

# PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD NEWS

December 2019

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

**Food:** **EVERYONE !!** The meeting will be our **Annual Holiday Party Potluck**

**Drinks:**

**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



• **December 15th**

• **January 19th**

• **February – No Meeting!**

**1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Our program for this month will be our Annual Holiday Party/Potluck**

**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.)**



Join us for our annual Holiday Party  
on December 15<sup>th</sup>

Where: Our normal meeting place  
South Tryon Community United  
Methodist Church in Charlotte.

What: Potluck, and a Make-and-Take  
project.

When: Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 4  
pm





## From the President

Dear Friends,

Happy Holidays! May the coming days and the coming year be filled with good things for all of us!

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the December meeting Potluck gathering.

If you are like me, the final days of gift making frenzy have set in. Though I have long since learned the lessons taught by knitting 15 pair of socks between Halloween and New Year's Day (my hands were tender for weeks afterwards!), I still find myself contemplating taking on last minute gift knitting for the knitworthy members of my family. Sometimes I have to take a deep breath and drink a nice cup of chai to bring myself back from the brink....

Another wonderful tradition I began nearly 7 years ago is to participate in an Advent Scarf Knit-A-Long. Each day of Advent the designer releases a new section of the year's pattern, usually about 15 -30 rows. Just enough to sit for an hour or so with a nice cup of tea and a cookie and take a little breather.

This year's design is based on traditional Gansey patterning, so the patterning is mostly knits and purls, with a few simple cable accents. Previous year's designs have included Estonian stitch motifs, colorwork, cables, cables and lace, mosaic knitting and Japanese stitches. Each is an amazing sampler and I look forward each day to the new segment and what I can learn from it.

We continue to work to set up new programs and opportunities for the guild to grow and learn together. Please do reach out to me or to the other members of the board with your input and ideas!

Sue

Extra days I'll be celebrating this month include: Dec 10 – National Dewey Decimal System Day, Dec 15 – National Cat Herders Day,

December 16 – National Chocolate Covered Anything Day, December 20 - National Sangria Day, December 23 - National Pfeffernusse Day, and December 31 – Universal Hour of Peac



## Meeting Minutes October 2019

Our Secretary was away during the October meeting. Thanks to Carol W. for recording the meeting minutes. Unfortunately they did not make it to me in time to include in the November newsletter, so here they are now.

### Piedmont Fiber Guild

Minutes from 10/20/19 meeting at S. Tryon Community United Methodist Church, Charlotte, NC  
Taken by Carol W. for Sallie O.

Sue H., immediate past President, called the meeting to order, as Sue C. was at Rhinebeck Fiber Festival.

The Presenter for the Program was Varian Brandon from Saluda, NC. She is a knitting pattern designer who specializes in color work. She discussed Stranded Colorwork knitting in its many variations. She is particularly knowledgeable about Fairisle knitting. More information about her work and links to online videos can be found at [www.brandonknittingdesigns.com](http://www.brandonknittingdesigns.com). Her patterns are available on Ravelry as varianbrandon.

Her color selection guidelines could be distilled into the following:

1. Warm and cool colors
2. Variations/shades of color
3. Dark, medium, light and an accent color
4. Vary amount of selected color
5. Distribution of color.

After the break, the business meeting commenced. Maurice B. gave the Treasurer's Report:

Balances as of 10/18/19

Main Account: \$4821.01

Savings Account: \$3128.45

Income: 11 memberships (at \$35.00 each), plus \$15.00 opportunities: \$400.00

Interest .03

Disbursements:

Accessories for Sept meeting (\$35.10)

Outstanding checks (\$370.00)

PayPal will be set up soon to accept online payments for memberships.

Membership: several new members joined today. The Board is looking into the feasibility of a membership time running a full year from date of joining, rather than the current way with dues being paid in the fall.

Secretary: minutes being taken by Carol W. today.

(October meeting minutes continued)

Newsletter: The newsletter is being posted on the website. The current month is posted in the members only section. Those with submissions for the newsletter should send them to Bill at newsletter.piedmontfiberguild@gmail.com

Programs: the November program will be Linda E. discussing Twining.

December will be a "make and take" event, held at the church. There will be no gift exchange this year. It will be on December 15, 2019.

January: will be a Quilting presenter

February: no meeting as it conflicts with the Carolina Alpaca Breeders Organization event.

Everyone is encouraged to go to the event.

Hospitality: remember to check the newsletter and web site to see if you have signed up for food/drinks or opportunity items.

Workshops: Linda E.: Linda has spoken to Nancy Duffy about having a basket weaving class. She has availability in 2020. She needs a minimum of 6 people and a maximum of 12 people per class. The dates and fees need to be decided, but it should be in the \$50-75 range depending on the size of the basket.

Please give Linda ideas of workshops.

Charity: Carol W.: we are still collecting chemo hats. If anyone has any other suggestions for charitable projects, please let her know.

Library: please make use of our wonderful library.

Thomas H. (husband of new member), an adjunct professor at NC State brought a leftover bolt of fabric designed to be a buffer for parachutes. The fabric is free to members. It is a core spun yarn, with polyester filament in the middle of cotton.

Respectfully submitted by Carol W



## Meeting Minutes November 2019

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by President, Sue C.

Board members were introduced. Sallie apologized for the minutes of the October meeting, which were taken by Carol W. while Sallie was out of town, not being in the newsletter.

We had several new members who were introduced:

Marcia K. from Statesville is a spinner and also weaves on a rigid heddle,  
Jeanette G. from Indian Trail is a quilter and knitter,  
Robin S. crochets and weaves,  
Carrie F. knits, crochets, weaves, and does punch needle work,  
Susan V. D. lives in Charlotte part-time, and makes jewelry, baskets, and fiber art.

President Sue C. briefly discussed her trip to New York Sheep and Wool Festival in Rhinebeck, New York. She announced that the guild's demonstration at the Matthews ALIVE Festival netted \$850 for the guild. Sue also announced there will be an opportunity in August 2020 for the guild to make money at a new fiber event.

The Carolina Alpaca Celebration (CAC) will be held February 15 and 16, 2020 at the Cabarrus Arena. There will be no guild meeting that month since so many people are involved in the CAC.

Pam R., Co-Chair for Programs announced upcoming programs:

December 15 - "Make & Take" and party combination; potluck; Sue will see if we can meet at 1 p.m. instead of 2 p.m.

January 19 - Quilt conservator and weaver Susie Braund.

March 15 - Estonian lace knitter Judy White.

April 19 - Flax to Linen program presented by Pam R. and friend Marianne Flint.

May 17 - possibly a dye presentation. Pam R. wants to talk to Eileen Hallman re: natural dyeing and cotton.

Sue C. requested that Pam look into the possibility of an Estonian lace workshop in conjunction with the March guild meeting. Several (8-9) people indicated interest.

Linda E. has talked to a basketmaker about a workshop; details and pricing to be determined.

(November meeting minutes continued)

Charity chair Carol W. not present, but she sent word that she needs hats or headbands for the homeless. The homeless need plain hats in acrylic or super-wash wool. Chemo caps are also welcome.

Library chair Sonia is out of town.

Newsletter Editor Bill - not present.

Peggy H, Hospitality Co-chair, will need people to sign up in January for 2020 refreshments and opportunities.

Sue C. announced the the Board had decided that members can have free ads in the newsletter; non-members will be charged \$10.

Treasurer Maurice gave the Financial Report:

Bank Balance as of November 16, 2019:

Main Account - \$5,615.72

Savings Account - \$3,128.48

Changes since last month:

Income - 7 memberships,  
\$15.71 from Amazon Smile, and  
\$850 from Matthews ALIVE for total of \$1,110.71  
Interest on savings account \$0.03.

Disbursements - October rent,  
October speaker, and  
P. O. Box rent for total of \$316.00

Outstanding checks - \$200.00

Burgl brought books and unfinished granny square blanket from a deceased friend to share with the guild. Sue H. took the blanket to finish.

Linda E. shared that the guild library cabinets need more supports. She has been unable to find more; if anyone can help, please let her know.

After a break for refreshments, the meeting resumed for a program by guild members Linda E. and Peggy H. on twined weaving and the twined rugs they have made on frame looms. Jeff B. was ill today and unable to present about small looms.

After Show & Tell, and Opportunities (\$41), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sallie O., Secretary

## Future Programs

December 15th - Holiday Gathering, a make and take project event and party

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



## Carolina Handspinners

Hi All,

Hope this finds you warm inside and enjoying your chosen fiber art. Here are some updates from today's meeting:

1. The next regular meeting of Carolina Handspinners will take place on Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> at Lowell Community Center, 501 West First Street, Lowell, NC. For this meeting only we will begin at 12:30pm so we can enjoy a Potluck Lunch before our meeting.
  - a. Bring whatever your favorite holiday treat is to share with the group for Potluck lunch. If you are bringing something that requires a bowl, please bring bowls and spoons as well.
  - b. We will have a small gift exchange. Bring a fiber related gift (\$15) to share and we will have fun seeing what treasure each of us gets.
  - c. We have the use of the kitchen at the Lowell Community Center. However, there are no knives or serving utensils available. Please remember to bring these items to accompany your shared treat.
  - d. We thank Ellen Goff for agreeing to bring paper products for this event.
2. 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.
3. Please let me know if you have any questions or ideas to make our group even more fun for members. Also, please share if you are aware of events that might interest our group.

Have a great month and we look forward to seeing lots of folks for our holiday celebration on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Happy Spinning!

Christine Dunlap [chrismom98@gmail.com](mailto:chrismom98@gmail.com)

Coordinator, Carolina Handspinners

## Weavers Study Group

We thank our hostess, Carol W. and her dog for having the meeting at their home on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. It began at 1 pm

Members Present: Joy B. , Jeanne S., Ellen G., Mona C., Kathy M., Rosalie N., Alice H., Sallie O., Nancy N. and note taker Pam R..

After Alice made some opening comments there was a round of a few updates from members.

Carol gave us a view into her latest work for her Olds College Master in Weaving degree work.

A huge binder of monographs, background and samples helped us understand her joys and frustrations through the past several months. We passed around materials and got the feel of how detailed work for this degree can be. She has woven volumes. She suggested Jennifer Moore's book on Double Weave for concise explanations of that pattern weave. The Master's Program is aimed at turning out accredited weavers to carry forth the craft. Carol said she may never teach but feels competent to handle most any individual problems from others. We are all happy and proud Carol is our member.

Alice has taken on a special project for her son who will become invested as a minister. She is making a liturgical stole for him. Her challenge has been with 36 epi and 24 epi rayon which came from Kathryn Weber who dyed 20/2 yarn. Her research has been with a pattern called "Plaited Twill" which she found at Handweaving.net . The plaited pattern gives a three-dimensional appearance. This note taker remembers it on a men's garment in the Movie "The King" about Henry V. An excellent example of geometric optical illusion, it is an effective device on monarchs showing presumed power.

Alice also showed pieces from Sue H.'s Discharge Dye Workshop in the last few months. Executed on silk scarf material the pieces were dyed, some in mottled manner, and the re-verse dye or discharge dye process applied to produce a series of figures of plant forms, leaves. Some skein samples were also accomplished with discharge

New member Ellen G. brought a binder to share. Her teacher in Indiana, Mary Snyder, helped young students to collect monographs complete with samplings. Ellen's mother promoted an interest she saw in her daughter toward fiber and weaving. This book may be a wonderful resource to her now as she picks up weaving again. Later in life she took classes with Virginia West, member emeritus of the Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore.

Of the suggestions for a project focus for next year Double Weave won.

### **HGA CONVERGENCE CONVENTION IN KNOXVILLE, TN**

Small Expressions submissions, for example, must be delivered by January 29<sup>th</sup>. This popular competition is for 15" square and smaller weavings. There are many more all listed together with speakers and schedules in "Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot" or the Convergence website page. Alice suggested that we could pool our resources carpool and rent rooms. Anyone reading this is invited to join us. Sharing living space brings great benefits for the participants. **If you are at all interested and want to discuss this contact Pam R. 803-802-0521 or Alice H.** We need to plan now. Many International members come for Convergence. Knoxville will be a beehive of activity. Don't miss out on this chance to experience the excitement of the events/speakers and electric inspiration.

## Weaver's Study Group 2020 Meeting Schedule

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

**March 25<sup>th</sup>** – Pam Rumney

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Mona Carver

**Jul 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Sallie Olson

**Sep 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Joy Bruce

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>** – Ellen Goff



## Upcoming Events and Activities



### ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

- 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month 10am-4pm

Be sure to mark your calendars for next year-----

The Carolina Alpaca Celebration  
February 15 and 16, 2020  
Cabarrus Arena and Events Center – Concord NC

More details to follow in the December newsletter.

Please contact Bill at [Newsletter.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Newsletter.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com) or [wdunlap323@gmail.com](mailto: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 an account you may access our Ravelry page at

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

If you are not a Ravelry member, 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](mailto: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](mailto:Equipment.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com)) or the Guild President ([President.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com](mailto: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	

**Piedmont Fiber Guild** meets at South Tryon Community United Methodist Church, 2516 S Tryon St. Charlotte, NC 28203 , at the intersection of South Tryon Street and Remount Road. We meet in the church basement, entering by the side door or the back door down the ramp if needed.

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