

PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD NEWS

June 2019

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Hospitality : The following people have signed up for June 16th, 2019

Food: Ursula B., Vivian B.

Drinks: Sue H., Linda E.

Opportunities: Sue H. (could use more, if anyone else needs to 'destash'!)

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



● **June 16th**

● **July 21st**

● **August 18th**

Piedmont Fiber Guild meets on the third Sunday of each month from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Remount Executive Center, located at 2020 Remount Road, Gastonia, NC 28054. Meetings may be rescheduled due to conflicts with major holidays.



From the President

Friends,

As we start a new guild year I am excited to serve as your President! I anticipate that we will see a number of changes to our Guild, as quite a few people have approached me with new ideas for how we can better serve the community and each other.

Please do try and attend this month's meeting on June 16th, as we will be voting on the proposed bylaws changes. I feel that the changes proposed will strengthen our Guild and help us move forward and grow. The ultimate decision however is up to you, the members, and I encourage everyone to participate in this important vote. Remember, you can vote by proxy or in person. The details of how to complete a proxy vote on the members section of the Guild website, as are both the current bylaws and the proposed changes the bylaws.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have trouble accessing these documents on the website!

Sue C.

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Meeting Minutes June 2019

PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - MAY 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by President Sue H. There were 21 members attending.

Treasurer Maurice B. presented the financial report. The main account has \$3320.00. Since last month's meeting we spent \$213. Outstanding checks include \$603 for liability insurance (a requirement of our lease at Remount Executive Center), and the post office box fee. We are holding \$1050 in workshop fees and \$480 from the quilt raffle. We have had our first contribution from Amazon Smile in the amount of \$15.12. Membership fees recently received amount to \$140. Last month's 'opportunities' netted \$10 for the Guild. We also received \$250 from quilt sales.

When Ann B. (Carol W.'s mother) died a couple of years ago, several unfinished quilts were donated to the Guild with the request that they be completed and passed on to a designated charity. One quilt was raffled for \$480 which will go to that charity. After the other quilts were finished they were sold for \$250. After a discussion with Carol, it was agreed that the \$250 could be donated to the Guild.

Program Chair Debbie S. reminded the Guild that our annual 'Boot Sale' was our program for today. The sale will take place after the business meeting in the parking lot.

There was discussion about future programs. Sue C. has recently been given some dyestuffs for the Guild by Debbie Davis of The Fibre Studio at Yarns to Dye For so we may have a 'Dye Day' for June. More information will be announced later.

Secretaries Sallie O. and Gail B. had no news.

Newsletter Editor Sallie O. thanked people for their submissions in the past, and their patience while she learned how to do the newsletter two year ago. She will be stepping down from the newsletter after today's elections.

Sue H. reminded everyone to be sure to ask permission when taking photos at demonstrations. It may be necessary to take photos in a manner that makes the people in the photo unidentifiable.

The Newsletter is posted in the 'members only' section of the website. Please contact the Webmaster if you cannot access the site. Having to get permission to enter the site every 21 days or so is a GoDaddy requirement, not the Guild's. Until they decide to go to a password system, this is how they do it.

Charity Chairperson Carol W. sent word to please continue to make and send her blue hats for the 'Hats, not Hate' program in the schools.

PFG General Meeting minutes, 5/19/19, continued:

Webmaster Sue C. suggested that we have a separate page on the website for ads. This would be in the public view part of the website. We could charge a flat fee for ads; separate amounts could be charged for Guild members and non-members.

Membership Chairperson Dick K. reminded Guild members that dues are now \$35/year, and it is time to renew memberships.

Librarian Susan H. was not in attendance, no news.

Hospitality Chairperson Peggy H. asked people to sign up for the summer meetings and passed a signup sheet for June.

Workshop Chairperson Shirley Y. was unable to attend. Sue H. reminded members that there is a summer/winter weaving class coming up in two weeks. There is the possibility of a basket class with last month's program presenter, Nancy Duffie. Jeff B. volunteered to teach continuous strand weaving. Sue H. volunteered the possibility of a discharge dye class

Marketing Chairperson Gail B. reviewed upcoming events:

Sunday, 5/26 - Murray's Mill

Saturday, 6/1 - Alpaca Shearing Day at Apple Hill Farm in Banner Elk, NC from 10 am - 2 pm.

For more information: applehillfarmnc.com.

Friday - Sunday, 5/31 - 6/2 - Summer & Winter weaving workshop @ Sue H.'s studio in Clover.

Friday - Monday, 8/30 - 9/2 - Matthews ALIVE! Festival in Matthews, NC. For more

information: www.matthewsalive.org.

September 2019 - Kathie Roig of CLTextile has announced an exhibition entitled 'Textures'.

October 7 - 13, National Spinning & Weaving Week.

Tammy suggested encouraging members to demonstrate for at least one event/year.

Equipment Manager Vivian B. had no news.

General Meeting minutes, 5/19/19, continued:

New Business:

Elections: Maurice, Vivian and Sue C. had concerns about 3 people on the ballot for the upcoming year not having paid their dues for the current year. Chris D. explained that the Nominating Committee had called people who had been members within the past two years.

There were no nominations from the floor. After removing the three lapsed members from the slate of nominees, President Sue H. asked for a vote on the slate of proposed officers for the 2019 - 2020 year. The slate was approved with no objections. The results are as follows:

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Librarian - Sonia S. (Tammy D. volunteered to help Sonia)
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By-Laws Update Review: Maurice reviewed the major changes in the proposed new by-laws. First is to change the number of Board positions to five instead of fifteen. The other jobs would be held by PFG Chairpersons who would report to the Board. Chairpersons' job descriptions would be explained on the website. This means that the job descriptions need to be updated as soon as possible to reflect current responsibilities. Second is to eliminate the Financial Aid program as it is rarely used and also because of concern of plagiarism of another artist's work which could occur by a Guild member attending a class and coming home to use the artist's handouts to teach a class here locally.

The proposed by-laws are in the process of being typed. They will be available to send to the Webmaster in a day or two. The membership will be notified when they are available for review.

Pam R. pointed out that the Board does not approve the changes, the membership does. The plan is to vote on the proposed changes in June. If a member is unable to attend in June, they will be able to vote by proxy.

General Meeting minutes, 5/19/19, continued:

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

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December 15, 2019 - (holiday party?)

Carolina Handspinners:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 11, 2 - 4 pm, at the Community Center in Lowell, NC.

Weavers' Study Group:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 22, 1-3 pm, at Sue C.'s.

Other Business:

Vivian B. reported that she had talked to the pastor at Little Rock AME Zion Church about whether there was space the Guild could rent for meetings and storage. They will have to go to committee and get back to us.

Sue C. asked if we have to meet on Sunday. After some discussion, general consensus was to keep Sunday meetings.

Chris D. is going to start checking the mailbox at the main Gastonia Post Office every Wednesday.

Members are requested to get their renewal dues in as soon as possible.

The Guild plans to vote in June on the proposed changes to the By-Laws.

Linda P.'s mother is now in Hospice; this is a difficult time for the family.

After Refreshments and Show & Tell, the meeting was adjourned to the parking lot for the 'boot sale'.

Respectfully submitted,

Sallie O., Secretary



Weavers Study Group

The Weavers Study Group met on Wednesday 22nd, 2019 at the home of Sue C. in Rock Hill.

Present were: Maurice B., Kimberly H., Kathleen M., Alice H., Sallie O., Sue C., Linda P., Joy B., Linda E., Rosalie N. and Pam R.

Maurice B. called the meeting to begin at 1pm.

There are still openings for the **Summer and Winter Weaving Workshop** on May 31st through June 2nd. It will be a 2 and a half day workshop, with set up and opening presentation on Friday. Sue H. will teach 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 Wertz at 132 Berry Mountain Road, Cramerton, NC 28032.

The workshop will be limited to 14 people. You will need a minimum of a 4 shaft loom and the guild does have a couple of looms available to rent. Sue H. may have looms available for rent.

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 H. at the time of the workshop. For workshop logistic information, contact Carol W. at paintedorponyhandwovens@gmail.com. For specific questions on Summer and Winter, contact Sue H. at sue.helmken@gmail.com.

Presenters for the challenge project of Summer and Winter Pattern on this day were:

Linda E. brought her table runner on a space dyed warp from a Kathrin Weber dye class. The warp color gradients were outstanding and offered plenty of playful possibilities as the weft moved along.

Rosalie N. handed out monographs with samples attached of her S & W pattern with multi colored warp and weft of fine cotton. It was a chance to see block drafting with two color variant. The body of the piece will also be a table linen.

Turning to the Show and Tell Maurice B. again wowed us with two very fine Rayon scarves perfect for a men's winter wear. The patterns were strikingly small figures reminding one of paisley fabric and had a very soft hand for the neck.

Thank You to our hostess and all who shared their work.

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



Carolina Handspinners

Hi All,

What a surprise gorgeous day for June 1st! Hope this finds many of you heading for the mountains either to see the alpaca sheared in Banner Elk or to Swannanoa for the Fiber Yard Sale. Here are some reminders about upcoming meetings and events:

1. The next regular meeting of Carolina Handspinners will take place on Tuesday June 11th 2-4pm at Lowell Community Center, 501 West First Street in Lowell, NC. This meeting is open to the public so please invite fiber interested friends to attend. This includes fiber interested youth out of school for the summer.
2. We need a volunteer for Bimonthly Saturday in July. Host gets to choose the Saturday we meet! Please contact me (chrisdmom98@gmail.com) if you would like to host this event that allows those who can't make our weekday meetings to enjoy the fun of Carolina Handspinners.
3. To those who took part of the Perendale fleece last month, please remember to share feedback on this fleece with Gail B. (gboyles44@gmail.com). She can then pass this information on to the shepherd who donated these fleeces, the only payment the shepherd was asking for the fleeces.
4. Would we like to once again meet for luncheon prior to our monthly meetings? Suggestions for locations would be appreciated. We can meet about 12:15 at whatever restaurant we agree on. Share your thoughts on this with the group!
5. For those interested in working on the Handweavers Guild of America Certificate of Excellence in Handspinning, our own Sue C. is starting a group to allow members to meet and work on this project together. The group will serve as support for independent work as well as a means to share needed equipment and knowledge. Meetings will be monthly beginning in June. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Sue (sueclover65@gmail.com). For more information, here's a link to the HGA site and location to buy the needed guidebook: <https://weavespindye.org/certificate-of-excellence/>.
6. Any theme ideas for future meetings? Please share! Have you learned something new and are itching to show off your new skills? We'd love to share your excitement and learn from you.
7. Please share if you are aware of events in the area 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 chrisdmom98@gmail.com
Coordinator, Carolina Handspinners



Upcoming 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/>

October 7-13 - National Spinning and Weaving Week.

Please contact Bill at Newsletter.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com to add events of interest to this list!

Contact Gail B., Events Coordinator, to suggest events that the Guild might participate in.

Unless otherwise listed, please contact Gail B. to volunteer your participation at one of these events.



Future Programs

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Past President, Sue H. and Pam R. are working hard to craft a good educational and exciting program schedule for the coming meetings. Come to the June 16th meeting with your desires and comments. Maybe you've seen a teacher somewhere or want to learn another skill. Be prepared for a discussion about what the members want. Sue and Pam are working on:

* 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.

* Studio Tours, drop in to visit several member's work spaces, talk storage solutions, best space usage and get to know fellow members

* 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.

Fun at Apple Hill Farm

On Saturday, June 1, Vivian B., Jeff B. and Gail B. decided it was time to leave the Charlotte 98 degree heat and escape to the much cooler mountains of NC. Their destination? Alpaca Shearing Day at Apple Hill Farm in Banner Elk, NC!

When we arrived, the alpaca shearing was already underway (The shearer had 2 more farms to go to so he started early). We brought all kinds of fun fiber stuff to demonstrate that included: Inkle, table and frame looms, and a spinning wheel. We also had lots of samples of our work to show off to farm visitors.



Vivian demonstrating inkle weaving



Gail spins with her new Instagram Friend

Through the magic of Instagram, Gail had made a new friend named Michelle. Michelle actually lives near the farm and is a beginning spinner. She was excited to learn new spinning techniques and be around fiber people. We really enjoyed spending time with her and she was a more confident spinner by the end of the day.

The visitors to the farm asked lots of great questions about what we were doing - many of them were also in the mountains to escape the Charlotte area heat. Lots of interest in Jeff's frame loom, Vivian's Inkle and table looms and Gail's freshly spun "bracelets" for the kids. We were also able to sneak down into the shearing area and other parts of the farm. At the end of the day, the farm's owner, Lee gave a nice monetary donation to the guild for our participation.



Jeff displaying one of his projects



A beautiful diamond-loom project underway

Jeff spotted an unfinished project on a diamond loom shown above, that belongs to the farm owner, Lee and inspired her to pull the loom out and work toward completing the project!

If you are interested in going to Apple Hill, the guild has been invited back up National Alpaca Days September 28 - more information to follow. For more information on Apple Hill, visit: <https://applehillfarmnc.com/>

Quick Notes

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

Anything Fiber Yard Sale : Chris D., Bill D., and Sonia S. traveled up to Warren Wilson College to the Anything Fiber Yard Sale on Saturday, June 1st. There were a lot of sellers, as usual, but unfortunately, due to some construction on I-40, we did not get there until around noon and the sellers began to tear down their booths around 1:15 pm. We did get to have a short visit with former member Michiele E. and her husband, and ran into Dawn B. and Jennifer F. as well as Jan S. It was nice to get away to a little cooler climate and to see the variety of fiber merchandise on display.

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



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	

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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.**