



Rug Braiders International General Meeting

**Agenda for Zoom Meeting:
Saturday, Dec 6, 2025, 1 pm EST**

Agenda

1. **Call to Order** -- Rissa Moore, President
2. **Approve/Add to: Agenda**
3. **Amend/Approve Minutes of Oct Meetings** – attached. Karen Levendusky, Secretary
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Sherry Chilcutt, Treasurer.
5. **Committees:**
 - a. **Conference Committee:** Chair: Sherry Chilcutt
Seabeck, Washington: Conference Apr 30-May 3, 2026
 - b. **Education Committee** Chair: Christine Manges
 - c. **Exhibit Committee** Chair: Pam Rowan
 1. Rug Challenges:
2026: Mixed Media Braided Garden
2027: Fine Art Inspiration
2028: Mythical Beasts / Magical Creatures
 2. Sauder Village Exhibit: Aug 12-15, 2026
 - d. **Finance Committee** Chair: Rhonda Beaupre
 - e. **Fundraising/Scholarship Committee** Chair: Kris McDermet
 - f. **Media Committee** (website, social media) Christine Manges;
Lisa Kilgo; Janet O'Connell
 1. Report on Website Activity
 2. Our Facebook Address: www.facebook.com/groups/308491603694553 or search for "Rug Braiders International"
 3. Our Instagram Address: #rugbraidersinternational. Judy Fahnestock is managing the account.
 - g. **Membership Committee** Co-Chairs: Marlene Breitenbach & Mary Ragno

• Current members: 197
 - h. **Nominating Committee** Chair: Mary Hibbard
 - i. **Program Committee** Chair: Christine Manges
Zoom Coord: Judy Fahnestock
 1. Several upcoming special events have CHANGED their dates. Please check the attached schedule!! March event still undetermined.
6. **Demo: Karen Levendusky's Woolly Trees!**
7. **Adjournment**, followed by **A Big Holiday Show & Tell!**

Attachments:

- Minutes of October Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Schedule of Events

Rug Braiders International

November 1, 2025 General Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – President Rissa Moore called the meeting to order at 1:00pmEST. There were 33 Attendees.
2. **Approve/Add to the Agenda** –No additions to the agenda. Christine Manges made a motion to approve the agenda. Rose Robertson-Smith seconded. The agenda was approved.
3. **Amend/Approve Minutes for September and October Meetings** – No amendments to the minutes. Robertson-Smith made a motion to approve. Leigh Johnstone seconded. The minutes were approved.
4. **Treasurers Report** – Sherry Chilcutt presented the treasurer’s report which is attached to the agenda. She asked for a vote to approve closing the old Mercury Bank accounts now that the transition has been made to Bank of America with our new name. Gail Stephens made a motion to approve. Rita Capella seconded. Closing the old accounts was approved.
5. **Committees**
 - a. **Conference** – Sherry discussed transportation by ferry from Seattle to the conference at the Seabeck Conference Center in Seabeck, Washington on April 30-May 3, 2026. Class information will be coming soon.
 - b. **Education** – Christine presented the conference classes so far which include braided slippers, braided corn, and beginner classes. She asked for suggestions for other classes to be sent to her.
 - c. **Exhibit** – Rissa discussed the upcoming rug challenges to be held at our conferences which are listed in the agenda.
 - d. **Finance** – Sherry shared that the committee has met and will be a great asset for her. She announced Rhonda Beaupre as our new Finance Committee Chair.
 - e. **Fundraising/Scholarship** – No report.
 - f. **Media** – Christine is working on getting winter and spring classes on the website. They are currently viewable and registration will be available soon.
 - g. **Membership** – Marlene Breitenbach reported that we are up to 188 members. She shared that Mary Ragno sent a reminder letter to members who had not renewed and received many renewals.
 - h. **Nominating** – No report.
 - i. **Programs**- Christine reported that several Special Events and Demos have moved on the calendar.
6. **Demo** – Christine Manges presented a demo on Counting Loops. The handout is in the newsletter.
7. **Adjournment** – President Rissa Moore adjourned the meeting at 1:45pmEST followed by show and tell.

Submitted by Karen Levendusky 11/3/2025

Statement of Financial Position

Rug Braiders International

As of December 5, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
10000 Mercury Checking	0.00
10005 BOA Checking	24,984.62
101005 BOA Savings	2,882.81
10100 Mercury Savings	0.00
10200 Paypal	134.13
Total for Bank Accounts	\$28,001.56
Other Current Assets	
14000 Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total for Other Current Assets	\$0.00
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Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
21000 Other Current Liability	0.00
Total for Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total for Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total for Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
30200 Temp Restricted Net Assets	0.00
30100 Unrestricted Net Assets	26,925.17
Net Income	1,076.39
Total for Equity	\$28,001.56
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$28,001.56

Statement of Activity
Rug Braiders International
 July 1-December 5, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
40000 Contributed income	
40010 Donations from individuals General Fund	348.64
Total for 40000 Contributed income	\$348.64
41000 Program Revenue	
41010 Membership Fees	3,750.00
41020 Class Revenue	4,995.00
41030 Speaker Fee Revenue	9.87
41090 Discounts given	-210.00
Total for 41000 Program Revenue	\$8,544.87
70000 Interest Income	0.10
Unapplied Cash Payment Revenue	0.00
Total for Income	\$8,893.61
Gross Profit	\$8,893.61
Expenses	
60000 Contract & professional fees	
60020 Accounting fees	100.00
60040 Speaker fee expenditures	650.00
60050 Teacher Fees	2,602.66
Total for 60000 Contract & professional fees	\$3,352.66
60200 Office expenses	
60225 Paypal Fees	243.06
60230 Wix Fees	64.39
60240 Shipping & postage	197.70
60245 Software & apps	919.41
Total for 60200 Office expenses	\$1,424.56
60400 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,560.00
60500 Insurance	1,480.00
Total for Expenses	\$7,817.22
Net Operating Income	\$1,076.39
Net Other Income	
Net Income	\$1,076.39

RBI Program Committee 2025-26

	Guild Meetings & Demos	Conf	Speaker Series/Special Events	Braid Helps	Teacher Forum
Dec	6 Karen Christmas trees		20 Country Braid House: Customizing Rugs	Dec 7, 21	Dec 14 Equipment and samples for teaching rug braiding in person
Jan	3 Pam Rowan: Acorn Demo		24 Tom Guiler/Jessie Catherine Kinsley: Braided Tapestries	Jan 11, 25	Jan 18 Teaching an oval class: which skills each week
Feb	7 Yvonne Iten-Scott Photo your rug w smart phone camera	Pam Rowan's conf in Maine Feb 26-Mar 1	21 The Lincoln Boyhood Braided Rug - Manges	Feb 8, 22	Feb 15 Using "Word" to make handouts: lots of tips
Mar	7 Easter Egg Demo Pam Rowan	Oneida Leadership 3/12-15	21	Mar 1, 22	Mar 8 Drawing Braid Diagrams and inserting them into handouts
Apr	4 Using Everything from Recycled Wool Clothing: Pam (thread), Nancy zippers, Cathy W or Marjorie buttons... lining for dyeing...	RBI Seabeck, WA: 4/30-5/3 Keystone Braid Conf, 4/10-12, Elverson PA	18 Pam: Braiding w Roving	Apr 12, 26	Apr 19 Zoom controls for Teachers
May	9 Calculating fabric amounts. Manges		16 Maxine Ward's Butted Multistrand Rugs, with Neta Winston & Christine Manges	May 17, 31	May 24 Recording and Uploading Class Videos
June	6 Baby Turtle Demo Pam Rowan		27 Cindy French on her Etsy business of custom rugs	June 14, 28	Jun 21 Teaching a chair pad class: which skills each week