

PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

HOSPITALITY: The following people have signed up for the February meeting:

Food: Dawn B. and Rosalie N.

Drink and Opportunity have nobody on the list that is available to the editor at the time of publication.

Please remember, if you find you cannot attend and bring your refreshment, drink, or opportunity item, you need to contact the Hospitality Chairperson, Peggy H., and let her know so other arrangements can be made. Thanks!

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 20, 2019 GENERAL MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by President Sue H. Two visitors were recognized, Char Johnson from the Carolina Alpaca Celebration, and Vivian Akers-Thompson from the Blue Ridge Fiber Fest.

A very interesting and beautiful slide show was presented by Sue C. about her trip to Egypt last year including a trip to the Wissa Wassef Weaving Center. Sue C. also brought many examples of the fiber items she found while in Egypt.

After the program, the guild had a short break, then resumed with the business meeting.

Treasurer Maurice B. reported \$3891 in checking, including a \$100 donation in memory of Alice T.

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PFG General Meeting Jan 20, 2019 Minutes, continued:

Programs chair, Debbie S. announced there is no real program for the February meeting since so many guild members will be at the Carolina Alpaca Celebration that weekend. Debbie suggested that while working on charity items that day, that members might brainstorm about ways to improve our guild's finances.

Webmaster Sue C. reported there had been some trouble with the website recently. She has been working hard to rectify the problem. Please let her know if you have difficulty.

Membership chair Dick K. asked people to pay their dues if they have not.

Librarian Susan H. reported she has received a book request from Sallie for a book Saltwater Mittens. Sallie shared with the guild that the book was written by two ladies in Newfoundland who are trying to find and write down old patterns that have been passed down verbally for generations. Several other people thought this sounded interesting a well.

Sue C. also discussed the Amazon Smile rewards program. She will put links on the guild website to the reward programs for Amazon Smile, The Woolery, and Halcyon Yarn.

Also, the Yahoo group is being discontinued February 1 due to ongoing problems with Yahoo. The website will be the place to look for newsletters, membership lists, calendar of fiber events, and other important information. The guild has a 'closed group' Facebook page as well as a Ravelry page for social communications.

Hospitality chair Peggy H. was not present.

Social Media Chair Kristen Q. requested that people send photos of projects to her if they would like to share it on Facebook. She said our page now has more than 300 followers on Facebook.

Visitor Vivian Akers-Thompson from Blue Ridge Fiber Fest has a farm named 'Alpacadabra' which has an open shearing day in May. She inquired if any guild members would be interested in attending.

Newsletter Editor Sallie O. requested that if people are sending information for the newsletter, to please send complete information. Newsletter submission should be in by two weeks prior to the next meeting.

Equipment Manager Vivian had no news this month.

Visitor Char Johnson of Happy Tails Alpaca Farm spoke about the Carolina Alpaca Celebration to be held at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center, 4751 U.S. Highway 49 North, in Concord, NC 28025, on Saturday, February 16, 8 am - 5 pm, and Sunday, February 17, 8 am - 4 pm. Admission is free, as is parking. There is another event in a different building on the Cabarrus Arena campus that weekend which will be collecting parking fees, but there are NO parking fees for attending the alpaca show. The Fiber to Shawl competition will be held on Saturday. There are other competitions available for skeins and finished objects; please see the website 'carolinaalpacacelebration.com' for more information about the available competitions. Please email Gail if you are planning to attend and demonstrate with the guild. The guild has demonstrated at this event for several years and is well received.

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PFG General Meeting Jan 20, 2019 Minutes, continued:

Other upcoming events mentioned were:

Feb 2: Open House at Latta Plantation for potential historical interpreters.

June 1: Apple Hill Farm - Farm Day

June 7-18: Blue Ridge Fiber Fest at the Allegheny County Fairgrounds, 1375 U.S. Highway 21 North, Sparta NC. For more information about classes, competitions, and vendors, please see their website 'blueridgefiberfest.com'.

Aug. 30 - Sept. 2: Matthews ALIVE Festival (This was a huge money-maker for the guild last year. Please add this date to your calendar.)

Burgl brought to the guild 2 lovely large cotton crochet pieces along with the cotton thread to finish them. A friend of hers who has now passed away had worked on these, but did not finish them. Burgl offered them to anyone in the guild who would want to finish. Sonia S. agreed to take on this beautiful project.

The next meeting of Piedmont Fiber Guild will be held Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019 from 2-4 pm at Remount Executive Center in Gastonia.

After Show and Tell, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sallie O.

WEAVERS STUDY GROUP MEETING, JANUARY 23, 2019:

The meeting was held at 1 p.m., at the home of Maurice and Ursula. Present were: Sue H., Maurice B., Alice H., Sallie O., Linda E., Kay B., Kiska T., Nancy N., Kathy M., Jeanne S., Rosalie N., Bill and Chris D., Pam R., Joy B., and Sue C.

Maurice began the meeting with a note about Tina Tuenge's very slow but positive recovery from a serious heart operation. Tina taught the Crackle Weave Workshop in September 2018.

Alice announced the beginning plans for a workshop on Summer and Winter to be taught by Sue H. The workshop will enhance our learning from our group challenge project this year.

Details: 2 1/2 day long workshop (Friday 1/2 day, Saturday and Sunday full days), tuition \$175 not including materials (TBD), variations of Summer and Winter patterns and materials, maximum of 14 students, open to the whole guild, students will need to bring a dressed loom to the class. After discussion, the dates chosen were May 31, June 1 and 2.

Next, Sue H. presented a detailed and intense set of examples to show the possibilities of Summer and Winter patterns. The emphasis was upon block planning. A short show and tell followed of various works.

Afterwards we celebrated Ursula's birthday with song and cake and tea. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 27, at Linda P's home.

- Pam R., Recorder

CAROLINA HANDSPINNERS:

The next regular meeting of Carolina Handspinners will take place on Tuesday February 12th, 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. The theme for our February meeting will be **LOVE!** What is your favorite fiber to spin and why? What is your favorite yarn structure to spin and why? Come to our meeting prepared to discuss the above topics and share what you know with the group.

Many thanks to Pam R. for volunteering to host our March Bimonthly Saturday on Saturday March 16th 10am-4pm at her home. If you're interested in taking part in this event, please email Pam R. directly; please remember to tell her what you will bring to share for Potluck lunch.

Come Cheer Us On! Our group has 2 teams competing in the Fleece to Shawl competition at Carolina Alpaca Celebration on February 16th 10am-2pm. Come see our teams transform washed alpaca fleece into gorgeous finished projects.

- Chris D., Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, February 16 and Sunday, February 17: Carolina Alpaca Celebration: Cabarrus Arena and Event Center, Concord, NC: Come join our groups for fiber arts demonstrations each day. If you'd like to take part in this event, please contact Gail B).

Sunday, February 17, 2 - 4 pm: Piedmont Fiber Guild general meeting: Please remember there will be no regular program this date. We will be working on our charity projects, and discussing ways to improve guild finances.

March 2nd: Spinning Saturday at The Fibre Studio: 10 am-4 pm: Come visit the only shop in the area that offers a variety of hand-dyed fibers for spinners to choose from. Please bring your lunch and dress in layers. Here's a link to their website for more information: <https://thefibrestudio.com/pages/events>.

March 15-17: Carolina Fiber Frolic: This retreat in the NC mountains features a variety of classes, shopping, and lots of time to meet other fiber lovers. This event is the brainchild of our own Jan S. Please see the website for more details: <https://carolinafiberfrolic.wordpress.com/>.

March 16: Bimonthly Saturday Spinning, 10 am - 4 pm. Please bring a dish to share. Will be held at Pam R.'s home this month. Also, please contact Pam R. if you are coming.

March 22-23: Carolina Fiber Fest, Raleigh, NC: This event, previously held in Sanford, NC, is now held on the grounds of the North Carolina Fairgrounds in Raleigh. It features shopping, demonstrations, and classes. Please see the website for more details: <http://www.carolinafiberfest.org/>.

March 2, 2019 - August 29, 2020: Exhibit at the Gaston County Museum in Dallas, NC, "1929 STRIKE: A Community Divided". This exhibit explores the famous 1929 Loray Mill Strike in Gaston County. Museum hours are Monday - Friday 10 am - 5 pm, and Saturday 10 am - 3 pm. Admission is free. The museum is located at 131 W. Main St., Dallas.

UPCOMING WEAVING CLASS:

The weavers sub group is sponsoring a Summer and Winter weaving workshop with Sue Helmken on May 31-June 2. It will be a 2 and a half day workshop, with set up and opening presentation on Friday. It will be held at the Conference Center Workroom where the Piedmont Fiber Guild meets. The cost is \$175.00 per person, payable to the Piedmont Fiber Guild. It is open to all current members of the Piedmont Fiber Guild. If you are not a current member, please include an additional \$35.00 for membership. Checks should be mailed to Carol W.

The workshop will be limited to 14 people, first to pay, first to receive a spot. You will need a minimum of a 4 shaft loom. The guild does have a couple of looms available to rent. Sue Helmken may also have looms available for rent.

If we do reach 14 people, it will be quite cozy in the workshop, but we are all fiber friends and will make it work. If you sign up and pay and then are unable to attend, you will be responsible for finding your replacement if you need a refund and if there is no waiting list.

There will be an approximately \$15.00 materials fee due to Sue Helmken at the time of the workshop. For workshop logistic information, contact Carol W. via email. For specific questions on Summer and Winter, contact Sue Helmken at sue.helmken@gmail.com.

The threading drafts will come out in sufficient time in advance of the workshop to allow you to prepare your looms.

- Carol W.

A QUICK THANKS

Just wanted to thank all those who laid hands on and/or worked on the prayer shawl during our last Bimonthly Saturday. I know Bill's sister will appreciate all the positive energy this piece carries. I'll keep you posted on how she's doing. For those who are interested, the name of the pattern is Petal Shawlette from Sock Yarn One Skein Wonders by Judith Durant. The yarn is Knit Picks Hawthorne in the Delphinium Kettle Dye colorway.

- Chris D.

- Editor's Note: Chris sent a photo of her beautiful deep purple-blue shawlette, and my computer refused to allow me to post it here. Sorry, Chris.

Editor's Note: Since the guild is no longer using the Yahoo Chat Group to communicate, please remember that the newsletter will be available on the website 'piedmontfiberguild.org'. You will have to go into the members only section to access the current newsletter. Previous newsletters will be in the public part of the website where they can be seen by anybody looking up our organization. When you request entry to the members only section, you will be sent a link via email that will allow you to enter the members only section. You just have to click on that link in the email. The link is good for 20 days, after which you will need to get another access link. Per Sue C., our webmaster, in the future there will be a password system, but for now this is how it is handled.

The newsletter is sent out the week before the next meeting. Please send submissions the first week of the month. I will do my best to include submissions in the newsletter, but sometimes photos can be problematic. Thank you. - Sallie

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	

Piedmont Fiber Guild meets at the **REMOUNT EXECUTIVE CENTER, LOCATED AT 2020 REMOUNT RD., GASTONIA, NC 28054**. Meetings are on the third Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. Occasionally this changes due to a conflict with a major holiday.

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 go left at the first left onto Aberdeen. Follow Aberdeen to the intersection with Remount Rd, and turn left. Immediately turn into the first drive after the turn, 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.