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UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS:

**May 19, 2019 - 2 - 4 p.m. - Elections
and 'Boot Sale'**

June 16, 2019

July 21, 2019

August 18, 2019

September 15, 2019

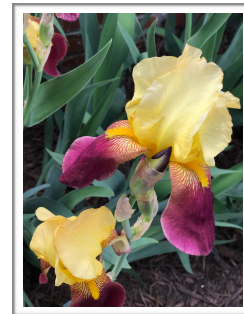
October 20, 2019

November 17, 2019

December 15, 2019

HOSPITALITY NOTES: OH, NO,

nobody has signed up for food or drinks for the May meeting! We need volunteers! If you would like to provide food or drinks for May, please contact Peggy H.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It doesn't seem possible that two years have passed since I became president of the guild, but here we are. There have been so many changes due to Arts on Main closing, but we're weathering the change.

There's much to discuss this month: We're electing officers, discussing changes to the by-laws, looking for ways to raise money. But the fun part is the BOOT SALE! If you haven't already culled those unwanted yarns from your stash, better get busy. Anything related to fiber is welcome. Be sure to bring some change, too. There will be plenty of goods to tempt you.

See you the 19th! Sue

Handweavers Guild of America announcement:

Small Expressions 2019, a juried show of small scale 2-D and 3-D fiber art, opens July 12, 2019 at the Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance in Chamblee, Georgia, and will be on display through September 12, 2019. An opening reception and juror's talk will take place on Friday, July 12, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Exhibition hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and by appointment. Admission to Small Expressions is free. The Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance is located at 3420 W. Hospital Avenue in Chamblee, Georgia. For parking and directions visit their website, www.FiberArtsAlliance.org, or call (678) 235-4328.

Minutes, Piedmont Fiber Guild General Meeting, April 28, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by President Sue H.

Debbie S. introduced Nancy Duffie, a basket weaver from Matthews, NC. Nancy makes a wide variety of baskets and teaches basket weaving at the Matthews Community Center. She can have up to eight students in a class and charges \$45 for a four hour class. She shared information about different types of basket weaving and what similarities there are with any kind of weaving.

Nancy uses rattan reed from China and one inch is the widest she uses. She dyes most of her own colors with Rit dye, but also uses Min-Wax stains. Nancy's baskets are unique in that she incorporates items such as antlers and logs into the basket or gourd design.

After the presentation, there was much interest from guild members about the possibility of a basket class with Nancy.

After the program, we had a short break for refreshments and opportunity items which netted \$10, then resumed with our business meeting.

Jeff B. brought a visitor with him. 'El' is learning to knit and quilt.

Treasurer Maurice B. reported there is \$3,771.14 in the main account and \$3,118.27 in the savings account.

Program Chair Debbie S. reminded the membership of the annual 'boot sale' (a fiber yard sale out of the trunk of one's car) scheduled for May, in addition to our yearly elections. Anything fiber may be brought and swapped or sold. Sue C. inquired about Guild benefit and suggested asking people for a voluntary donation from their proceeds from the boot sale. President Sue H. announced that friends are allowed to come to participate in the boot sale.

The June meeting may possibly be a Dye Day. More information will be forthcoming about that. This will be our first time meeting during the summer months. If you have suggestions for a program, please let the Program Chairperson know.

There was no news from the Secretary.

Newsletter Editor Sallie discussed problems getting photos to transfer for inclusion in the newsletter. Sue C. and Jeff B. offered help for future problems. There was discussion about the process of using email to notify members that the newsletter is available on the website. The newsletter is posted in the Members Only section of the website. If a member has difficulty with the website, please contact Webmaster Sue C.

Charity - no news. Please continue to make Blue Hats and Chemo Caps.

Membership Chair Dick was not present. Vivian brought the most recent list. There is some concern that the membership list needs thinning as it lists people who have not paid dues in the past two years. Dues are \$35 per year. **Please pay your dues next month (May).**

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April PFG minutes, continued:

Library Chair Susan H. had to leave after the Board meeting. The library list needs updating. Sue C. would like to have a list of books for the website.

Hospitality - Gail passed out a sign-up list for Food and Drink in May (don't need Opportunity).

There is a weaving workshop on Summer/Winter weave structure planned for the end of May. Instructor is our own Sue H.

Please let the Guild know if you have a request for a specific workshop.

Social Media - no news.

Marketing Chair mentioned the following upcoming events:

May 4 - Cramerton Art & Music Festival in Cramerton, NC. 10 am - 4 pm.

May 4 - Belmont Historical Society "Living History Days" in Belmont. 9:30 am - 2 pm.

May 11 - Brattonsville Sheep Shearing (no costumes required)

May 14 - Carolina Handspinners at Lowell Community Center, 2 - 4 pm.

May 22 - Weavers Study Group at Sue C.'s, 1-3 pm.

May 26 - Murray's Mill

May 31 - June 2 - Summer/Winter weaving workshop @ Sue H.'s studio in Clover, SC.

June 1 - Apple Hill shearing

June 7 & 8 - Blue Ridge Fiber Festival, Sparta, NC

June 8 & 9 - Bison farm Art and Agriculture event (contact Sue H. if interested in demo.)

August 30 - September 3 - Matthews ALIVE Festival over Labor Day weekend.

For more information: <https://www.matthewsalive.org/>

September - exact date not announced yet - Kathie Roig of CLTextile has announced an exhibition entitled 'Textures'. For more information see their Facebook page.

October 7-13 - National Spinning and Weaving Week.

Sue H. would like to see more public fiber demonstrations.

Sue C. suggested a spinning flash mob.

Sallie brought up a question regarding dues. Our fiscal year is January - December, but our membership year is June - May. Maurice suggested this be brought up for discussion by the Board and for now, everyone pay by June.

Equipment Chair Vivian B. reported that the only equipment that gets rented is the picker. There followed a discussion about what to do with the equipment we currently have.

Also in May we will have elections. Chris D., Jeff B., Carol S., and Tammy D. served as the Nominating Committee this year.

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April PFG minutes, continued:

The slate of people interested in offices is as follows:

President - Sue C.
Past President - Sue H.
Treasurer - Maurice B.
Programs - **OPEN**
Secretary - Sallie O.
Newsletter - Bill D.
Charity - Carol W.
Webmaster - Sue C.
Marketing/Events/Booth - Gail B.
Social Media - Kristen Q.
Membership - Dick K.
Library - Susan H. OR Deb J. & Sonya S. OR Vivian T. & Kay B.
Hospitality - Peggy H. & Linda E.
Workshops - Julie H.
Equipment Manager - Tammy D.

Bylaw Revisions are ongoing. They will be sent out when ready.

Sue C. reported that Handweavers Guild of America (HGA) has a new online calendar on their website. Guilds, galleries, museums, and other fiber arts related organizations may list their events on the calendar on HGA's website.

After Show and Tell, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sallie O.

CLASS OPPORTUNITY: Kathie Roig of CLTextile has a few openings left for the following class:

What: **Not Your Grandma's Dye-Pot!**

Who: **Kathrin Weber** (<https://blazingshuttles.com>)

When: **Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2, 2019**, from 10 am to 4 pm each day.
10-4 each day

Where: C3 Lab (2525 Distribution St, Charlotte, NC - in the 'South End' area)

Contact if interested: kathie.roig@gmail.com

Kathrin is a well-known dyer who specializes in cellulose fibers, Fiber Reactive dyes, and space dyed yarns. The cost of this class is quite reasonable. Please contact Kathie for more information and cost.

NOTES FROM CAROLINA HANDSPINNERS:

The next regular meeting of Carolina Handspinners will take place on Tuesday May 14th 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.

Our next Bimonthly Saturday meeting will take place on Saturday May 18th 10am-4pm at the home of Linda P. Please contact Linda directly if you would like to take part in this event and be sure to let her know what you will bring to share for Potluck Lunch. We thank Linda for once again hosting this event that allows those who can't make our weekday meetings to enjoy the fun of Carolina Handspinners.

Please note that due to lack of response the field trip to Springs Creative and Baxter Textile Museum has been cancelled. We are welcome to organize another tour at any time as the folks at the facility were excited to have us planning to come. The organizers need at least 3 weeks' notice to plan for staffing.

from Chris D.

HANDWEAVERS STUDY GROUP:

The next meeting of the study group will be May 22 from 1-3 pm at the home of Sue C. The group will continue in their exploration of the weave structure 'Summer & Winter'.

BELMONT LIVING HISTORY DAYS:

On Saturday, May 4, 2019, Maurice and Ursula, Linda E., and Sallie O. demonstrated at the Belmont Historical Society's 'Living History Days'. Maurice brought his small floor loom, Linda brought her twining frame rug loom, Ursula brought her knitting, and Sallie brought her spinning wheel. The crowds were light, perhaps because of the threatening weather, but the people who stopped by were very interested in our processes. Elizabeth from the Belmont Historical Society expressed her thanks to us for participating and said she would get next year's date to the Guild in a more timely manner next year.

CATAWBA ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL, MAY 4, 2019

We had a wonderful outing in Cramerton at the festival despite the storm warnings! Gail B., Sue C., Vivian B., Dick K. and Sue H. represented the guild with spinning on charka wheels, regular wheels and Sue's great wheel. We had a floor loom, table loom and Brio loom set up, too. Lots of kids came by to try their hands with the wheels and looms.

NEWS FROM YADKIN VALLEY FIBER CENTER:

Beginning July 1st, the Yadkin Valley Fiber Center will join the Foothills Arts Council in an expansion and renovation that will take us to a facility, which will be home to a new art and craft school located in the historic Chatham Mills facility just down the street from our current location in Elkin, NC.

UPCOMING CLTEXTILE FIBER EXHIBITION IN SEPTEMBER 2019:

"Textures" is a fiber/textile exhibition showcasing work created in the Charlotte region. Any form of fiber or textile work is acceptable. Any work that uses fiber or textile techniques is also acceptable. Work can be 2-D or 3-D. Fiber installations are acceptable. Wearables are acceptable.

Anyone on the CLTextile list is eligible to enter. In fact, if you know someone who is a fiber artist not on this list and think they may be interested, let Kathie Roig know. Right now the plan is that participants can enter 1-2 pieces (or 3 if they are small). Work is expected to be 'new work'.

This is not a juried exhibition, but pieces may be selected or omitted depending on size and space available.

C3 Gallery will be located in the new (soon to be!) location next to C3 Lab, 2525 Distribution St. The new gallery is currently under construction.

Opening will be part of First Friday Gallery Crawl, Sept. 6, 2019. Exact dates for delivery and pick up are not yet determined (but probably the week before).

Kathie Roig

www.KMRhandwoven.com

Harrisville 4 - Harness Loom for Sale:

This great beginner loom is on offer from Susan Brooks of Rutherford County, NC. She purchased it new in the 1990's but can no longer weave. This is a 4-harness, 4-treadle loom.

I would like \$1250 for it. It is 4 harness, 4 treadle, direct tie up loom... a GREAT beginner's loom.

I also have a ball winder for \$25, a Harrisville bobbin winder for \$50, a Glimakra Umbrella Swift for \$40, and a Harrisville loom bench for \$140. The loom was made from the kit and we stained it walnut. The bench matches.

I live in Lake Lure until the end of June, moving to Hendersonville after that. Pick up only.

If you're interested in this loom, please contact Susan directly at susanmft08@gmail.com.

(Editor's note: Chris D. received this email and they asked it to be publicized. Chris said she thinks it is 36 inch weaving width. I do not have any personal knowledge of this loom or the seller. - Sallie)

MORE LOOMS FOR SALE:

The C T D Studio and KOVA Textiles are moving. After 24 years in the same studio, the landlord raised our rent by 92%! We are sad to be priced out of Manhattan! On to Queens and a smaller space!

Therefore, we are selling two of our four 16 harness AVL looms, a Leclerc floor model warping reel and a whole set of leno heddles and their associated equipment from the Steel Heddle Co.

The C T D Studio has been a free lance dobby wovens and jacquard artwork design and consulting studio for more than 30 years. As mills disappeared in America, we started KOVA Textiles. We manufacture uniquely designed solar shading fabrics -- also used for upholstery, wallcovering, table top, and encapsulations in glass, which we sell to interior designers for residential/commercial projects. We continue as C T D for special projects. And I continue to make my fiber artwork.

If anyone is interested, please give us a call to discuss. We have a great freight company, so freight prices should not be exorbitant. All offers will be considered.

Thank you very much,

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: There was a four page PDF attached with photos of the equipment for sale. The newsletter is long enough already, so I didn't copy all that. If you are interested, please contact this lady, and I'm sure she'll be glad to send you the PDF's. - Sallie)

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 left 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.

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	

FROM THE EDITOR:

This is my last newsletter. The last two years have really forced me to learn a lot more about the computer and putting together a newsletter! I'm still not good with photos, but a lot better than previously! Thank you all for your patience with my learning curve and for all the submissions and photos you have sent. See you at Guild! - Sallie



IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY - THERE'S STILL A SPACE OR TWO LEFT!!!**UPCOMING SUMMER AND WINTER WEAVING CLASS:**

The weavers sub group is sponsoring a Summer and Winter weaving workshop with Sue Helmken on Friday, May 31; Saturday, June 1; and Sunday, June 2. It will be a two and a half day workshop, with set up and opening presentation on Friday. It will be held at Sue Helmken's studio in Clover. 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.

(Editor's Note - Sometimes we don't realize what a great resource we have in our own backyard, and in this case, it's Sue Helmken. Sue was a Textiles major in college, has been a professional weaver all her adult life, has exhibited many times, and weaves absolutely stunning items. She is also a very knowledgeable, patient, and kind teacher. So, if you've been hesitating to sign up for a class, now is the time to think positively and come learn about this fun and beautiful weave structure. I wish I could be there. - Sallie)