

PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD NEWS

January 2020

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

Food: (information not available this month)

Drinks:

Opportunities:
for the January meeting

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



• **January 19th**

- **February – No Meeting!**
Join us at the Carolina Alpaca Breeders Show at Cabarrus Arena
- **March 15th**

Our program for this month will be presented by Susie Braund, noted antique quilt conservator ...see page 2 for more information

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

Program for January 2020

On January 19th 2020 Susie Braund, noted antique quilt conservator, quilt historian and hand-sewer will bring an assortment of quilts to share. She will discuss historic trends and traditional approaches as well as modern design techniques. Even if you are not a quilter this enthusiastic fiber artist will enliven your creative juices.

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 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

Dear Friends,

Welcome to a new year and a new decade! I'm looking forward to planning a bunch of new fiber projects, and I hope you are too.

I have started assembling and handwashing 4 oz. samples of several different breeds of fleece, getting ready to spin tests and eventually potential entries for the Longest Thread competition. I'm also thinking about spinning yarn for a sweater for my husband, and weaving some dishtowels. Of course, to weave the dishtowels, I'll have to weave off the linen warp that has been on my loom for 3 years, mocking me...

We have set up a PayPal account for the guild, and you will be able to pay or renew your membership on the website as of the January meeting.

Registration for the basket weaving class on March 21st will be opening soon, you will be able to pay and register on the website as well.

I'm looking forward to observing some really cool days in January, and I hope you'll join me!

National Rubber Ducky Day (Jan 13), National Fig Newton Day (Jan 16), National Squirrel Appreciation Day (Jan 21), National Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day (Jan 27), and National Hot Chocolate Day (Jan 31) all have great potential for great fun.

January is also National Hobby Month, so hit yours with a vengeance! And whatever projects you plan and begin, be BOLD, be FEARLESS, take RISKS and have FUN!

Sue Clover

PFG President



Meeting Minutes – December 2019

PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD - General Meeting - December 15, 2019

The December meeting/holiday party was called to order by President Sue C. There was a quick business meeting held before the refreshments, visiting, and group craft activity.

Membership chair Dick K. reported that he liked one of the membership programs that had been discussed at a previous meeting. He plans to check out the second option before a decision is made.

Programs co-chair Pam R.:

January - program by a quilt conservator.

February - no meeting as many people will be involved in the Carolina Alpaca Celebration.

March - Estonian knitting presented by Judy White.

April - Flax to Linen presented by Marianne Flint and Pam Rumney.

May - program will be on plant based dyes.

There was discussion about other program possibilities. Nancy Basket, a native American basket maker demonstrating on Dec. 20 and 21 at the Native American Cultural Center in Lancaster, SC was suggested as a possible presenter.

Weavers Study Group - some of the weavers are discussing attending Convergence in July 2020 in Knoxville, TN; talk to Pam R. if interested. Convergence is a biannual conference sponsored by the Weavers Guild of America.

Vivian introduced Ray McKinnon, pastor the the South Tryon Community United Methodist Church who also happens to be running for Mecklenburg County commissioner. Pastor McKinnon introduced 'Rabbit' and 'Smallwood' who help out around the church.

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Workshops: Linda E. announced tentative plans for a basket class in March, to be held on a Saturday afternoon from 1-5 p.m. The class will make a wall basket first and may possibly do a tote at a later date. She is waiting for confirmation from the church; Sue C. said that Rabbit had said it was okay. Linda will announce details as soon as possible.

Treasurer - Maurice B.:

Main Account \$5,583.72

Savings Account \$3,128.51

Income in past month includes 3 memberships (\$35 each), \$5 donation, \$58 Oct and Nov.
opportunities and \$0.03 in interest for total of \$168.03

Disbursements - two months rent \$200.00

Outstanding Checks - \$100.00

The business meeting was adjourned at 1:45 for refreshments and socializing. Afterwards a creative crafting opportunity was offered by Sue H.

Respectfully submitted,
Sallie O.,
Secretary

Future Programs

January 19th 2020 - Susie Braund, Noted antique quilt conservator, quilt historian and sewer, an assortment of quilts to share and discuss historic trends and modern design techniques

February 16th - no meeting, please see us at the Carolina Alpaca Breeders Show at Cabarrus Arena

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

As the Weavers Study Group meets only Bi-Monthly, there is no meeting update this month. Final meeting for 2019 is November 20th at the home of Mona C. 2020 Meeting schedule was discussed at the November 20th meeting.

The group generally meets on the third Wednesday, every other month, but scheduled meetings could change based on the host's availability and/or major holidays.

2020 Meeting Schedule

January 22nd – Jeanne Smith, at her church, Central Creek Presbyterian, 9401 S Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28273, in the sanctuary building.

March 25th – Pam Rumney

May 27th – Mona Carver

Jul 22nd – Sallie Olson

Sep 23rd – Joy Bruce

Nov 18th – Ellen Goff



Carolina Handspinners

Happy New Year to each of you. Don't forget to make your fiber-y New Years Resolutions! Here are a few reminders about upcoming meetings and events:

1. The next regular meeting of Carolina Handspinners will take place on Tuesday January 14th, 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.
2. For this meeting, please come prepared to share about your fiber New Years Resolutions. We can discuss and, if desired, help each other continue to keep our resolutions for 2020.
3. Our next Bimonthly Saturday meeting will take place on Saturday January 11th, 10am-4pm at the home of Linda Pushee on Lake Wylie. Please contact Linda directly (lpushee@icloud.com) if you would like to attend and be sure to let her know what you will bring to share for potluck lunch. We thank Linda for hosting this meeting that allows those who can't make our regular meetings to enjoy the fun of Carolina Handspinners.
4. Upcoming Events:
 - a. Remember the weekly meeting of the Catawba Valley Fiber Guild at the Polk Homesite in Pineville, NC. They meet weekly on Wednesday 11am-1pm. Here's a link to their site for more details: <https://www.jameskpolk.net/events.html>. Scroll down to Ongoing Events.
 - b. January 4th 10am-4pm: Spinning Saturday at The Fibre Studio at Yarns to Dye For, Griffith Rd, Charlotte, NC: Come celebrate St. Distaff Day with other fiber artists. Here's a link for information about the origins of this day: (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distaff_Day) Take the 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>.
 - c. February 15-16th: 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!
5. Please share if you are aware of other events of interest to our group. Also, please let me know if you have questions or ideas for ways 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



Sue Helmken
The Barefoot Weaver

*Second Saturday
at the Studio*

Happy New Year to all!

I'm starting a series of 1-day workshops called Second Saturday at the Studio.

The first (Plain Weave Makeover) was held on Saturday January 11th (too late to make the newsletter) . For future workshops watch your email and please let me know if you are interested. Thanks! Sue

The workshops will be held on the second Saturday each month from 10am-4pm.

Contact Sue
barefootweaver@earthlink.net



Another workshop from our own Sue Helmken

Saturday, February 8th, 2020
Weft Ikat for Color Patterning
10am – 2pm

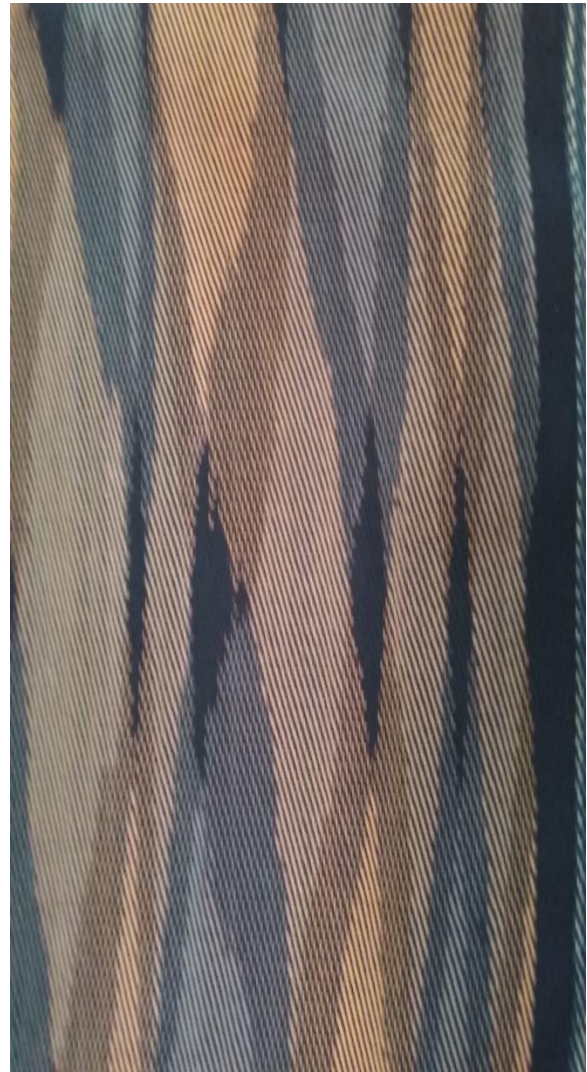
Color pooling occurs when a color in a variegated weft yarn falls in the same area of the cloth to create a patch of color. It can be a fun design element. Now... what if you could control that pooling effect? Using basic ikat techniques, you can have all kinds of fun with color patterning. It works with plain weave as well as simple patterns. First, we'll wrap and dye some skeins to learn the technique. After that, we will use pre-dyed skeins to experiment with methods of laying in the pattern. This can be used for knitting and crocheting, too!

Level: beginner and up

Cost: \$85 (includes a generous sampling of weft yarns!)

Special offer: \$75 for dues-paid guild members
I'll provide: instructions, pre-dyed yarns, dyes, wrapping tape, shuttles and bobbins

You bring: warped loom, shuttles and bobbins



Contact Sue

barefootweaver@earthlink.net



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

Mark your calendars - More information to follow at a later date:

May 2, 2020

10am - 2pm

Belmont, NC Historical Society Living History Day

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.

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CAROLINA ALPACA BREEDERS AND OWNERS SHOW

Get your spinning wheels, needles, hooks and looms ready, it's time again for the Carolina Alpaca Celebration! The Piedmont Fiber Guild has participated in this show for many years. This is a great opportunity for the guild to show off awesome fiber talents and fellowship not only with visitors to the event but also with many of the regional alpaca breeders.

This year, the guild demonstration hours are Saturday February 15, 9am-5pm and Sunday February 16, 10am-2pm. If you plan to come, here are a few tips:

- This is a drop in event. Come when you want, leave when you want. However, I need to know what day(s) you are coming so I can make sure we've got enough volunteers each day. Please send me an email: gboyles44@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Let me know which day(s) you're coming and if you'll be there in the morning, afternoon or all day.
- You will need to bring your own chair.
- There is food (hamburgers, fries etc) available or you can bring your own food and drink.
- The temperature in the arena can vary from 60 degrees to 70 degrees depending on what the show organizers decide is best for the alpacas. I would suggest you layer your clothing.
- Bring fibers items with you to show off. Although the show is all about alpaca, you can bring items made of other fibers.

Along with our demonstrating, vendors and the alpacas, there are other events going on you might be interested in:

- On Saturday, there will be a Fleece to Shawl competition. I'm not sure at this point what teams will be competing but the team rules are posted below. They have not updated the online rules to say the team consists of 3 spinners, 1 weaver and 1 person who explains what the team is doing: <http://carolinaalpacacelebration.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/fleece-to-shawl-rules.pdf>
- There is also a fiber arts contest. In past years, members have entered this contest and won ribbons for spun skeins and handmade fiber items. It's a bit tricky to work the registration on their website but I'm here to help you get through it. It's a great contest to show off any skill level. To register, go to this link : <http://carolinaalpacacelebration.com/2020-skein-fiber-arts-guidelines/>



carolinaalpacacelebration.com

Remember, this event takes the place of our February Meeting

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 .

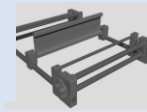
Ravelry - I have noticed that several of our new members have joined the Ravelry group. There is very little activity on our group page. With the loss of the Yahoo Group, this is our best means of passing quick bits of information among members. If you have a free Ravelry account you may access our Ravelry page at

<https://www.ravelry.com/groups/piedmont-fiber-guild>

If you are not a Ravelry member, consider joining....there are lots of other interesting groups to be found as well as our own.



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.