

WASHINGTON STATE GOURD SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2018

Present: Bev Lavdas, Kathy Allison, Kate Franchimon, Toni Davenport, Kathryn Egan
Present via Zoom: Jim Martin, Sharon Watson, Debbie Cain, Eve Lintner

Discussion held on inviting teachers to regional workshops, as well as possible venues. Vickie Echols can't teach this year according to Sharon, because she is moving to Temecula; Debbie Cain said she talked to Vickie last weekend, and she had said she would come. Debbie will call her.

Sharon: Gloria Crane will get back with dates she would be available.

Bev: We have some really good local teachers, including Debbie Cain. What we need from teachers are their schedules they already have in place, plus the cost.

Sharon Watson will talk to Rosario; Vickie Echols said her classes are \$85. Also, Sharon will talk with Lorraine Hodges.

Kim Black from Eugene OR is available to teach. She has sent a class description, min. 12 students, max 16 students. Her classes are \$70. She is a retired teacher that has 30 years basketry experience and has been working with gourds for 6 years.

Bev has researched several location choices for the North Sound Patch:

Hobby Lobby Lynwood: Free! Noise problem has been solved-no carving allowed; one teacher + 15 students, max

My Sister's Place: \$75-\$150/day; outside area included (easily works for 2 teachers) Includes kitchen, restaurants within walking distance; high-power wattage usage may be a problem; parking for 9 in back, 5 in front, but adjacent church lot can be used for overflow except Sunday and Wednesday; dates are fairly open for April and May; their website has an availability schedule

Edmonds parks: Some shelters with power 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. \$125/day ~ Saturday \$175.
Weather could be a problem

Maple Rock Gem Club: \$350/day, less for multiple days; one large room with no way to split

Rockler Woodworking Northgate: Requires \$40/hour which includes one of their teachers per company insurance rules. Contact Manager Michael for details

Lake Connor Park Lake Stevens: (Private camping club) \$100, 8:00 a.m. to midnight; small clubhouse seats 80; large clubhouse seats 100 (Leslie Atwood is a member & would need to make the reservation & pay for the clubhouse) Camping is available, but limited to guest area. Available weekends are all of April and May, with the exception of Memorial Day weekend; summer schedule is to follow. For groups over 20 there is an additional charge of \$25/hour, minimum 4 hours, for a gate escort.

Lake Connor Park in Lake Stevens and/or My Sister's Place in Edmonds seem to be our best choices so far. The other possible venues have been eliminated as unsuitable.

Mary Bakko of the Moses Lake area is checking into granges and other possible locations.

Sharon Watson is checking the Wenatchee/Cashmere area; Cashmere Cider Mill, Barns, etc, also she offered to have a workshop at her home, as well as checking with her local Hobby Lobby.

Debbie Cain has reported on Fort Worden; there is nothing available until October. They have good accommodations and their workshop rooms are \$250/day.

Debbie would be willing to host a workshop.

Bev would like to have at least one workshop before the end of May.

Kathy Allison: There is no Treasurer's Report; Membership report: there are 58 members, as of 2 weeks ago.

Motion: Members who are in good standing by April 1 of each year receive a \$15 discount on classes; otherwise, class participants pay \$15 extra for each class; also, in order to belong to a Patch, one must be a paying member of WSGS. Passed.

Jim: the website is okay. Six (6) members have posted on facebook.

Note per Jim: The *CORRECT* facebook page will have the top of the WSGS flyer that says WASHINGTON STATE GOURD SOCIETY PRESENTS NW GOURD ART at the top of the page.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Zoom begins at 11:15 a.m.