

PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD

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!!! WE HAVE MOVED !!!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR AT
OUR NEW LOCATION, **REMOUNT EXECUTIVE CENTER**,
LOCATED AT **2020 REMOUNT RD., GASTONIA, NC 28054**.

The new location is easily accessible from the Cox Rd. exit off I-85. Go North at the Cox Rd. exit (away from Franklin Blvd, Mary Jo's, Target, etc.), then go left at the first left onto Aberdeen. Follow Aberdeen to the intersection with Remount Rd, and turn left. Immediately turn into the first drive after the turn, and you will have reached Remount Executive Center.

Enter through the front door. We will be meeting in the conference room down the hall on the right. Due to security requirements, the front door will be locked when the meeting starts. There will be information posted on the door as to how to contact someone to let you in if you arrive late.

If you are bringing refreshments they must go in the kitchen right next to the conference room. Food and drink are not allowed in the conference room.

UPCOMING MEETINGS 2018-2019

Sept. 16 - Speaker Jeff Beacham: Small Looms and Continuous Strand Weaving

Oct. 21 - BIG Show and Tell

Nov. 18 - pending

Dec. 16 - Christmas party and potluck

Jan. 20 - Sue Clover: Fiber Adventures in Egypt

Feb. 17 - charity work meeting

Mar. 17 - Carol Wertz: Journey to Master Weaver 1 and Beyond

Apr. 28 - pending

May 19 - "Boot Sale" (Fiber Yard Sale)

From the Editor: Please note - newsletter submissions are due to the editor two weeks before the next meeting. Thank you.

***** IMPORTANT CHANGE TO OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING**

FORMAT: Instead of the usual Giant Show and Tell for September, we are having a speaker this month. The Giant Show and Tell will be held in October. In the interest of allowing everyone adequate time to share their projects without the meeting running late, please limit the number of projects you bring to your favorite two or three.

Refreshments for the September meeting will be provided by Peggy Hood and Sallie Olson. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the September meeting for members to sign up to bring drinks, snacks or opportunity items for future meetings.

Piedmont Fiber Guild, General Meeting, May 20, 2018

The meeting was held at Sue Helmken's home due to the guild having to vacate our space at Arts on Main because of their renovations.

Board candidates were reviewed prior to voting. Secretary and Webmaster positions were unfilled. Sue Clover volunteered to handle Webmaster. Sallie Olson volunteered to serve as Secretary with Gail Boyles as a backup.

The ballot was as follows:

- President - Sue Helmken
- Past President - Gail Boyles
- Treasurer - Maurice Blackburn
- Programs - Debbie Stairs and Linda Pushee
- Secretary - Sallie Olson and Gail Boyles
- Newsletter - Sallie Olson
- Charity - Lori Smith
- Webmaster - Sue Clover
- Marketing/Events - Gail Boyles
- Social Media - Kristin Quackenbush
- Membership - Dick Kistler
- Library - Susan Haney
- Hospitality - Peggy Hood
- Workshops - Shirley Young
- Equipment Manager - Vivian Brenner

A motion was made to approve the ballot as is, seconded, and passed.

President Sue Helmken reported she had received a letter and \$100 from Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden for our participation in their event this spring.

Sue Helmken also suggested we do a booklet with recipes, including a favorite drawdown, pattern, or project.

The guild has moved out of Arts on Main. Much work has been done to look for a new meeting location. Some places could not accommodate our weekend needs. The Charlotte Arts League did not have a secure area for our bookcases, did not have a good meeting room, and their location is not optimal. Gail explained the process of getting our things moved out of Arts on Main.

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PFG General Meeting, May 20, 2018 minutes, continued:

Gail has found Remount Executive Center at 2020 Remount Rd., Gastonia, owned by Mike and Tim Grooms. By renting an office there, we would have access to a meeting room and a kitchen. Rent is \$180/month; the lease is for one year. The guild is required to carry liability insurance in order to rent at REC. The liability policy costs \$425/year.

The Treasurer's report was given by Maurice. The checking account has \$3052 at present; the savings account balance is \$3025. We have income of \$310, including membership, the \$100 contribution from DSBG, and the sale of the quilt. Expenses of \$1554.19 include rental at Arts on Main January-May, Post Office box rental, liability insurance (\$425), movers (\$405), and rental at 2020 Remount Executive Center plus Deposit. The guild does have enough to cover rent for the next year. The main account also contains \$580 to be donated to Quilts for Kids in honor of Ann Brinkhous.

Maurice brought up monetary concerns. We now have 52 paid members per Maurice. At the current membership fee, it would require 107 members to cover the rent for a year. Gail plans to look for a grant. We will probably need to raise dues. Gail reminded the group we need to have a board meeting before raising dues.

Gail wants to apply to the Gaston County Community Foundation for grant assistance. The application would have to be done in June, with notification in September if awarded. Carol Wertz has volunteered to help with grant writing. Sue Clover stated she has had experience with grant writing and volunteered to help as well.

There is the possibility the guild would have to move again, but moving to Remount Executive Center would give us a year's breathing room.

The guild has been invited to demonstrate at the Matthews ALIVE Festival in September on Labor Day weekend.

Sara Munday mentioned Discovery Place has a makers' space.

Beth Nathan volunteered to do a filet crochet class in the future.

Money making opportunities will be discussed at the summer board meeting.

We had two visitors at the May meeting. Laurie Huber from New Jersey, now living in Matthews, is a needle-felter and a new knitter. Nancy Arlidge from Kalamazoo, Michigan, is a weaver and knitter, has two looms, is retired, and belonged to a guild in Michigan.

Show and Tell was held. After a break for refreshments, the 'boot sale' took place.

(notes submitted by Sallie Olson)

Weavers Study Group: Fourteen weavers attended the meeting on May 23rd at Jeanne Smith's house. The meeting began by discussing the upcoming Crackle Weaving Workshop and in particular its location. Maurice described the new Guild location at 2020 Remount Road in Gastonia listing its Pros and Cons. It was agreed that this location would be suitable. Carol laid out the financial side indicating that based on the instructor's fee and expenses and rental to be paid to the Guild the cost per person would be \$125. Guild membership would be a requirement as we would be using Guild facilities. We indicated that to proceed we would need 10 Guild members fully paid up by June 30th. If the Workshop proceeds there would be no refunds, however substitutions would be possible. Carol agreed to email all members of the Study Group with this information. -

Weavers Study Group, May 23, 2018, continued: Maurice, Carol, and Kathy presented their warp-faced projects. Linda brought a twined rug she had made on a frame loom using twill tape as weft. This type of loom can be viewed on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RykFR2gc6og&t=120s>.

May notes submitted by Maurice Blackburn.

Weavers Study Group, July 25, 2018: Sixteen weavers attended the meeting at Kiska's home. The crackle class with Teena Teunge in September is full with a waiting list. Maurice is not taking the class but plans to be there to be of assistance if needed. Teena needs to know what kind of loom the attendees will be bringing; please send this information to Maurice. The room is booked at Remount Executive Center. We will be able to unload equipment on Friday morning and start class after lunch.

We have a new member, Mary Hamby. Mary has been a full time weaver for 3 years. Her website is www.twentytwowest.com.

The Blue Ridge Fiber Show in Asheville will be held at the NC Arboretum from 9/28 - 12/28/18. Entries are due September 24.

Sue Clover attended the Blue Ridge Fiber Festival in Sparta in June. She said it was nice with 40-50 vendors.

Presenters this month were Sallie, Linda, and Sue. Next meeting will be 9/26 at Rosalie's.

July notes submitted by Sallie Olson.

Carolina Handspinners: The next regular meeting of Carolina Handspinners will be Tuesday, September 11 from 2-4 pm at the Lowell Community Center, 501 West First St., Lowell, NC. This meeting is open to the public. The hand spinners group is coordinated by Chris Dunlap.

Sue Clover brought up the possibility of forming a group interested in completing the Certificate of Excellence in Handspinning through the Handweavers' Guild of America. If interested, please contact Sue directly.

Saturday, August 25, some of the hand spinners will visit Marcia Kummerle's mohair goat farm, Good Fibrations, near Weaverville, NC. Chris is coordinating this event.

'Fiber Phun' is a weekly meeting held by Laura Bain each Wednesday from 11am-1pm at the Historic Polk Homesite in Pineville. This group also meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 6p-8p at the Polk Homesite.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 1, 2, and 3, 2018 (Saturday, Sunday and Labor Day Monday) the Matthews ALIVE Festival in Matthews, NC. The guild has been invited to demonstrate various fiber arts. Coordinator - Gail Boyles. Please contact her as soon as possible if you are interested in participating. We will have people there all three days. This is a BIG event and a great opportunity for the guild. (continued)

UPCOMING EVENTS, continued:

September 8, 2018, 9:30 am - 3 pm, Historic Hoyle House Open House. Hoyle House is the oldest standing structure in Gaston County. It is open once a year to support renovation and preservation of this historic building. The guild has participated in this event for many years by demonstrating fiber arts. Coordinator - Gail Boyles.

September 29 - 30, 2018, National Alpaca Days at Apple Hill Farm in Banner Elk, NC.

September 29 - 30, 2018, Harvest Folk Festival at Murray’s Mill. Saturday 9/29 10am - 5 pm; Sunday 9/30 1pm-5pm. Murray’s Mill is located at 1489 Murray’s Mill Rd., Catawba, NC, 28609. Website: <http://catawbahistory.org/harvest-folk-festival>. Former guild member Pat Blackwell is the person to contact if you would like to participate in this event.

October 13 and 14, 2018, Cotton Ginning Days in Dallas, NC. This is a great event that our groups have participated in for years. Website <https://www.ncfestivals.com/events/2018/cotton-ginning-daysgaston-co>. Coordinator - Gail Boyles.

October, 2018, Scarecrow Contest at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden. Preparation for this will need to be done in September. If interested in helping with this project, contact Sue Helmken.

October 26, 27, and 28, 2018, Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair (SAFF) at the WNC Agricultural Center in Fletcher, NC (outside of Asheville). Admission \$5/day, or \$10/3 days.

Terms for Guild Equipment Rental, 2018-2019, from our Equipment Manager, Vivian Brenner

The Guild has equipment to rent to members in good standing (dues paid for at least one year). If you would like to rent any of this equipment on a month-to-month basis, please contact the Equipment Manager, Vivian Brenner. There is a brief contract you will sign at the time of the rental. Deposit plus first month’s rent is due when the equipment is rented. If the equipment is kept over one month, additional rental fees are due.

If you have any fiber equipment you would like to donate, please contact Vivian or the Guild President.

Equipment	Rental Fee	Security Deposit
Drum Carder	\$30/month	\$50
Cotton Cards	\$5/month	\$20
Elbee Picker	\$30/month	\$100
Warping Board	\$5/month	\$25
Clemes & Clemes Spinning Wheel	\$25/month	\$100
Ashford Spinning Wheel	\$25/month	\$100
Sabina 32 in. 4-Shaft Folding Floor Loom	\$50/month	\$100
Harrisville 4-Shaft Floor Loom	\$50/month	\$100
LeClerc 2-Shaft Table Loom	contact Vivian	