

PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD NEWS

August 2019

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

Food: Peggy H., Gail B.

Drinks: **still need a volunteer! Please contact Peggy H.**

Opportunities: Shirley Y., Burgl P.

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



- **August 18th**
- **September 15th**
- **October 20th**

Our program for this month will be presented by Debbie Davis, owner of 'The Fibre Studio at Yarns to Dye For'

Remember, we meet at Remount Executive Center, 2020 Remount Rd, Gastonia, NC from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. See you there!

Program for August 2019

Our speaker for August will be Debbie Davis, owner of The Fibre Studio at Yarns to Dye For.

A native of Charlotte, Debbie has operated the Fibre Studio at various locations in the city since 2008. The Fibre Studio carries a wide variety of yarn types, selling only yarns dyed in-house. Her products can be found at a limited number of shops, and in her own shop at 540 Griffith Road, as well as at various fiber festivals across the South.

A self-taught dyer, Debbie will be speaking to us about color and dye and how the same dye can affect yarns of differing structure and/or fiber content differently, and how these differences can affect outcomes in the dyeing process.



From the President

Dear Fibery Friends,

It's that time again. Time for me to write a note.

There have been big doings for the guild since our last meeting.

The recent survey that was sent out to members regarding topics for programs at meetings and potential workshop offerings has been very useful as we look forward towards the coming months and years. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond. The Program Chairs and the Workshop Committee are going to use your feedback as they begin to make plans.

I recently met with Maurice to go over our financial position and review a tentative budget for the 2019-2020 year. Frankly the numbers he put together were daunting, and reinforced our understanding of the need for the guild to grow, both in membership and program to be vital, vibrant and viable. If any member would like to review the details of our financial situation, please contact Maurice, and he will be glad to share it with you.

At the last few meetings, there have been discussions surrounding our meeting location and it's cost, as well as suggestions and offers by various members for other sites we might look into. We have reviewed these and are please to report that after much discussion and a site visit by a group consisting of regular and Board members, **WE HAVE FOUND A NEW HOME!**

Beginning with our September meeting, we will be meeting at the South Tryon Community United Methodist Church at the intersection of Tryon and Remount in Charlotte.

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(From the President, continued)

The church is a busy part of the community, but has welcomed us with open arms. The church has a large, well lit, community room in their basement with tables and chairs afor our use, we will be able to store our library in our locked cabinets in the main meeting area, and our additional equipment and paraphernalia will have a locked space nearby. We will be able to use church space for our meetings as well as for workshops and classes. The space has been offered to us at a considerable savings over our current site.

It is the board's conclusion that this relocation back to Charlotte will help us grow and fulfill our mission for the future.

Please watch your email, the website, and Facebook for more details about the date of our move, as we will be calling on everyone who is able to pitch in and make it a simple, one afternoon process!

I hope some of you had an opportunity to celebrate National Water Balloon Day (Aug. 2) and National Underwear Day (Aug. 5), and I KNOW that many of you will be joining me later this month to celebrate National Bad Poetry Day (Aug 18), National Dog Day (Aug. 26), and National South Carolina Day(Aug. 31)!

Sue Clover

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Meeting Minutes July 2019

MINUTES FROM PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD GENERAL MEETING, JULY 21, 2019: The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by guild President, Sue C. Sue requested members fill out their survey for the Program Committee if they have not already done so.

Treasurer, Maurice B., reported the guild has \$4,478.26 in the main account and \$3,3123.36 in savings. Income this past month included \$245 in membership fees, \$200 for a quilt sold, \$15 in contribution, and \$17 from opportunities. Expenses included \$180 in rent, and \$60 for an outstanding check which was recently cashed. Maurice shared that he has started a provisional budget for next year.

Newsletter Editor, Bill D., requested submissions for the newsletter.

Jeff B. requested a link from the webpage to the newsletter for members. Sue C., our Webmaster, and Bill D., Newsletter Editor, agreed to discuss this possibility.

Linda E. announced that a new yarn shop called Hearts on Fiber opened yesterday in Davidson. Linda demonstrated there the day before at their opening.

(Secretary's note: Hearts on Fiber is located at 208 South Village Lane, Suite A, Davidson, NC 28036. Phone 704-765-9253. Owner - Kim Clark. Hours are Monday 12-6, Tuesday through Saturday 10-6, closed Sundays.)

Membership chair, Dick K., reported that 22 of 67 members have paid their current dues.

Librarian, Sonia S., had no news, but needed to know who to contact to access the building to work on the library.

Program co-chair, Pam R., plans to write a summary of upcoming programs for the newsletter. She stated last month's discussion regarding topics of interest was helpful.

Pam R. then introduced Ladianne Henderson, co-owner of the yarn store Cheers to Ewe located in Huntersville, NC. Ladianne has a degree in interdisciplinary art and a Masters in Fine Arts, is a master knitter, and usually works in fiber and painting. Sheri, the other co-owner of Cheers to Ewe, was also present at today's meeting.

Meeting Minutes (continued)

Ladianne presented today's program about "Color Stories", which she referred to as a conversation between colors, or between you and your colors or your project. Her goal was to talk about why some color combinations work and some don't. Some color basics she shared with us were: color equals visible light, the color of an object is what is reflected back, white is made of all colors reflected back, and black is made of all colors absorbed.

Ladianne passed out an excellent handout "Telling Your Color Story" that included exercises about using color, a color wheel exercise, and tips for using colors in fiber work. She also shared some of her knitted projects and paintings with the group. Some of her patterns shown were 'Curlin', 'Coffee & a Good Book', and 'Rustic Dreams'. Especially impressive was her Master Knitter project, 'Seven Horses Sweater', a Nordic style sweater in blue and white with red and black accents. Ladianne also suggested using The Knitters Guild of America's website, www.tkga.org to look for articles.

The program ended at 3:05 p.m. at which time everyone took a break for refreshments; the meeting resumed at 3:30 p.m.

Gail B., Events and Marketing chair, discussed the Matthews ALIVE Festival to be held in Matthews, NC on Labor Day weekend. The guild will be demonstrating in the Community Center which is a comfortable, air-conditioned building complete with modern restrooms. This festival was a big money-maker for the guild last year, earning us \$700 for our participation in the festival. Gail is coordinating this event and will have shifts set up for people to sign up for.

Another demonstration opportunity will occur at the Charlotte Museum of Natural History on Saturday, September 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for their 'Back Country Day'. Nineteenth century period clothing is required of demonstrators for this event. Contact Gail if interested.

Show and Tell was held, with many members sharing their projects.

Hospitality co-chair Peggy H. passed the signup sheet for refreshments and opportunity items.

The next meeting is Sunday, August 18, at the Remount Executive Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Sallie O., Secretary



Carolina Handspinners

Hi All,

Hope these hot days find you cool and enjoying your fiber arts.

Here are a few reminders about upcoming meetings and events:

1. The next regular meeting of Carolina Handspinners will take place on Tuesday August 13th 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. This includes any fiber-interested youth home from school for the summer.
2. We will again plan lunch before this meeting. We will meet at Georgio's in Cramerton, NC. Here's a link to their FB page for more details: <https://www.facebook.com/GeorgiosCramerton>. Please let me know if you will join us so we can plan what size table to get.
3. We need a volunteer for our September Bimonthly Saturday. Host gets to choose which Saturday we meet. Please contact me (chrismom98@gmail.com) if you're interested in hosting this meeting that allows those who can't make our weekday meetings to enjoy the fun of Carolina Handspinners.
4. Who is spinning for Tour de Fleece? If you're taking part in this fun fiber-y event, please come to our August meeting ready to share your experiences. What goals did you set for yourself? How did you prepare for this marathon spinning session? Did you meet your goals? Any ideas for this newly spun yarn? Come ready to share!
5. Upcoming Events:
 - a. Spinning Saturday at The Fibre Studio: Saturday August 3rd 10am-4pm: Come join this group that now meets in their new location (climate controlled and with much more community space). Come shop and enjoy one of the few shops in the area with unique fiber blends and yarns as well as projects created just for these yarns. Here's a link to their site for more details: https://www.facebook.com/pg/TheFibreStudio/events/?ref=page_internal.
 - b. Remember the weekly meetings of the Catawba Valley Fiber Guild at the Polk Homesite in Pineville. They meet each Wednesday 11am-1pm. Bring your project and enjoy fellowship with other fiber artists and lovers. This group also meets the last Thursday of each month 6-8pm at the same location. Here's a link to their site for more information: <https://www.jameskpolk.net/events.html>. Scroll down to On-going Events.
 - c. Sept 28-29 Murray's Mill Festival 1489 Murray's Mill Road, Catawba, NC 28609 Contact Pat Blackwell if you'd like to attend blackwell4521@gmail.com.
6. Please let me know if you are aware of other fiber-related happenings 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 your month and Happy Spinning!

Christine Dunlap chrismom98@gmail.com

Coordinator, Carolina Handspinners

Weavers Study Group

Weaver Study Group Meeting Notes

July 24, 2019, Wednesday, 1pm at Kiska Thompson's Home and we thank her,

Members Present: Linda Erickson, Kiska Thompson, Alice Harrell, Carol Wertz, Pam Rumney, Linda Pushee, Sue Helmken, Sallie Olson, Jean Smith, Maurice Blackburn, Joy Bruce and Nancy Neeley

The discussion was about the Weaving Workshop about Summer & Winter. Sue Helmken was the instructor and held it at her home studio. Students showed their projects all with 8/2 cotton warp and differing weights of tabby and pattern weft. All agreed that they did in fact find this pattern sequence a highly versatile one. As each class member showed and spoke about their project there was much discussion from all about how the different fiber weights affected the product. When Jean Smith showed her hand hemmed and finished table place mats the effect of color choice was easy to see also.

Always up for a challenge for her computer drafting Sue Helmken passed around her rendition of Summer and Winter. It had almost Jacquard-looking places and she explained the highly technical things she can achieve. She also explained how some weavers are now placing fine sewing thread in the beginning and/or last shuttle shots in order to allow for expansion when thicker weft thread is used. The header and footer of pieces sometimes have a tendency to get too bulky.

Maurice told how he and wife Ursula as well as Pam Rumney and Winthrop weaver, Beth Melton attended the gallery show of heritage Overshot pieces and two talks in July at East TN State University, Johnson City, Reece Museum. The Overmountain Weavers Guild of the Tri-Cities mounted a fine illustrative show. Two famed expert Overshot weavers, Susan Lavielle and Cassie Dixon spoke on two separate dates. Susan, the Grand Niece of Miss Lucy Morgan, the foundress of Penland School of Crafts, has spent a lifetime weaving. She used graph paper to explain the basis for Overshot pattern and gave tidbits to help keep this pattern symmetrical. Some insight also was given about Miss Lucy's life and habits. Cassie Dixon, a newer weaver to the Highlands, showed her works and was a welcomed addition. Maurice commented that the antique coverlets were amazingly crisp. The guild wove old pattern examples to accompany the show. It was an excellent accomplishment.

Maurice continued showing his experiment with "Shaft Switching" to accomplish Peter Collingwood's hand manipulated warps. He had a lovely rayon scarf with excellent drape which he said looked so muddy when first off the loom but after finishing popped with color, amazing. Joy showed her translation which caused much work to setup on her counter-marche loom. This type loom is not one many weavers might choose and Joy should be praised for her diligence in persisting to achieve good work.

Our own Master Weaver Candidate, Carol Wertz, showed her final project for Level 2 of her studies. She too finds ways to conquer problems and succeed. It was an overshot with very fine threads on warp from dyer Kathryn Weber, a Honeysuckle pattern. Bravo Carol!

The next meeting will be September 25th, Wednesday at the home of Carol Wertz; followed by November 20th at the home of Alice Harrell.

Pam Rumney, Recorder



Upcoming Events and Activities



August 30 - September 3 - Matthews ALIVE Festival

As the guild did last year, again, we will be participating in the Matthews Alive Festival! We had tons of fun last September and also earned a sizable donation for guild. Due to the size of this event, it takes quite a few guild members to make it work.

See the separate article from Gail, on the next page for details and to volunteer!

Upcoming guild events – more details to follow....

35th Annual Harvest Folk Festival at Murray's Mill

1489 Murrays Mill Rd, Catawba, NC 28609

September 28 10am-5pm and September 29 1pm-5pm

<https://www.catawbahistory.org/events/48/5268>

Cotton Ginning Days - Dallas NC

Dallas Park 1303 Dallas Cherryville Hwy, Dallas, NC 28034

October 12 10am-5pm and October 13 10am-5pm

http://www.gastongov.com/government/departments/parks_and_recreation/cotton_ginning_days/fact_sheet.php

For more information on either of these events, please contact Gail Boyles at gboyles44@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES

October 7-13 - National Spinning and Weaving Week.

For clarity, I am going to use the term 'Events' to describe happenings in which the Guild is actually participating / demonstrating, while I will use the term 'Activities' to mean fiber related activities which might be of interest to members, to attend, but not necessarily performing any sort of scheduled demonstrations.

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.

Matthews ALIVE! Festival

Labor Day is just around the corner and that means it's time for Matthews Alive! Other than events in downtown Charlotte, this is probably the BIGGEST event in the area – it attracts about 150,000 people. It's a great opportunity not only to meet potential members but the **guild will also make at least \$500 for participation!**

Details about the event:

- Matthews Alive is a 3 Day event: August 31, September 1 & 2. Fiber demonstrators are needed all 3 days.
- Website for the event: <https://www.matthewsalive.org/>
- We are in the Matthews Community Center on the second floor in Classroom 102.
- The building is AIR CONDITIONED.
- If needed, there is an elevator and “real” restrooms are nearby
- There will be chairs but they are hard metal – you can bring your own if it is more comfortable. You can also bring a small table if you need it.
- Food & Drink: there will be TONS of food vendors at this event or you can bring your own.
- Bring any fiber equipment you want: Floor looms, spinning wheels, any equipment large or small.
- Bring your fiber items – you make it – we'll display it. You can leave it for the whole weekend or take it with you when you leave. The room is locked and the building is secured every night.
- Selling your items:
 - Since the guild is taking the non-profit demonstration payout, selling is not allowed. HOWEVER – if someone inquiries about one of your items, you can go off to the side and discreetly discuss. You can bring your business cards – we will display them while you are there.

Demonstration Schedules

- We need guild members for each of the shifts below. If you're able to participate, send an email to gboyles44@gmail.com. Include in your email what fiber art(s) you will be demonstrating.
 - Friday - August 30 setup. I need 2-3 guild members to help set up our room mid-morning.
 - Saturday – August 31
 - 1st shift: 11:00am – 3:30pm
 - 2nd shift : 3:30pm – 7:30pm
 - Sunday – September 2
 - 1st shift: 11:00am – 4:00pm
 - 2nd shift: 4:00pm – 7:30pm
 - Monday – September 3
 - 1st shift: 9:00am – 1:00pm
 - 2nd Shift: 1:00pm – 5:30pm - this may end sooner depending on crowd levels

Parking

- Assigned parking is structured for vendors & non profits. We receive a limited number of parking passes. Fortunately, Dick Kistler & Vivian Brenner live very close to the event and have agreed to let us use their house as a staging point for those who can carpool and share a parking pass. Or, if your equipment is small enough, you can actually walk from Dick and Vivian's house to the event. Once I get all the sign ups, I will coordinate parking with everyone. There is also regular parking if you chose to just drop in during an off shift time.

Let me know if you need more information at gboyles44@gmail.com or 704-661-2015



Future Programs

September 15, 2019 - program TBA

October 20, 2019 - program by knitwear designer Varian Brandon

November 17, 2019 - program TBA

December 15, 2019 - (holiday party?)

Past President, Sue H. and Pam R. are working hard to craft a good educational and exciting program schedule for the coming meetings.

Future programs include ---

- * Indigo! Blue Magic, from 18th Century Southern cash crop to Blue Jeans, Green Plant to Deep Indelible Blue, a hands on experience

- * A Master Knitter tells her Story, unwinding a pattern, Q & A session with examples

- * Flax to Linen - 40 years of Working with and Appreciating Linen Cloth and Making it for Daily Use. See and Feel.

- * TOOLS - What's your Favorite Fiber Working Tool? Do You use a Tool Meant for Another Use in your Craft? Share New Tools Found Online or in Local Stores

- * Catawba Finger Weaving, a Native American Explains Fibers used and Patterns

- * Weaving Heritage, East Coast Renowned Weaving Teacher will bring her knowledge of the Scotch-Irish tradition brought to the Carolinas and beyond.

- * Cellulose Dyeing Unraveled, Brilliant Colors, Cold Dye

Please contact Program Chairpersons Pam R. or Sue H. if you have any ideas or suggestions for interesting programs for future Guild Meetings.

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).

Website Update: Webmaster Sue C. has been working with our web host to improve the experience using the Member's Only section of the website. Instead of the "Link back" process that was in place to allow you to view the "Members Only" pages of the website, you should have received an email, inviting you to create your own password to access the Guild's Member's Only pages.

Once you receive the email, follow the link and instructions provided and you should be able to gain access with no problems.

This is a simple but important step to maintain our privacy and security. If you have ANY problems with this process after you receive the invitation email from Go Daddy, please contact me ASAP! You will have to enter your email address and password each time that you access the Members Only section of the website, but you will no longer have to 'renew' your access every 21 days as before. If you have not received this email and you are a paid member, please contact Sue C. Webmaster.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com

Membership Dues: Reminder, it's a new membership year for PFG. Dues are payable annually by May 1st. There is a grace period – dues must be paid by the October meeting to keep your membership in good standing.

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

NEWSLETTER Show-and-Tell : You're invited to share photos of your latest projects, especially if you do not get to attend our meetings and bring your 'Show and Tell' items there. Just send me a photo along with a couple of lines of description, material, pattern, etc. and I'll make room for 1 or 2 each newsletter.

Send to wdunlap323@gmail.com or Newsletter.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com

Guild Loom for Sale

FOR SALE:

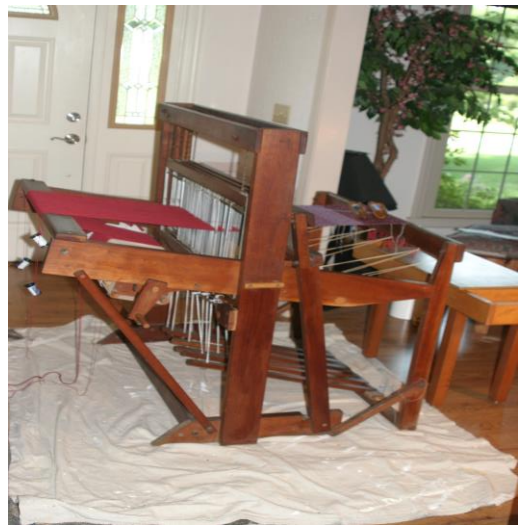
The Guild's Sabina, rising shed, 4 shaft folding loom and stool.

The working width is 33 inches and it folds to a depth of 22 inches.

The Sabina looms were built in Ohio in the 1940's The loom is in good working order. Both Bill D and Maurice B. have woven on it and found its operation to be quite smooth.

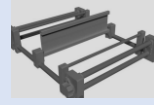
The loom is currently in our storage area at 2020 Remount Road Gastonia.

Asking price \$400 or best offer. Price includes various accessories.





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 12-Shaft Table Loom	contact Tammy	

Piedmont Fiber Guild meets at the **Remount Executive Center**, located at **2020 Remount Road, Gastonia, NC, 28054**. Meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month from 2-4 pm. Occasionally this changes, due to conflicts with major holidays.

This 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 take the first left onto Aberdeen. Follow Aberdeen to the intersection with Remount Road, and turn left. Immediately turn left into the first parking lot 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.**