

PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD NEWS

July 2019

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

Food: Sallie O., Jeff B.

Drinks: Dawn B.

Opportunities: Dawn B., Sue C.

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



• **July 21st**

• **August 18th**

• **September 15th**

Our program for this month will be presented by Ladianne Henderson, owner of Cheers to Ewe yarn shop in Huntersville, NC. She will be speaking on color as related to all forms of fiber arts.

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 July 2019

Your Program Committee - Sue H. and Pam R. have a special program for fiber workers of all kinds. On Sunday, July 21st Ladianne Henderson will lead us in a revealing program that will clarify your search for color in your work. Have you ever wondered how to replicate the joy you feel in using particular color combinations? Ladianne will share a little bit about the idea of "Color Stories" and invite you to begin to explore your own color story!

You're invited to bring along projects that demonstrate color combinations you feel were successful, and those you feel weren't The group will learn from those pieces together with Ladianne to discern the elements that may have helped or hindered your telling of your color story in those particular projects.

Ladianne holds a Master of Fine Arts/Interdisciplinary Arts and is a TKGGA Certified Master Knitter and owner of Cheers to Ewe Yarn Shop in Huntersville, NC.

To learn more about Ladianne visit <http://www.ladianne.com/>



From the President

Dear Friends,

I hope your summer season is going well and you are enjoying the many holidays this month! National Kitten Day (7/10) is always special, as are National Corn Fritter Day (7/16), National Scotch Day (7/27), and, of course, Harry Potter's Birthday (7/31)!

The Program Chairs are working to organize meeting speakers for the coming months and the Treasurer (Maurice) and I are starting to take a realistic and hard look at our finances with the intent of mapping out a budget

I have heard that the recent weaving workshop went well and the participants learned a lot.

Watch your email for an invitation to fill out a survey for the guild on the subject of Programs and Workshops. It will be short, 7-10 questions, but there is space for comment and input as well. PLEASE do the survey, as it will guide us going forward.

If you are spinning in Tour de Fleece or knitting in Tour de Sock, Courage!

Sue C.

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Meeting Minutes June 2019

Sue C. presided over this meeting as Sue H. was not available (at Tatanka Bison farm for Arts-Agriculture tour)

Main meeting will be spent discussing/voting on Bylaws and discussion about future possible program ideas. There are 5 board members that worked particularly hard (letter by letter) to update the bylaws. The guild does appreciate all of their hard work. Between the members at the meeting and proxy's there were enough to vote in the new bylaws.

Proxy discussed and counted by Sallie O. Bylaw changes voted in after discussion/questions were opened up to the floor.

Treasurer - Maurice B. discussed financials.

Main Account \$4241,36 total

Saving account \$3123.33 total

Several contributions made including contribution from the weaving workshop and Apple Hill Farm and membership,

Outgoing expenses include rent, contribution to Quilt for Kids, liability insurance and rent.

The guild also received an appreciation letter from demonstrating at Murray's Mill Historic district.

Matthew Alive is coming up and Gail B. will reach out to get shifts covered.

There is also a food truck rally coming on 06/28 from 5-9 pm. E-mail Gail if you are able to attend.

Webmaster -Sue C.

Please let Sue know if you're having any issues with getting on the site. Each person should get an e-mail to set their own password for the member only areas of Piedmont Fiber Guild. Sue C. made a donation to the guild updating our website abilities, including 50,000 e-mails/month for the next 2 years.

Summer/Winter Weaving workshop - Carol W. provided an update on this workshop. It was a wonderful workshop and Sue H. was able to meet everyone's needs from beginners to advanced weavers. Those who attended include Carol, Jean, Alice, Robyn, Kimberly and Tammy. There is a good understanding of the block draft and valuable lessons learned including Tammy warping the back beam the wrong direction. Handouts and workbooks provided.

Membership report by Dick K. Pay your dues. Membership payment needs to be paid by the October meeting to continue your membership without interruption. Printed copies of updated membership provided. If a member has not paid in the last two years, they have been taken off the membership list.

(Meeting minutes, continued)

Other - Deb J. joined the guild after the last meeting. Chris D. has been picking up the mail for the guild. Sign-up sent around for hostess opportunities, for food, drink and opportunities for each meeting. Charity, we are continuing to take hats for Hat Not Hate and local crisis centers. Julia provided some knitted knockers to Ursula for charity. We are still missing a person to take the Workshops position.

There was a quick show and tell;

Vivian - showed undulating Rosepath on a 4 shaft loom. Some additional scarves with beads. She is also working on dog leashes.

Susan P- showed a large lace shawl/blanket. It was interweaves "the Cat's Paw".

Linda E.- showed a beautiful weaving sampler. Warp was space dyed. Additional samplers shown.

Pam -showed some socks, she also has been doing cross stitch, and alpaca food bags.

Jeff - working of twinned rug and weavings. He also shown a woven notebook cover. Jeff discussed some art pieces he completed with a spiritual men's group. He also shown a woven piece dyed with Kool-Aid in a sampler.

Carol - showed some socks she is working on.

Dawn- showed a beautiful bridal shawl that was spun and knitted by members of the guild and discussed her wedding. She also discussed a wedding quilt the members of the guild. Also Dawn discussed she is using peg looms with children at work.

Carol - discussed stopping at Steven B's and it a very nice stop.

Shirley - talked about the wedding shawl, the spinning and knitting and the Shetland sheep Daniella they got the fleece from. Shirley also made Dawn's wedding dress.

Opportunities - Gail, Vivian and Carol won the opportunities.

Discussion - Sonia is in search of a sley hook, heddle hook and shuttle. Some people offered tools to Sonya.

Workshops - Survey is being sent next week to all members regarding future possible topic ideas. Also please submit ideas.

(Meeting minutes continued)

Jeff was asking about interest in the guild working on a project all together and donate it. There was some interest. There is also an idea of Vivian doing another tatting class, she taught a few years ago. There was some brief discussion about a sewing garment class. A couple of people suggested possibly a spinning flax into linen class. Jeff suggested a card weaving class. There was discussion of booking workshop teacher in advance (even 18-24 month ahead) and fair pricing as well as maybe sharing costs/workshop with other guilds close enough to attend workshops. Members may be called upon to assist with committee for some of these ideas. There was some discussion of the C3 in Charlotte and possible a new guild forming from there. There was also discussion about the finances and how we came to this point, we need 5 new member per month to pay the rent, not including other expenses. Some members would also like to see PFG host a fiber festival.

Tammy discussed the need to keep equipment and possible revenue from sold equipment. The only thing that has been rented in the last 5 years was the picker. Aldo discussed keeping the 2 shaft table loom for demonstrations. Selling equipment would also lessen the space needed for rent. Briefly the library was discussed as well. Members feel it is out of sight out of mind. Discussion maybe we can get a rolling cart and roll in books during the meeting, Also the library maybe highlighting a topic or book(s) monthly.

Alternative meeting places also discussion as well as thinking about if the time and dates of the meeting if we can use a church for example, would not be available on Sunday.

Again discussion of a possible formal committee to research this.

Meeting came to a close.

Submitted by Tammy D.

From Our Members

Interesting articles about people, places and experiences, written by PFG Members

My Saori Weaving Experience

By Chris D.

Early in June, I was blessed to take a Saori Weaving Class with Dawn Hummer during the Blue Ridge Fiber Fest in Sparta, NC. The looms were warped for us so we could focus only on placing wefts of various types. Saori Weaving, introduced in Japan by Misao Jo, takes weaving beyond making cloth into an art form. Weavers are taught to place wefts using various techniques without prior planning. Dawn showed our group bubbling, loops at the selvedge, clasped weft, and other techniques and made available to us various interesting yarns, fibers and fabrics. While our group were all previous weavers, this class can be completed by those who have never woven before. Below are pics of our group and of the piece I completed during the class. Each piece was very different as each student took the learned techniques in their own direction.



A Wonderful Fiber Adventure

By Chris D.

While in the Sparta area for Blue Ridge Fiber Fest, I took the opportunity to drive the few miles over the VA border to Independence, VA. The Independence Court House, a great piece of architecture in its own right, has been converted to a museum of local farming and fiber history for the area. Members of the community have donated farm implements and other tools for display as well as textile collections and fiber tools from the 1800's in the NC mountains.

Below are a few pictures of one woman's textile history. I was amazed at how fine all the handspun yarns were for all these pieces. The warps of the overshot were, of course, linen with very fine pattern and tabby wefts in wool, all handspun. The white piece was made entirely of handspun cotton and the threads were incredibly fine singles.

I had one person tell me that her Guild, local to Independence, VA, applied to have a closer look at these textiles but was refused access due to the fragile nature of these pieces.



Below is one picture of another woman's collection of antique fiber arts pieces and equipment. The entire display includes many kitchen implements, furniture and tools from daily life as well as fiber arts pieces and equipment. It was amazing to me that one person was able to find and gather such a complete collection of artifacts.



The breadth and nature of this entire collection was so surprising and delightful. I never expected to find something so interesting in such a small town.

Guild Field Trip, perhaps??

Visit to the Overmountain Weavers Guild

By Maurice B.

Ursula and I went to the Blue Ridge Fiber Fest in Sparta a few weekends ago. It was like a mini SAFF. Unfortunately the weather was really bad and for us, the only positive thing that came out of our visit was that we met Deborah Lowman of the Overmountain Weavers Guild who told us about a Museum Show which their Guild was holding in the Reece Museum in Johnson City during June and July, with special guest speakers at their June 19th and July 17th meetings. You can find details at:- http://www.omwg.net/Newsletters/Reece_Museum_publicity.pdf

We attended the June 19th meeting and also visited the museum exhibition. There was an extensive array of excellent woven samples as well as a period loom on which Deborah Lowman was demonstrating an overshot pattern.



The guest speaker was Cassie Dickson (check out her website at <https://www.cassiedickson textiles.com/>) whose talk was entitled " Kivvers, Coverlets and Coverlid and Traditional Linen" Cassie has been weaving from an early age and she said that she has probably woven about 40 coverlets. She brought several with her and it was possible to appreciate her excellent skills.



Their next meeting in July features Susan Leveille, who many members will remember from the enjoyable Small Looms weaving workshop she gave at Arts on Main several years ago.

It was interesting to visit another Guild to see how their meetings are conducted. There were close to 50 people in attendance. They conducted an Officers Report, as we do, with general announcements followed by Show and Tell. The main presentation took place after the general meeting.

Ursula and I received a very friendly welcome and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

After the meeting we visited Tennessee Quilts, a huge two level Quilt Shop in nearby Jonesborough and also a quilt shop in Weaverville called The 5 Little Monkeys, on the way home

Maurice B.



Carolina Handspinners

Hi All,

We had a great meeting today (June 11th) with discussions and sharing of recent fiber purchases and creations. Here are the updates from today's meeting:

1. The next regular meeting of Carolina Handspinners will take place on Tuesday July 9th, 2-4pm at Lowell Community Center, 501 West First Street, Lowell, NC. This meeting is open to the public so please invite fiber-interested friends to attend. This invitation includes fiber-interested youth out of school for the summer.
2. We need a volunteer for our July Bimonthly Saturday meeting. Host gets to choose which Saturday we meet. Please contact me (chrisdmom98@gmail.com) if you would like to host this meeting that allows those who can't attend our weekday meetings to take part in the fun of Carolina Handspinners.
3. We will plan for luncheon before our next meeting. Please contact me if you would like to take part in this. We will choose a general restaurant that appeals to different tastes. I'm leaning toward Georgio's in Cramerton which has salads and meat/veggie plates as well as Italian items on their lunch menu. Here's a link to their FB page with menu options: <https://www.facebook.com/GeorgiosCramerton>. Please share if you have other restaurant ideas that will appeal to many tastes.
4. For our July meeting, we will discuss how our crafting changes during the hot months of summer. Do you switch to different fibers? Choose smaller projects? Adapt your crafting to be included with travel. Come to the meeting prepared to share!
5. Please share if you are aware of events that would interest our group. Also please let me know if you have any questions or ideas to make our group even more fun for all.

Everyone have a great month and Happy Spinning!

Christine Dunlap chrisdmom98@gmail.com
Coordinator, Carolina Handspinners



Upcoming Events and Activities



EVENTS

[August 30 - September 3](#) - Matthews ALIVE Festival over Labor Day weekend.

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. This year, the hours of our participation are:

Saturday, August 31: 11a-7:30p

Sunday September 1: 1p-7:30p

Monday September 2: 9a-4p

I'm working on a shift schedule that I will share next month. Best part about this event is we will be in an air-conditioned building!

Due to the size of this event, it takes quite a few guild members to make it work. More information will follow but if you have any questions, please contact me at gboyles44@gmail.com For more information on the event itself, please visit <https://www.matthewsalive.org/>

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.



Future Programs

July 21, 2019 - program by Ladianne Henderson of Cheers to Ewe
August 18, 2019 - program by Debbie Davis of The Fibre Studio at Yarns to Dye For
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.

Weavers Study Group

As the Weavers Study Group meets only Bi-Monthly, there is no meeting update this month. Future meeting dates are July 24th, Sep 25th, and Nov 20th. 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.

The following is a link sent to us by Maurice B. which he had shared with the Weavers Study Group, for the Smithsonian's website's page on their National Woven Coverlet Collection.

<https://www.si.edu/spotlight/national-woven-coverlet-collection>

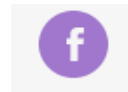
The next meeting will be July 24th, 1pm at the home of Kiska T. in Lake Wylie.

Let's Get Social !

Don't forget that Piedmont Fiber Guild has a Ravelry Group Page. Since the Yahoo Group is no longer in existence, Ravelry should be a channel through which we can share information in between meetings and newsletters.



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



also

Kristin is doing a fantastic job of keeping our Facebook page going strong. Please visit It at ----

<https://www.facebook.com/PiedmontFiberGuild/>

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.

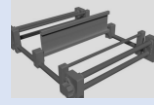
Bill D. Newsletter.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com or wdunlap323@gmail.com

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



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.**