

PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD NEWS

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

Food: Shirley Y., Ursula B.

Drinks: Vivian B.

Opportunities: Mary R., Brenda B.

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



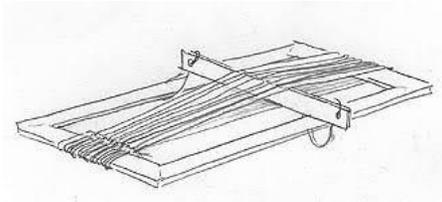
● **November 17th**

● **December 15th**

● **January 19th**

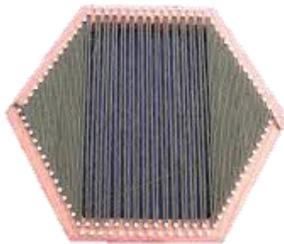
Our program for this month will be presented by our own Linda Erickson and Jeff Beachamsee the next page for details >>>>>>

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.)



Frame Loom Weaving

Who says you need a floor or table loom to weave? At our November meeting, Linda Erickson will show you her twining loom and the wonderful rugs she has been making, and Jeff “you can warp anything” Beecham will demonstrate weaving on various shapes of frame looms. You’ll discover just how many ways there are to create woven pieces of all shapes and sizes! Who knows how this may inspire you...





From The President

Dear Members,

I hope your fall season has been full of creative moments!



No matter where I have lived (the Great White North, high desert, DC metro, Scandinavia or the Carolinas), I seem to be most inspired by the autumn. The crispness of the air, the scent of woodsmoke, and the rattle of dry leaves set my mind to racing and give me wicked “startitis”.

My current inspiration is this photo, titled “Fall Framing” by @nicholas_j._narog_photography

It embodies all my favorite fall things and a place I love at any time of year.

I’m not yet sure how I will be interpreting it, but it’s coming to me...

If you went to a fall fiber festival anywhere in the country, I know you saw many new and wonderful things and have lots of new projects in mind as well. I hope you will share your experience and encourage others to explore!

Many thanks to the members who have volunteered at events and programs in the past months. Your outreach helps us to inspire others to create with fiber and lets people know that the Guild is here as a resource.

Your board continues to work to improve the Guild for all members, let us know what we can do for YOU!

Days I recently enjoyed celebrating included: National Men Make Dinner Day, National Vinegar Day, and International Stout Day! In the coming weeks I hope you will join me in commemorating the following: Veterans Day, National Clean Out Your Fridge Day, Mickey Mouse’s Birthday (Nov 18), National Homemade Bread Day, International Day of Tolerance, National Button Day, and Thanksgiving.

PS. – I almost forgot! November is National Banana Pudding Lover’s Month, too!

Sue C. – President
Piedmont Fiber Guild



Meeting Minutes October 2019

Our Secretary was away during the October meeting. If anyone recorded the meeting minutes, please send them to me and I will include them in the next newsletter. Thanks!

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 .



Carolina Handspinners

Hi All,

Hope this finds you well and enjoying your fiber arts. Here are a few reminders about upcoming meetings and events:

1. The next regular meeting of Carolina Handspinners will take place on Tuesday November 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.
2. Our next Bimonthly Saturday will take place on Saturday November 16th, 10am-4pm at the home of Gail Boyles in Lincolnton, NC. Please contact Gail directly (gbolyes44@gmail.com) 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 Gail for hosting this meeting that allows those who can't make our weekday meetings to enjoy the fun of Carolina Handspinners.
3. Please come to this meeting with ideas to make our holiday celebration on December 10th special for all. Should we do a gift exchange? Some other activity? Shall we bring dishes for Potluck lunch? Order in? Come with ideas and we'll discuss.
4. Upcoming Events:
 - a. Remember the weekly meetings of the Catawba Valley Fiber Guild at the Polk Homesite in Pineville. They meet each Wednesday 11am-1pm. Bring your project and enjoy fellowship with other fiber artists and lovers. Here's a link to their site for more information: <https://www.jameskpolk.net/events.html>. Scroll down to On-going Events.
 - b. November 2nd, 10am-4pm: Spinning Saturday at The Fibre Studio at Yarns to Dye For, Griffith Rd, Charlotte, NC: Here's an opportunity to shop hand-dyed yarns and fibers many in luxury blends as well as patterns and projects created specifically for these yarns. Come join the group to spin and enjoy this great fiber community. Here's a link to their website for more information: <https://thefibrestudio.com/pages/events>.
 - c. November 8-10: Carolina Fiber Frolic: Sapphire, NC: This fun weekend allows folks time and space to work on their fiber arts and enjoy fellowship with others who enjoy our same passions. Please contact organizer Jan Smiley at jan@carolinafiberfrolic.com for more information about this event.
5. Please share if you are aware of other fiber arts events in the area that would be of interest to our group. Also, please let me know if you have any questions or ideas to make our group even for fun for all.

Have a great start to your month and Happy Spinning!

Christine Dunlap chrismom98@gmail.com

Coordinator, Carolina Handspinners

Weavers Study Group

As the Weavers Study Group meets only Bi-Monthly, there is no meeting update this month. Final meeting for 2019 is November 20th at the home of Mona C. 2020 Meeting schedule will be discussed at the November 20th meeting.

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.

Future Programs

December 15, 2019 - (holiday party?)

Please contact Program Chairpersons Pam R. or Sue H. if you have any ideas or suggestions for interesting programs for future Guild Meetings.



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. 1st Saturday each month 10am-4pm

October 25-27: Southeast Animal Fiber Fair: Fletcher, NC

November 8-10: Carolina Fiber Frolic: Sapphire, NC:

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 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).

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

Handweavers Guild of America has some great competitions at Convergence, their biannual conference. Go to their site for more info, and information about Convergence. It's a fantastic experience! Sue H

<https://weavespindye.org/convergence/>

Jennifer Kim Sohn needs your help with her new community art project:

25 Million Stitches

This project brings awareness to the immensity of the refugee crisis through a single striking fiber art installation! She is asking volunteers to hand stitch a panel to represent one refugee. If you're interested in contributing, check out the details on the Fiber Art Now website.

If you have any problems finding the site, email Sue Helmken at barefootweaver.com and she will forward the message to you



One Thing Off the 'Bucket List' from Sallie O.

On Thursday, October 17, my husband and I took off for New York and the New York Sheep and Wool Festival, also known as 'Rhinebeck' for its location in Rhinebeck, New York. After a very long day of driving, we arrived in Kingston, New York, across the Hudson River and about a half hour's drive from Rhinebeck. Friday we had time to get our bearings, explore a little in Kingston, and learn how to get to the fairgrounds and where to park for the festival the following day.

Saturday was beautiful and cool, just right for wearing one's 'Rhinebeck sweater', and it was fun to see the great variety of knitted garments worn at the festival. The place was absolutely packed by 11 a.m., to the point where it was impossible to get into some of the booths. NYSW is bigger than SAFF, but I'm not sure how its size compares to Maryland Sheep and Wool. Some of the vendors were local to that part of the country, but there were also quite a few familiar vendors that we see at SAFF yearly. There were sheep in the barns, lots of classes, plentiful permanent restrooms, a variety of food vendors, a book-signing area, and a barn containing an antique museum including some fiber equipment.

The village of Rhinebeck is quite picturesque, with interesting shops and tasty restaurants. The Hudson River valley is such a historic area of the country. We found a great little museum in Kingston, the Hudson River Maritime Museum, that is well worth a visit if you are in the area.

I'm glad we made the trip and I got to experience Rhinebeck and the Sheep and Wool Festival. I do not want to drive from here to there in one day again. I doubt we'll make that trip again, but it was fun to do it once.



Member Items for Sale

Two Table looms for Sale Please contact Sue Helmken @ 703-944-4488 for more information

Leclerc Dorothy loom
4-shafts, 16" weaving width
8-dent reed, inserted-eye heddles
In good working order
\$45.00



Structo Craft Loom
4-shaft, 20" weaving width
8-dent reed, string heddles
in good working order
\$45.00





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 8-Shaft Table Loom	contact Tammy	

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