

Chair's Report to the AGM 26.10.19

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this AGM and hope you enjoy a review of the year and future prospects. I am sure you will agree we have had a successful year, as will be heard in later reports. Your committee has worked tirelessly to ensure the Guild's programme remains attractive while fulfilling our aims:

To foster a sense of beauty of material, texture, colour and design;

To encourage and maintain integrity and excellence of craftsmanship;

To provide opportunities for the interchange of information for enlarging knowledge by study courses and lectures; and

To co-operate with other Guilds having like aims.

I would like to extend my very grateful thanks to the committee and other members who make valuable contributions to the life of the Highland Guild. Ann, as secretary, deserves a special mention for her loyalty to the Guild and for keeping me informed as to Association and local business. Mary has been busy updating the membership list, due to new members each month! Susanne and Stephanie carry out their roles independently and are to be credited with a) keeping our finances in order and b) raising the profile of the Highland Guild. Much work goes on behind the scenes and we endeavour to ensure the smooth running of workshops and open days. To this end, Inga is settling into her role as workshop coordinator. She is also updating the risk assessments and guidance for workshop tutors. We'll never please everyone but weaving, spinning and dyeing are catered for in at least one workshop, while the increasingly successful Open Days have led to our regular use of the larger, Kinellan Room.

This AGM is a chance for you to shape the Guild, through suggestions, endorsement or by joining the committee. All are welcome, expenses can be claimed and no experience is necessary.

We have a wealth of skills and knowledge within our Guild and we have made use of this in the workshop programme. To widen our scope, you may know of external tutors who would be popular and prepared to travel to the Highlands. If so, please give Inga the details.

Here is a quick reminder of the 2018-2019 workshop programme:

November's Open Day was so popular a move to the gym hall was necessary. It gave space for the Guild equipment to be displayed and rationalised.

The ever-popular Corners Workshop in December was followed, in January and February, by Open Days with a talk from Christina Chisholm and the results of the September fibre challenge, for which everyone is to be thanked for their enthusiasm and creativity. In March, members played with colour and were tutored by Stephanie. By popular demand, Ann Artis returned to help us make 'Daft Batts', while in May, Louise Martin focused on 3-D weaving alongside an Open Day. Informal meetings often happen

during the summer months but it was necessary to cancel the planned June workshop. However, members were not idle and attended a variety of summer shows and outside events, in order to demonstrate our skills. It is gratifying to hear appreciation of our input.

The new season started extremely well, with a packed house and the distribution of fibres for the challenge. We were all given identical packs so it will be interesting to see where our imagination and skill takes us. Mary and Denise are to be thanked for organising this year's challenge.

Earlier in the year, I represented the Highland Guild at the Association AGM in London. As well as an opportunity to network with like-minded people, it gives an insight into the workings of our 'umbrella organisation'. Jennie Parry, the new President, is keen to involve young people and has set out to engage with colleges and other places connected to textile education. She urges all of us to do the same. I will write more about the AGM and the Association in the magazine, to be produced by Ruth Black later this year. You are also invited to contribute to this publication.

Jane Kitchener

Chair
Highland Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers

October 26th 2019

Accounts

Highland Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers (SC040388)

Balance Sheet year ended September 2019

Current Assets	2019		2018
Current account	6649.54		4111.05
Petty Cash	20.00		20.00
	6669.54		4131.05
Liabilities			
None			
Net Assets	6669.54		4131.05
Represented by:			
Opening bank balance	4131.05		3276.52
Net Profit/-(Loss)	2538.49		854.53
	6669.54		4131.05

Signed



Treasurer

Chairperson

Date 2nd Dec. 2019

Highland Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers (SCO40388)
Balance Sheet year ended September 30th 2019

	2019	2018
<u>Income</u>		
Membership Subscriptions	1340.00	800.00
Workshop Fees	1306.00	616.00
Teas	61.43	61.69
Equipment Loans	150.00	160.00
Sales, equipment, bags etc.	34.50	10.00
Donations	2083.00	580.00
Members Days	1162.00	688.00
	6136.93	2915.69
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Tutors Fees	955.00	120.00
Tutors expenses, travel etc.	408.10	115.00
Workshop materials	220.42	103.83
Hall rent	776.00	564.00
Affiliation Fees	283.50	261.00
Committee expenses	642.68	456.39
Printing, stationery	26.34	23.45
Equipment, books	66.20	289.99
Website	71.90	40.30
Postage	144.60	67.20
Refunds		20.00
Sundries	3.70	
	3598.44	2061.16
<u>Current Assets</u>		
	30/09/2018	30/09/2018
Opening balances	4111.05	3256.52
Surplus / (deficit) for year	2538.49	854.53
Closing Balances	6649.54	4111.05
Cash	20.00	20.00

APPENDIX 3



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Independent examiner's report on the accounts		v2																				
Report to the trustees/members of	Highland Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers																					
Registered charity number	SCO40388																					
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Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)																					
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.																					
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.																					
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 																					
Signed:																						
Name:	Mike G Taylor																					
Date:	30/11/2019																					
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):																						
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