

PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD

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A Message from the President:

Is it just me, or do the holidays arrive faster every year?! I'm looking forward to having everyone over for the Christmas gathering on Sunday the 16th from 10 am to 4 pm. I'll have coffee, breads and juice ready, and the studio will be open for browsing. We can gather 'round the hearth to knit, spin or just socialize. It's a true potluck, so just bring any food you want. There isn't really a set time to eat; everyone just grazes. For those who want to participate in the gift exchange (totally optional!), we can do that at 2pm. Spouses and pals are welcome.

Information regarding the Christmas party gift exchange:

If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please know that the parameters are: has to be fiber related, under or around \$25, and be labeled what fiber art it would be good for (weaving, spinning, knitting, etc.). Numbers will be drawn at the party and people will choose a gift in their field of interest in order of the numbers. Exchanges may be made if both parties agree.

Upcoming Meetings:

Dec. 16 - Christmas party and potluck

Jan. 20 - Sue Clover: Fiber Adventures in Egypt

Feb. 17 - charity work meeting (same weekend as Carolina Alpaca Celebration)

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

Apr. 28 - basket maker Nancy Duffie

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

June, July, and August - open

Information from Gail about Carolina Alpaca Celebration:

It's time to plan for the Carolina Alpaca Celebration!

The Piedmont Fiber Guild has participated in this show for many years. It's a great opportunity for the guild to get together and show off our awesome fiber talents and fellowship not only with visitors to the event but also with many of the regional alpaca breeders.

This year's show is Saturday, February 16 & Sunday, February 17, 2019 at the Cabarrus Arena. On February 16, the show is open 8am - 5pm; and on February 17, 8am - 4pm.

Along with hanging out with some really cool fiber people (ie: PFG members!), there are also some activities you should consider doing:

- Skein and Fiber Arts Contest: This is a great way to show off your fiber skills with alpaca fiber. Members of PFG who have entered this contest in past years and have left with blue ribbons! The online registration is a bit tricky, let me know if you need help. For more information, <http://carolinaalpacacelebration.com/skein-fiber-arts/>
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- There is a Fleece to Shawl competition. If you are interested in forming a team, please e-mail me (Gail B.) ASAP - practice needs to start soon. My team from last year is short a spinner and there is a possibility another team is also in need of a spinner. For those who have never done a competition like this, this is a great chance to learn what is involved. There is no entry fee and the deadline to register teams is January 31. Let me know if you need more information.
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- The CABO organizers are looking for people to teach fiber skills to the visitors. Let me know if you're interested and I'll put you in touch with the right person.

I will be sending out information in January regarding sign ups for demonstrating at this event. To see more on this event, you can visit:

<http://carolinaalpacacelebration.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/550611231953664/>

Instagram: carolinaalpacobreedersowners

News from Carolina Handspinners:

The next regular meeting of Carolina Handspinners has been postponed due to the recent snowstorm until Tuesday, December 18, from 12:30 pm to 4pm for this meeting only. This is to allow for our holiday celebration as well as our regular meeting.

Here are specifics for our holiday celebration: Please bring your favorite holiday treat to share for Potluck Lunch, including any items needed to serve what you bring. Chris D. and family will provide paper products, plastic utensils, napkins and cups. If you would like to take part in the gift exchange, please bring a fiber-related gift (\$15) to share. We will draw numbers and choose gifts accordingly. Swaps are allowed as long as both parties agree.

Notes from Weavers Study Group:

The study group met on Nov. 28 at the home of Carol W. Nineteen weavers were in attendance!

Joy and Nancy N. presented their projects for the warp-faced/repp weave project for 2018.

Show and Tell included Sue C.'s crackle sample from the Crackle Class in September as well as a runner and cloths, Carol's samples from the Master Weaver Level 2 class she is taking, and a large handwoven comforter given to Alice.

Next year's weave structure will be summer and winter. Sue H. shared some information about this weave structure: it is a unit weave, has no incidentals, has 2 tie downs per block, uses a tabby (traditionally the same as the warp) and a pattern thread which is somewhat heavier. Also, if you have a four shaft loom, you can do a two block summer and winter weave. Jean showed the group some summer and winter cloths she already woven.

Maurice announced the guild now has a 12-shaft Dorothy table loom available to rent.

Dates and locations for 2019 meetings were planned. The next meeting will be January 23 at Maurice and Ursula's.

Minutes for Piedmont Fiber Guild, General meetng, November 18, 2018:

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by President Sue H.. We had two visitors, Neily T., and Angela G.

Refreshments today were provided by Sue H. and Jeff B., drinks by Julia R., and opportunities by Peggy H.. Pam D. volunteered to help Peggy H. with Hospitality.

Treasurer Maurice B. presented the treasurer's report. The guild received \$700 for our participation at Matthews Alive, as well as \$200 in memorial donations for Alice T.

Past President Gail B. discussed the Bylaw change that was passed at the October meeting. As of today the website has been updated. The new Bylaw reads: Article V - Meetings: The Guild shall meet once per month unless otherwise scheduled by the Executive Board and the membership notified.

Pam R. commented that she wants to review the bylaws for the purpose of updating them. This will not be addressed until after the first of the year.

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Minutes for PFG General Meeting, Nov. 18, 2018, continued:

Programs chair, Debbie S., reviewed upcoming programs:

- December 16, 2018, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. - Christmas Potluck and Fiber Gift Exchange Party at Sue H.'s home.
- January - Sue C. and Fiber Adventures in Egypt.
- February - since many members will be demonstrating at the alpaca show, the February meeting will be a workday.
- March - Carol W. and Journey to Master Weaver 1 and Beyond. April - Nancy Duffie and her Basket Making.
- May - Annual "Boot" (yard) sale
- June, July, and August are not yet planned.

Secretary position is being shared by Sallie O. and Gail B. No news.

Newsletter editor, Sallie O., stated submissions are (preferably) due the first week of the month. The newsletter goes out the Wednesday before a meeting.

Membership chair, Dick K., reminded the guild that yearly dues are now \$35/year. The financial year ends May 31.

Library chair, Susan H. - not present.

Hospitality chair, Peggy H., wanted to remind people to sign up for hospitality needs.

Workshop chair, Shirley Y., was not present, but Gail B. was filling in for her. Shirley would like feedback from the guild as to the types of workshops people are interested in. Shirley is planning to teach some sewing workshops. Sue H. stated she has some information printed that she will send for the next guild newsletter. She is planning some workshops at her studio soon, including Sunday 12/9 and Monday 12/10: Indigo Dyepot; and Saturday 1/5 and Tuesday 1/8: Dressing the Loom.

Social Media chair, Kristen Q., reminded people that we have a Facebook chat group as well as a guild Ravelry page.

Marketing chair, Gail B., announced that the Carolina Alpaca Celebration will be held on Saturday Feb. 16 and Sunday Feb. 17, 2019. Please note this event will not be open on Friday. Gail stated that CAC will include a Sheep to Shawl competition, skein competition, and fiber art.

Equipment Manager, Vivian B., reminded people that the guild has equipment available for rent. Sue H. mentioned that she plans to download the instructions for the LeClerc Dorothy 4 shaft table loom with the capability of 8 shafts or 12 shafts which was recently donated.

Charity chair, Carol W., noted that there are a couple of free chemo hat patterns listed on the guild website.

Webmaster, Sue C., announced that fiber guild members have to renew access to the 'members only' pages on the website every 20 days for now. GoDaddy is in the process of changing to a password system. Also e-mail addresses are being set up for board members that use the title of the job rather than someone's given name, i.e. 'president@piedmontfiberguild.org'. This should make it much easier when people change guild responsibilities. Sue C. is going to format an address that says 'info@piedmontfiberguild.org' to include on the guild bookmarks.

Sue H. recognized Sara M being here. Sue also announced that Dawn's mother recently passed away; she has a card for Dawn for all to sign if they wish.

Peggy H. volunteered to bring in her 'Yarn Store in a Box' from Halcyon Yarn for people to look at and use if ordering (continued next page)

Minutes for PFG General Meeting, Nov. 18, 2018, continued:

from Halcyon. If a guild member calls Halcyon to place a verbal order, please tell them you belong to the guild to participate in the Guild Rewards program.

Kristin Q. stated she orders silk and cotton in bulk, and is willing to share some at wholesale prices. She also sells Unicorn Power Wash.

Maurice B. reminded the guild that the weavers study group is meeting 11/28; please let Carol W. know if attending.

The guild then enjoyed a break before working on chemo caps as a group.

Respectfully submitted, Sallie O.

Terms for Guild Equipment Rental, 2018-2019

From our Equipment Manager, Vivian B.

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 B. 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.

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Rental Fee</u>	<u>Security Deposit</u>
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	
small Schacht Tapestry Loom	contact Vivian	
Dorothy 12-shaft Table Loom	contact Vivian	

Winter Class Schedule for The Barefoot Weaver, Sue H.:

All classes will be held at Sue's Studio unless otherwise noted. More specific information will be handed out when you sign up for a class. If you have questions, please contact Sue H. directly.

Dressing the Loom, Saturday, Jan.5, 10-2, or Tuesday, Jan. 8, 10-2, \$35. This is a good refresher class if you haven't dressed a loom in a while. We will also trouble shoot to help if you are having specific problems.

Intro to Weaving, Wednesday, Jan 9, 10-4, \$85 includes handouts and yarn. Instructor will have looms dressed and ready to go. Student will weave a sampler to get a feel for weaving and what is involved. Class will briefly discuss dressing the loom and reading drafts.

Block and Profile Drafting, Wednesday, Jan. 23, 10-2, \$40. In this class you will learn how to design a block patter, then reproduce it as Summer & Winter, Crackle, Lace, or other weave structures. We will also cover profile drafting, a sort of shorthand for drafting.

Pattern Drafting, Saturday, Jan 26, 10-2, or Monday, Jan. 28, 10-2, \$35. This class is for those of you who are not comfortable reading drafts and/or want to create your own.

Beginning Weaving, Saturday and Sunday, February 2 and 3, 9-4, \$120 includes handouts and yarn. Learn the basics of weaving as you dress a loom and try various weaving techniques. This is a more thorough class than the Intro to Weaving class.

Please check Sue's website, www.barefootweaver.com, for specifics. You can also email her at barefootweaver@earthlink.net for information. Please note Sue does accept PayPal and she will be donating a portion of all fees to the guild.

Editor's Note:

There are no responsibilities for hospitality this month because of the Christmas party. That will resume for our January meeting. Those who have signed up for January will be reminded in the January newsletter prior to the meeting.

If you have some interesting information and/or photos about a fiber-related activity, please feel free to submit to the newsletter. I will do my best to get submissions into the newsletter, however, sometimes I cannot use all the information. Too many photos can make it very difficult to get the newsletter to mail and be received properly. Many thanks to those of you who have shared articles already this year.

Lastly, I would like to wish all the guild members happy holidays no matter which you celebrate. Therefore, **Happy Hanukkah**, **Merry Christmas**, **Happy Kwanzaa**, and **Happy New Year** to all!! Wishing everyone good health and happiness in the new year. See you at the party on Sunday!

Sallie

