, starting in October.

c. **Programs:** Speakers? Studio tours? Online exhibits? Suggestions welcome.

d. **Upcoming Events:** Rugs=Food=Love Project drawing on Dec 14, 2020.

8. **Demonstration** of One-Needle Shoe-Lacing—under 5 min. See attached handout. Christine Manges

9. **Adjournment**

Show and Tell will follow the meeting