

# PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD

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- Please join us for our regular guild meeting this coming Sunday, October 21, 2018 at the Remount Executive Center, **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.

The following people are signed up for refreshments and opportunity 10/21/2018:

Food: Carol S. and Vivian

Drinks: Pam P.

Opportunity Item: Sue C.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS 2018-2019

**Oct. 21 - BIG Show and Tell (please limit to 3 items per person)**

Nov. 18 - pending

Dec. 16 - Christmas party and potluck and gift exchange

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)

## **PFG General Meeting, September 30, 2018**

Our first meeting in the new location at Remount Executive Center in Gastonia was called to order shortly after 2 p.m.. We began with a program by Jeff Beacham on small looms and continuous strand weaving.

Jeff has many sizes and shapes of frame looms. He also weaves freeform projects, as well as uses a floor loom. Jeff shared many samples of his work with the guild. Of particular note was a five foot long scarf loom. After the scarf, which is woven on the diagonal, is removed from the frame, the bias lengthens the scarf to its intended length. Jeff also combines many different yarns, colors, and textures in his weaving. He also uses small square looms to make a color study, or makes many small squares to combine into a finished object.

After Jeff's program, the guild took a break for refreshments provided by Sallie and Dawn. There were a lot of opportunity items to choose from due to a donation of yarn from a former weaver (the same weaver who donated the Harrisville loom to the guild).

When the Business Meeting began, the first order of business was a discussion of finances. Considering the increase in monthly rent at our new location (now \$180/month) and the requirement of the new location that the guild carry liability insurance (\$475/year), the board has proposed an increase in yearly membership dues from \$25/year to \$35/year. Carol made a motion to accept this proposed dues increase; Vivian seconded it. After discussion, the motion passed. Those who have already paid for the current year are asked to pay the additional \$10 in dues.

The guild's charity project had been discussed at the board meeting. The board felt it was best to concentrate on chemo hats this year, and to plan for the guild to meet 1-2 times a year just to work on our charity project. Carol W. volunteered to fill the empty position of head of the guild's charity endeavors. Thank you, Carol.

Gail brought up the possibility of the guild meeting year-round. This is the first month to notify membership. The suggestion was well received. This will require a change in the by-laws; a copy of the proposed change will be published in the October newsletter. A vote will be held at the October meeting.

Gail stated that the Matthews ALIVE Festival group would be meeting this coming week. After this meeting we should find out how much money the guild will receive for our participation in the festival.

Another possible source of revenue is the "Run for the Money" race held in the spring, and sponsored by the Community Foundation of Gaston County. The race is a fundraiser for community organizations, and the Community Foundation will match a certain percentage of donations. Some volunteer work is required as well as someone to run in the race. It is also possible to win money for having a tent at the race festival. Gail and Sue C. plan to attend the organization's meeting in October to find out more details.

The Grassroots Arts Program is another possibility for grant money. However, some organizations will not assist in covering operating expenses for a group.

Sue C. stated that some retailers have rewards programs. She volunteered to call The Woolery to get the link for this; the guild can get 5% back from guild members' purchases (have to use the link to do this). Halcyon Yarn also has a rewards program.

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**PFG General Meeting, September 30, 2018, continued:**

Per Sue C., there is also the Amazon Affiliates program, and the Amazon Smile program that are possible sources for guild revenue. See "smile.amazon.com". Sue will put reward information on the new guild website.

Next month we will have our BIG Show and Tell. Please note that in the interest of having time for everyone to have a chance to show their work, guild members are asked to limit their show and tell items to **3**.

The Mary Kay ladies who work out of Remount Executive Center have requested the guild to teach them how to make hats for charity.

Sue H. has volunteered to host the guild's Christmas party and gift exchange at her house on Dec. 16. Thank you, Sue H.

Regarding May's "boot sale", Shirley suggested sellers pay a small fee for selling (like a table fee). Gail suggested a percentage of the proceeds from sales at guild events go to the guild. This topic is still open.

The guild has paid for the old post office box through next May, so will keep it for now.

Sue C. discussed the transition to the new website. The web address remains the same, but the host is now Go-Daddy, rather than Yahoo, and is paid for the next two years. Guild members will need to clear their cache on their home computers so the new site will be the one that is remembered. The new site will have a calendar function. It will also have a form for a discount when purchasing Interweave products. There will be a 'members only' page that will have the current newsletter, members list, and contacts information. Sue recommended using Ravelry to replace the Yahoo chat group. Also, if someone does not want their photo to be on the website, please let Sue C. know and she will take care of that.

Vivian brought new members lists, as Dick was unable to attend the September meeting.

Sue H. reported that the library has been gone through and culled over the summer. The culled books were donated.

Shirley reminded everyone that payment for a class needs to go through her to complete one's registration for a guild sponsored class.

Blue Ridge Art Show is currently going on at the North Carolina Arboretum near Asheville, NC. Both Sue H. and Carol submitted woven items to the show. Congratulations to Sue H. who won Weaving for the Home Award of Excellence for her repurposed bench with a woven top. The show will continue through January 2019. Parking costs \$14. Sue plans to go up for **the reception on October 2**.

Gail and Sue H. made a spider scarecrow for the Daniel Stowe Botanic Garden competition. Pam Rumney would like to attend the next board meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Sallie

### **Proposed Change to Guild By-Laws:**

During the Executive Board meeting, a motion was made to make a change to the Piedmont Fiber Guild By Laws. The procedure for proposed changes to the By Laws is:

1. A discussion to change the By Laws is done at an Executive Board meeting. The discussion occurred at the August 5, 2018 meeting and a motion was made and passed to present the proposed change to the guild.
2. The proposed change was presented at the September regular guild meeting.
3. The proposed change is published in the newsletter.
4. The change will then be discussed and voted on by guild membership at the next regular meeting - October 21, 2018.

### **Current Bylaw:**

Article V – Meetings

The guild shall meet once a month, except for the months of June, July, August, unless otherwise scheduled by the Executive Board and the membership notified.

### **Proposed Bylaw:**

Article V- Meetings

The Guild shall meet once per month unless otherwise scheduled by the Executive Board and the membership notified.

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS CHANGE WILL BE VOTED ON THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21.**

### **Notes from Chris about Carolina Handspinners:**

1. The next regular meeting of Carolina Handspinners will take place on Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm at the 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.
2. The next Bimonthly Saturday meeting will take place on Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm at the home of Linda P.. Please contact Linda directly if you would like to attend and please let her know what you will bring to share for Potluck lunch. We thank Linda for once again opening her home to our group for this meeting that allows those who can't make our weekday meetings to enjoy the fun of Carolina Handspinners.



Sue H. and Carol W. from the guild both submitted handwoven items to the Blue Ridge Fiber Arts Show. The show is currently being held at the NC Arboretum outside Asheville, NC through January. Sue won the Weaving for the Home Award of Excellence for her repurposed bench with a Woven Top (left). Carol's colorful towel is to the right.





Photos from the Crackle Weave Workshop presented by Teena Teunge, September 21, 22, and 23, 2018

### Weavers Study Group Meeting Notes

September 26, 2018, Wednesday, 1pm at Rosalie's Home

Discussion about the Weaving Workshop about Crackle Weave, 21, 22 and 23 September. Tina Tuenge was the instructor. Those in the class voiced their opinion of the quality of the content, teacher's method and class site. All agreed that the content was challenging but not too fast paced; that the teacher was able to pay attention to the student's needs in a timely manner. The teacher also constructed a good balance between lecture and work time. All were happy with the PFG new rented meeting place on Remount Rd., Gastonia. Maurice voiced that this was the first ever workshop for the group where there was a guest instructor. Most agreed that in the future some guest teachers should be invited to balance the shared knowledge our own members have in classes.

Next year's challenge is Summer & Winter Weave.

The show and tell centered on products from the class but also on other products from those who did not attend the class. All class students witnessed the effect of limited color warps with a multitude of crackle patterns and the exciting variegation in each. Balancing multiple shuttles was a bit of a challenge.

Sue C. informed the group that the newly revised PFG website is almost completely finished. The members only page will not require a password but will identify members with their email address. Members must be "in good standing" with their dues paid. Only members may see the current Newsletter and Membership List. Other newsletters will be in the public area for anyone to access. There will be a shared pictures section.

The next meeting will be November 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday at Carol's home.

Alice will ask Sue H. to present a mini talk about Summer/Winter.

Pam R., recorder



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm: Curtin Farm Fest at Curtin Farm, Clover, SC.: Artisan Craft and Food Market as well as live music and farm animals. Guild members have taken part in this event in the past and Cathy Curtin would love to have a group of spinner and fiber artists demonstrating again this year. Here's a link to their website for more information: <https://www.curtinfarms.com/>.

October 26-28: Southeast Animal Fiber Fair: Fletcher NC: Held at the Western NC Agricultural Center. Huge fiber fair, includes animals, fiber, tools, things made with fiber, etc. Here's a link to their site for more information: <https://saffsite.org/>.

November 2-4: Carolina Fiber Frolic, Sapphire, NC: This retreat is the brainchild of Jan Smiley. In the spring, the Frolic has classes; in the fall, the Frolic is all about relaxing, having fun, and working on whatever project(s) you bring with you. Here's a link to the website for more information: <https://carolinafiberfrolic.wordpress.com/>.

Saturday, November 3, 10am-4pm, Spin Day at The Fibre Studio at Yarns to Dye For: Pack your spinning wheel, some fiber, and a lunch and join other spinners at The Fibre Studio. Debbie's shop is one of the few places in the area where you can find roving, usually dyed by our own Burgl. Check the Fibre Studio's Facebook page for updates, just in case plans change.

Saturday, November 17, 10am-4pm, Saturday Spin Day at Linda P's: Come spin or bring other handwork, and something to add to a potluck lunch. Carolina Handspinners does this every other month to give folks who cannot attend the 2nd Tuesday of the month meeting a chance to join in the fun.

Sunday, November 18, 2p-4p, Piedmont Fiber Guild meeting: at Remount Executive Center.

Sunday, December 16, Guild Christmas Party, Potluck, and Gift Exchange at Sue H's. Please put this date on your calendars. More information to be announced later.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The guild has received the following information about guild member, Alice T.:

Alice was given a diagnosis of Metastatic Melanoma last week. She is home from the hospital now at her daughter Sara's. A Food Train page has been established by a friend at the link below. Please consider preparing or purchasing a meal to alleviate some of the stress being experienced by our friends. <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/UNBO7366>

If you would like further information on how to contact the family, please contact Shirley, as she is in contact with Sara's sister, Mary, on a frequent basis. Prayers and cards would be much appreciated. Please note that time is of the essence in this situation.

### 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 |
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| 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 |                  |



The guild had many visitors to the tent at the Cotton Ginning Days event in Dallas, NC, last weekend. Here you see Maurice with a Cub Scout troop. One of the scouts later announced that he wanted a loom for Christmas! Other demonstrators on Saturday were Vivian and Dick, Pam R., Rosalie, and Sallie.