

PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD

This coming Sunday, May 20, will be our last meeting for the 2017-2018 year. We are doing things a little differently this month since we are leaving Arts on Main. Details are in the President's Notes. Remember our guild elections, the Boot Sale and something for the potluck lunch. See you on Sunday!

PFG Board Members

President - Sue Helmken

Past President - Gail Boyles

Treasurer - Maurice Blackburn

Secretary - Julie Hogan

Programs - Chris Dunlap

Workshops - Shirley Young

Charity - Julia Roskamp

Webmaster - Maria Derner

Membership - Dick Kistler

Marketing/Events/Booth - Gail
Boyles

Social Media - Lori Smith

Library - Susan Haney

Equipment Manager - Vivian
Brenner

Newsletter - Sallie Olson

Hospitality - Peggy Hood

President's Notes:

Spring is finally here, and another guild year has flown by us. There have been and are going to be many changes for us since the Arts on Main building has been sold. The board is working hard to find a new home for us; if you have any ideas, we'd love to hear them. We've begun condensing our possessions at AoM, and we'll keep you posted as we work through the summer.

This final meeting of the year will be held at my studio in Clover. It's going to be a fun day of socializing, crafting, picnic-ing and the **BOOT SALE**. Come on over anytime from 10am on.

Here's the agenda:

Business –

Crafts! Bring your latest project, relax and enjoy time with one another. It's fiber-lover's party. If you have a folding chair, you might want to bring that.

Dog Dip – Bring that ugly-colored yarn [and I bought this color because?!?]. I'll have some dye pots set up to over-dye the yarn and give it a new life. If you're interested in indigo, please let me know in advance as it takes a bit more preparation. Natural fibers only; I don't have dyes for synthetics. Send me an email if you have any questions: barefootweaver@earthlink.net or sue.helmken@gmail.com.

Please don't bring more than one large or two small skeins so everyone can participate. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the dyes.

Boot Sale - For those of you who are new to this, everyone is invited to bring whatever they want to sell, swap or give away. We'll line up our cars along the driveway and open our boots [car trunks] to display our wares. Bring lots of change so you can convert someone else's trash into your treasure.

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President's Notes, continued:

Food – I'll have coffee, tea and water on hand; please bring any other beverage you'd like. Bring some food to share. I'm not dealing with sign-ups, so it's a true potluck. I have cups, plates, napkins, serving and eating utensils.

Directions to the studio: 530 Calabash Rd , Clover, SC 29710

From Gastonia: Head south on Rte 321. When you get to Clover, turn left on Rte 55. Go all the way through town, then turn right on Ole Cambridge Rd immediately after the Family Trust Federal Credit Union building. Take the 1st right on Farris Rd and go to the end at St Pauls Church Rd. Turn right, take the 1st left on Calabash Rd [gravel].

From Charlotte: Come across Lake Wylie on Rte 49. Continue through several lights. When 49 turns left [near Publix], stay straight on Rte 557. Take 557 until it ends at Rte 55. Go straight across onto Ole Cambridge Rd [this is the east end of the road, not the west end as above]. Continue to Farris Rd, the 3rd left. Turn left on Farris, go to the end at St Paul's Church Rd. Turn right, take the first left on Calabash Rd [gravel].

We're the 3rd house on the right, yellow with blue shutters and white trim. You can park to the left of the driveway. [These are the most straightforward directions. There are other routes if you prefer to follow your GPS. Please be aware our reception out here is iffy, so you may want to review the directions anyway.] Call my cell if you need assistance. 703-944-4488

Can't wait to see everyone! Sue

WE WILL MEET AT SUE'S COME RAIN OR COME SHINE. THERE WILL BE 2-3 TENTS AVAILABLE. IF IT'S RAINING TOO MUCH FOR TENTS, WE'LL BE INSIDE HER HOUSE. PLEASE BRING A FOLDING CHAIR FOR YOURSELF IF YOU HAVE ONE.

Minutes from the April PFG Meeting:

The April meeting began with a program on Lace presided over by Chris Dunlap. Six guild members spoke about the types of lace they enjoy making. Sumiko Trey presented Bobbin Lace, Beth Nathan presented about Filet Crochet, Pam Perkins spoke about Lace Knitting and shared many tips. Vivian Brenner spoke about Tatting, Linda Erickson discussed Hardanger Embroidery, and Sue Helmken discussed Loom Controlled Lace Weaves. All presenters brought unique and beautiful examples of the different types of lace discussed at this forum. Sumiko also mentioned there is a North Carolina Regional Lace Guild.

After the program, Opportunity Items were drawn, raising \$20 for the guild.

Guild Elections will be held at the May 20th PFG meeting to elect a Board for the 2018-2019 year. The following people are running for the associated position:

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April PFG minutes, continued:

Treasurer - Maurice Blackburn

Programs - Debbie Stairs

Secretary - (open)

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Treasurer's Report: \$4,297 checking (includes \$480 to go to Quilts for Kids), \$3,005 savings. Tax form has been submitted for the 2017 year for a non-profit.

May meeting will be held at Sue's. (Editor's note: See President's Notes)

In September, our program about small looms will be presented by Jeff Beachum.

New membership lists were distributed by Dick Kistler.

Workshops - Shirley reported no news secondary to our location issues (us moving out of Arts on Main).

Upcoming events - next Saturday, April 21, the Catawba River Artisans will have a show in Cramerton. PFG has been invited to participate. We are allowed to sell our items at this event. Chris is the contact person.

Saturday, 4/28, is the Belmont Living History Day from 9am - 3 pm. Guild members are invited to demonstrate. Gail is the contact person for this event.

Saturday, May 12, Sheep Shearing at Brattonville in Rock Hill, SC. They are looking for spinners and weavers in present-day attire to demonstrate. Please see Brattonville website for more information.

May 20 - Last meeting of the year will also be a work day and potluck lunch day. To be held at Sue's home.

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April PFG meeting minutes, continued:

Important news: Today is our last meeting at Arts on Main. The building has been sold and the new owners plan to renovate, so we must move. We will need a Saturday in May to pack up the rest of the guild belongings. (Note: we need boxes). The board is looking for new places to meet. Gaston Community College School of Textiles would be ideal, but we have no news yet from them. We are waiting on word from GCC before packing and moving our things out of Arts on Main.

Quilt Raffle to benefit Quilts for Kids in memory of Ann Brinkhous: The lovely red/green/white quilt (which was finished and quilted by our own Ursula Blackburn) went to Vivian Brenner for a bid of \$100. Julia was unable to attend today's meeting but she will bring the other quilts to the May meeting.

Many thanks to those who provided us with a lovely snack at the April meeting.

The following people signed up for **Hospitality** for the May meeting:

Food: Sonia Salvucci and Debbie Stairs

Drink: Tammy Diener

(Editor's Note: Nobody signed up for Opportunity Items for May. However, since we are having the Boot Sale, maybe that's a good thing!)

From Weavers Study Group:

The next meeting of the Weaving Study Group will be held at Jeanne Smith's house on May 23rd at 1:00 pm. Please let Jeanne know if you plan to attend.

The designated weavers for the meeting are Kathy Marlowe, Carol Wertz and Maurice Blackburn.

submitted by Maurice

Carolina Handspinners:

While PFG is on hiatus for the summer, Carolina Handspinners will continue to meet over the summer. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month 2-4pm at Lowell Community Center 501 West First Street, Lowell, NC. This meeting is open to the public, so please invite all fiber-interested friends to attend. Fiber-interested youth are welcome as well. - submitted by Chris

The most recent Saturday Spin Day was held at Happy Tails Alpaca Farm on Saturday, May 12. Highlights of the day were a seminar on choosing a good alpaca fleece given by Char, the owner, and the birth of a cria (alpaca baby) while we were there! Also feeding the bottle baby who was a very good eater. Thanks, Char and Gail. - Sallie



Terms for Guild Equipment Rental

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, at 704-841-1624. 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 Loom | \$50/month | \$100 |

Dear guild members, I received this request to put an ad in our newsletter. I am doing so with the disclaimer that I do not know this person or anything about her loom. - Sallie

FOR SALE: LeClerc Colonial 45" eight-harness floor loom. Canadian maple frame with ten treadles & roughly 2000 steel heddles. This is a convertible counter-balance/jack-type loom and the beater can be set to overhead or from the floor. The warp beam in the back can be folded up and latched onto the loom castle for transportation (or when the loom isn't in use). There is room to add four more harnesses, a second back beam, a computer dobby system, or other options if desired. Other weaving equipment (reeds, shuttles, bobbins, ball winder, weaving books, etc.) included. \$800 cash/local pick-up only.

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Editor's Note:

Some of you may remember a woman named Joanne Halls in Wilmington NC who was trying to respectfully dispose of her late mother's weaving studio items. Ms. Halls had an ad in the newsletter about her mother's loom a month or two back. She now has many of her mother's books for sale.

Unfortunately, I am having a great deal of trouble trying to import the list (it's three pages long) without all kinds of crazy spelling occurring as well as the chart form coming completely undone. It would take me all night to redo the list, therefore I am not going to include it here. I will forward it to our webmaster and see if she has any suggestions for how to dispense this information to the guild.

If you would like to contact Ms. Halls directly, her e-mail is hallsj@uncw.edu.

Note to guild: **June 9th: World-Wide Knit in Public Day** at Mint Museum Uptown: 11am-4pm: Sponsored by Charlotte Knitters Guild: Come join members in sharing our love of fiber arts at this unique event within the beautiful Mint Museum in Uptown Charlotte. Free admission if you come bearing fiber arts to work on! Please contact Gail Boyles (gboyles44@gmail.com) if you'd like to take part in this event.

Also on Saturday, June 9, 10am - 2pm: **All Things Fiber Yard Sale.** Held in the gymnasium at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, NC.

Hope to see you all on Sunday for our May meeting!