



## **GOLDEN GATE WEAVERS GUILD**

**MAY 2020**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Guild Members,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. I also hope you have found things to comfort you and give you joy right now, whether it's weaving, cooking, reading, or something else. Those little things that keep our spirits up.

As you have likely concluded on your own, our May meeting is cancelled. I took a realistic look at the June picnic and its logistics, and I have decided it is in the best interest of the Members to cancel the June meeting as well. Even if the Shelter-in-Place is lifted, we will still be social distancing, which will make the meeting awkward and difficult for some members to hear what is being said with us sitting six feet apart. The potluck would end up being a brown bag affair, and we would miss the opportunity to share food as we have done in the past. And, I know we love the auction, but it is too soon for members to be handling yarns and other materials that have come from others' homes. Lastly, while we don't know what exact restrictions will be imposed, there will probably be a limit on the number of participants that can gather, if gathering is allowed at all.

That brings us to September. My term as President is up at the end of June. As of now, no one has stepped up to assume the office of President. Unless someone volunteers over the summer months to become the President, or co-Presidents, that leaves the Guild without leadership. I am willing to chair the September meeting, at which the sole agenda item will be the future of the Guild. This does not mean I will continue on as President. The September meeting will be my last official function in that capacity.

I do not see the Guild continuing without leadership.

Toward the end of the Guild year, we start reminding Members about paying dues for the next year. As the viability of the Guild is up in the air, we will not be collecting dues over the summer months. What happens in September will inform the collection of dues.

In March, I wrote about what the current responsibilities are for the President. Here is a replay:

When I became President, almost two years ago, the scope of the job had widened such that the President was responsible for just about everything: chairing the meetings, the newsletter, the show, corresponding with and making sure all the arrangements were made for the speakers, taking the speakers to lunch, as well as various and sundry other things. Over time, I established a Show committee that is fully responsible for Guild shows, shifted the newsletter to the Newsletter Editor, and reactivated the position of Program Chair, whose responsibility it is to communicate with our speakers and firm up their arrangements. Those duties have all come off the President's plate.

What is left on the President's plate is a more modest, but quite important, set of duties. The President sets the agenda for and chairs the monthly meeting, calls and chairs one Executive Board meeting each year, ensures we have a meeting place, attends CNCH meetings with our CNCH Liaison, contributes to the Newsletter like I am doing here, helps Board members who need help, joins others to take the speaker to lunch, and takes care of all the little things that come along. For example, last fall I arranged for our library and bookcase to be moved from the Senior Center to Sports Basement. In short, the President keeps the Guild running.

Won't you consider stepping up?

Karen