

Minutes for September 28, 2021

On September 28, 2021, the Rigid Heddle Study Group held its 9th meeting via Zoom. The group has 17 members; 9 members and 2 guests attended this meeting.

Attendees:

Mary Anna Swinnerton, Coordinator.

Attending: Randee Frommer, Raylene Keating, Barbara Kracher, Carol May , Sharyl McCulloch, Kay Parkinson, Lynne Roy, Kathi Yanamura.

Guests Sharon Campbell, Ginger Kaldenbach,

Mary Anna welcomed our newest member Kathi Yanamura, Ginger Kaldenbach who organized our RhL Study Group last year on behalf of COSW, and also Sharon Campbell, our current COSW President and new Rigid Heddle Loom weaver. **(is Sharon a new member of RHL or just guesting?).**

ADMINISTRATIVE TOPICS – Mary Anna

- Sharon is interested in finding out a good loom for COSW to buy and add to their rental equipment. Mary Anna has asked all members to let her know what rigid heddle looms they have and which are their favorite. This list then can be distributed to our members and if someone has a problem will be able to find another member using the same loom.
- Mary Anna also asked if one of the members might be interested and/or willing to serve as a Co-Coordinator for the first 6 months of 2022. Although she originally agreed to serve as Coordinator for 6 months but has enjoyed continuing through 2021, working with someone, perhaps sharing this role every other month for the first 6 months of 2022 could work. If anyone would be willing to try this, get in touch with Mary Anna.
- A group discussion was held regarding the group’s desire to develop a “COVID Protocol Policy” for possible future in-person meetings. We will not meet again in person thru the end of the year, and at that time the Coordinator will send out a survey to determine our policy if different from that of COSW.
- Study Program list for next 2 months Oct – Nov, 2021) based on our text Inventive Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom, chapter 4 continued. Facilitators/dates/topics are:

Mtg date	Location	Facilitator	Topics/pages covered
10/26/2021 – 1pm	Zoom	Marsha	Plaids, wet finish/felt, p 129-134
11/16/2021 (1 wk early)	Zoom	Randee	Variegated/palindrome p. 135-141 (end of chapter)
December 2021	NO MEETING		

PROGRAM

- Facilitator Sharyl introduced the program, which was focused on pages 117-128 in the Inventive Weaving book: Warp and Weft Stripes. Sharyl pointed out that in most

instances, all the details given for creating warp stripes could also be applied to weft stripes.

- **Theory-based designs section**
 - Some of the online striping resources mentioned in the Study plan sent to all the group members. Randee had been in the gradient workshop and had used the tool available through Tien Chiu's WarpandWeave.com site and the Random stripe generator. Ginger mentioned the resource site "handweaving.net" then looking for Random Stripe Generator.
 - Various members displayed previous work done that illustrated other sub-topics in theory based designs.
 - Sharyl led a discussion on self-striping yarn, color blocks (wide stripes), and using a Vari-dent heddle to create both a variety of weights of yarn in the warp.
- **Design-as-you go section**
 - **Mary Anna described the Saori Weaving class she took; Rayleen, Barbara, and Randee talked about the design-as-you-go experience and use of novelty and supplemental warp.**
 - **Several other members shared examples of past work using multi-fibers, etc.**

SHOW AND SHARE

- **Barbara shared the PowerPoint she had created, and we enjoyed viewing a wide variety of work from Randee, scarves; Sharyl, scarves; Carol May, band weaving; Kay Parkinson, towels, linen paper, scarves. Sharyl, shared information about her show-and-share from last meeting (when we ran out of time) regarding Color: a color block "ponchette" using two solids and one variegated yarn in both warp and weft.**

LOOKING AHEAD - MEETINGS ARE HELD MONTHLY ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY (except for November and December's meeting is canceled for now due to holiday schedules), 1:00PM – 2:30PM (approximately!). See above for location, topics etc.

The next meeting: Tuesday, September 28, Kay's garage in Eagle Crest, Sharyl will facilitate. See the above table for dates and locations – please note that the November meeting will be held one week earlier than usual due to Thanksgiving dates: new date is Tuesday, November 16.

Future Assignments/Homework for next meeting:

- **Those wishing to share work at the next meeting are asked to email them EARLY to Barbara Kracher (b.kracher@hotmail.com) - no later than 1 week prior to meeting, please. Barbara will put the pictures into a power point presentation.**

Weave on, friends!

Sharyl McCulloch