

PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD NEWS

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Hospitality : The following people have signed up for ---

Food: since our February meeting will consist of our participation

Drinks: in fiber demonstrations at the Carolina Alpaca Breeders Association

Opportunities: show there will be no food or opportunities

Please remember, if you find you cannot attend and bring your refreshment, drink, or opportunity item, please contact one of the Hospitality Chairpersons Peggy H. or Linda E. and let them know so other arrangements can be made. Thanks!

Upcoming Guild Meetings



- **February 16th**– No Meeting! Please join us at CABO and demonstrate your favorite fiber skills
- **March 15th**
- **April 19th**

Our program for this month will be EACH OF YOU!! Please consider volunteering to demonstrate your favorite fiber art at CABO. (more details in this newsletter).

Remember, our NEW MEETING PLACE (next month)- South Tryon Community United Methodist Church, 2516 S Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28203 (at the intersection of S. Tryon and Remount Rd.)

Program for February 2020

Don't forget to volunteer to bring handwork and join fellow PFG members at the Carolina Alpaca Breeders Show, Cabarrus Arena. Contact Gail Boyles to demonstrate, gboyles44@gmail.com

The show and competition is always a fun event. This year we will be there February 15th and 16th.

There is no regular PFG meeting in February so come volunteer.

Bring a friend and see us at the show either day. Plenty of free parking and no admission fee.



From the President

Friends,

As we move into the new year, I hope you are excited about your fiber plans, and have lots of plans to be excited about.

For me, one thing I always look forward to is the schedule of upcoming fiber festivals and events!

There are a bunch to keep an eye out for!

FEBRUARY – Carolina Alpaca Celebration
(PFG is demonstrating – bring whatever you’re working on and join us!) Concord, NC

MARCH – Carolina Fiber Festival, Raleigh, NC

APRIL – Georgia Mountain Needle Arts
Festival, Ellijay GA

MAY – MD Sheep and Wool, West
Friendship, MD

JUNE – Blue Ridge Fiber Festival, Sparta, NC

Convergence 2020

AUGUST – Southern Comforts Fiber Market,
Fort Mill, NC

WE are coming up to the time of year where we will elect new officers and appoint new committee chairs. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or in filling a position in the coming year, please let a board member know!

Sue



Meeting Minutes – January 2019

The meeting was called to order at 2 pm by President Sue C., and was held at South Tryon Community United Methodist Church in Charlotte. We had 35 people attending. After our guests were introduced, the meeting commenced.

Upcoming events:

Carolina Alpaca Celebration will be held Saturday, February 15 and Sunday, February 16 at the Cabarrus Arena. Guild members will be demonstrating both days. Gail B. is unable to attend today's guild meeting; however, she is the contact person for people who wish to demonstrate. There will be no guild meeting in February since so many people will be involved in this event.

Maurice B. announced that four volunteers are needed to do crowd control for the cabin where fiber arts are demonstrated during the Loch Norman Highland Games held Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19, 2020 at Rural Hill in Huntersville, NC. Period dress is not required. Please contact Maurice if interested.

Treasurer - Maurice B. reported the following:

Main Account	\$5,495.05	
Savings Account	\$3,128.55	
Income past month -	one membership \$35	
	Interest \$0.03	
Disbursements -	rent and Christmas party supplies	\$123.67
	Outstanding checks	\$170.00
	Pay Pal account	\$ 86.78

Membership - Dick K. reported they have just switched to a new program. This will allow membership to renew on any month depending on when a member joined the guild. Dick also passed out updated membership lists.

Secretary - Sallie O. had no news.

Programs - Pam R.

February - Carolina Alpaca Celebration at Cabarrus Arena, February 15 & 16. Come demonstrate or drop by to visit.

March - Estonian Knitting by Judy W.

April - Flax to Linen by Pam R. and her friend Marianne from Raleigh.

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Workshops - Linda E. reported there will be a Basket Weaving class on Saturday March 21, from 1-5 pm at the church. Instructor Nancy Basket can accommodate 4-12 students. Cost is \$55; please pay by January 24. After that date the class will be opened to people not already on the list.

Weaver Sue H. is offering a series of "Second Saturday" classes which are independent of the guild. Please contact her directly for more information. Website 'barefootweaver.com'.

Webmaster - Sue C. reported that we can now pay our guild dues on the website and also pay for workshop fees. Payments go through PayPal.

Charity - Carol W. is not here as she is chaperoning a high school drama club trip to NYC. She is still collecting hats for the homeless. Hats may be given to Sallie O. to get to Carol. Toiletry donations can go to Shirley Y. for delivery to St. Michael's.

Newsletter Editor - Bill is not present this month. Several people reported not getting a reminder that the newsletter is on the website; Sue will check with Bill about this.

Sue. C. explained the opportunities process for our newer members.

Other Announcements:

Visitor Robin Sandwick from Crocheters Guild of America announced that they are making scarves to be donated to Urban Ministry.

Linda E. mentioned a quilt and vendor show coming up at the Statesville Convention Center on January 24 and 25.

Member Marcia K. mentioned that there is a quilt shop inside the J.S. Linen and Curtain Outlet located at 1250 Northside Drive in Statesville.

Sue C. mentioned the Southern Comforts Fiber Market coming in York, SC, August 14 and 15. SCFM is comprised of three guild members, Shirley Y., Sue C., Dawn C., as well as Jennifer F.

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Jane Malone is looking for someone to do a demonstration and weave a table runner. Vivian Bailey of Greenville, SC is looking for help breaking up her 91 year old mother's weaving studio; please see the ad on the guild website. Linda E. found out that the yarn store "Hearts on Fiber" in Davidson has started dyeing roving.

At 2:40 pm, the meeting stopped for refreshments and opportunities. The break was followed by our program.

Today's Program was presented by Nancy Braund about Quilt Conservancy and History.

Nancy is a long time quilter and quilt collector. She has studied quilts for many years and brought many beautiful quilts from her collection. Nancy reviewed the variety of quilts, patterns, fabrics, colors, and influence of historical events on quilting going back to the 1850's. Quilts are dated by the age of the last material used in it. Nancy shared some quilting superstitions with us such as 'never start a new project on a Friday'. How to wash a quilt, display a quilt, and store a quilt were discussed. Nancy also brought a few of her own lovely quilts to show the guild.

After the program, opportunities were drawn and distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sallie O.
Secretary

Future Programs

March 15th - pending your approval - Judi White, Knitting teacher who has specialized in Estonian Lace knitting will bring examples and discuss where and how the specific pattern come from for this unique style of loopy work.

April 19th - Flax to Linen The Ancient Fiber - Pam Rumney, flax grower, processor and spinner and Marion Flint, her mentor in flax/linen weaving will give flaxfacts with some historic samples

May 17th - Plant Based Dye Presentation from outside guest, possibly linked to a workshop - TBA

Weavers Study Group

The PFG Weaving Study Group met on Jan 22nd. In the past few meeting we have added 3 new members. A large portion of the agenda was about planning for going to Handweaver's Guild of America biennial in Knoxville, TN in July 2020. A few members have already selected classes and lecture sessions and registered for the week long event. Some other members will be staying in a condo in Sevierville, TN. This provides some flexibility but also co-ordination.

This group is looking for 4 more to share probably from Thursday July 23rd through the 27th, Mon. with 2 days drive time. If you're at all interested contact Rosalie Nast, rjnast@gmail.com.

Alice H. showed her binder with samples for the year's challenge study, Double Weave. She took a class from experienced teacher, Amy Patansu at Arrowmont. Discussion about the use of this weave and it's limitations ensued.

Notably, Maurice and a small group attended a gallery show and talk by Susan Morgan Leveille, last July. The Overmountain Weavers members studied a handful of highland weavers of the 19th and early 20th Century. They researched their lives, weaving drafts and wove samples of those drafts. Principally Overshot weaves, the show and talk inspired Maurice to make several samplings in various colors. Both Linda and Mona had some fine work to show also.

The next meeting will be Wednesday March 25th at the home of Pam R..



Carolina Handspinners

Hi All,

Hope this finds you warm and dry on this dreary day. We had a small group today that braved the elements with their beloved wheels to share time with us. Here are the updates from today's meeting:

1. We need a volunteer for our April Quarterly Saturday. Host gets to choose which Saturday we meet! Please contact me (chrismom98@gmail.com) if you're interested in hosting this get-together that allows those who can't make our weekday meetings to enjoy the fun of Carolina Handspinners.
2. Upcoming Events:
 - a. February 1st: Spinning Saturday at The Fibre Studio at Yarns to Dye For, Griffith Rd, Charlotte, NC: Here's an opportunity to shop hand-dyed yarns and fibers many in luxury blends as well as patterns and projects created specifically for these yarns. Come join the group to spin and enjoy this great fiber community. Here's a link to their website for more information: <https://thefibrestudio.com/pages/events>.
 - b. February 15th-16th: Carolina Alpaca Celebration: Cabarrus Arena and Event Center: For all things Alpaca, this is the event to attend. PFG and Carolina Handspinners have a large showing at this event each year with many members demonstrating their favorite fiber arts – not only alpaca. This event includes fiber of the hoof, vendors, food, and lots of fiber-related activities and classes. If you'd like to demonstrate at this event, please contact Gail Boyles (gboyles44@gmail.com). Here's a link to the show's website for more information: <http://carolinaalpacacelebration.com/>. Come join the fiber-y fun!
 - c. Mark Your Calendars:
 - i. More information to follow at a later date: Please contact Gail Boyles (gboyles44@gmail.com) with questions.
 1. May 2, 2020
 - a. 10am - 2pm
 - b. Belmont, NC Historical Society Living History Day
 - c. 40 Catawba St Belmont, NC
 2. June 6, 2020
 - d. 9am - 2pm
 - e. Alpaca Shearing
 - f. Apple Hill Farm
 - g. 400 Apple Hill Rd Banner Elk, NC

Please share with the group if you are aware of fiber-related events of interest to our group. Also, please let me know if you have questions or ideas to make our group even more fun for all.

Have a great start to 2020 and Happy Spinning!

Christine Dunlap chrismom98@gmail.com
Coordinator, Carolina Handspinners



Upcoming Events and Activities



ACTIVITIES

- Weekly - Catawba Valley Fiber Guild, Wednesdays 11 am – 1 pm
<https://www.jameskpolk.net/events.html>.
- Monthly - Spinning Saturdays at The Fibre Studio at Yarns to Dye For,
Griffith Rd, Charlotte, NC. 1st Saturday each month 10am-4pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

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40 Catawba St Belmont, NC

June 6, 2020

9am - 2pm

Alpaca Shearing

Apple Hill Farm

400 Apple Hill Rd Banner Elk, NC

Please contact Bill at Newsletter.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com to add **ACTIVITIES** of interest to this list!

Contact Gail B., Events Coordinator, to suggest **EVENTS** that the Guild might participate in, or to volunteer your participation.

Unless otherwise listed, please contact Gail B. to volunteer your participation at one of these events.

Quick Notes

PFG Library: We have a wonderful selection of books covering all types of fiber art. The library is open during our meeting. Please take a look at these resources and check-out a book (members only).

Newsletter Contributions: If you have done or seen something fiber related that might be of interest to PFG members, please send it to me for addition to a future newsletter. I would like contributions **by the first week of each month** so that I may send the newsletter out one week prior to our meeting, as a meeting reminder. Don't worry, I'll send out an email reminder a week or two prior to the deadline! Thanks.

Bill D. Newsletter.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com or wdunlap323@gmail.com

Hospitality - For those of you who have not volunteered yet, I am sure that our hospitality chairperson, Peggy H. would appreciate some volunteers for the next few meetings.

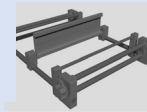
For those of you who are new to PFG, the refreshments provided at each meeting are provided by member volunteers. Usually, refreshments are broken down into food and drinks, being provided by different volunteers.

Opportunity items are donated materials, equipment, etc., that are auctioned at each meeting by way of purchasing tickets for \$1 donation to the guild. Peggy is also in charge of recruiting volunteers to donate materials for the drawings that we have at each meeting.

Please contact Peggy H. if you are able to help out with either .



Terms for Guild Equipment Rental 2019-2020



The Guild has the following equipment available for 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, Tammy D., Equipment.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com. There is a brief contract that 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 for more than one month, additional rental fees are due.

If you have and fiber equipment that you would like to donate to the Guild, please contact Tammy (Equipment.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com) or the Guild President (President.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com).

<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" 4-shaft Folding Floor Loom	\$50 / month	\$100
Harrisville 4-Shaft Floor Loom	\$50 / month	\$100
LeClerc 2-Shaft Table Loom	contact Tammy	
Small Schacht Tapestry Loom	contact Tammy	
Dorothy 8-Shaft Table Loom	contact Tammy	

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Meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month from 2-4 pm. Occasionally this changes, due to conflicts with major holidays.