

# PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD NEWS

October 2019

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

Food: Carol W., Dick K.

Drinks:

Opportunities: Vivian 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



● **October 20th**

● **November 17th**

● **December 15th**

**Our program for this month will be presented by Varian Brandon.  
Entitled 'The Journey to Color Selection'**

***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.)

## Program for October 2019

Varian Brandon

### The Journey to Color Selection

There are many paths to selecting color combinations for a project. Some begin with color theory while others use theory as a starting point to discovery. This presentation is one colorwork knitting designer's journey to developing guidelines for color selection. If you have ever found a pattern you like but can't find the same yarn used in that pattern, her process will help you in choosing the right colors for the project.

Varian Brandon started knitting at eight. A trip to the islands of Great Britain rekindled a love of color and created an interest in the traditions of Fair Isle design and construction. She will share photos of the area and the designs with us at the meeting.

Varian has been teaching stranded colorwork and related knitting techniques at local yarn shops, regional fiber festivals, and for the past thirteen years at the Kanuga Knitting and Quilting Retreat in Hendersonville, North Carolina which she coordinates. She is currently designing stranded colorwork patterns for several yarn companies, international magazines, and her own website, [www.brandonknittingdesigns.com](http://www.brandonknittingdesigns.com) or on Ravelry as [varianbrandon](https://www.ravelry.com/people/varianbrandon).



## From the President

Yay! Fall has fell!

I hope that everyone is enjoying the cooler weather, I certainly am! We're finally down into a temperature range that feels like a proper summer to me.

We are making progress with setting up a Paypal account and making it possible to pay your annual dues and register for guild offered classes on the website.

It is a busy time of year for fiber artists. Rhinebeck, SAFF, Taos Wool Market, and many more events to be enjoyed, plus the sudden realization that the winter holidays are coming fast and our gift creation is WAY behind schedule.

I won't be with you for the October meeting, I will be going to the NY Sheep & Wool festival in Rhinebeck, NY for the first time. I can hardly wait! And I just found out that one of my favorite fiber people will be there, a spinner and wool marketer from Iceland!

Registration for next year's PlyAway event is open, and I want to encourage spinners looking for an opportunity to elevate their skills to check it out and consider heading to Kansas City in the spring. It is an amazing event offering an amazing array of classes, an outstanding market, and the opportunity to meet and celebrate spinning at an event geared just for spinners.

Welcome to our new and returning members! We're glad to have you join the fun!

Sue C. - President



## Meeting Minutes September 2019

### **PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD - GENERAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**

Our first meeting at South Tryon Community United Methodist Church was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by President Sue C. We had fourteen visitors to welcome today!

Treasurer Maurice B. presented the Treasurer's report: Main account balance \$4456.11, Savings account balance \$3,128.42. Of note: our monthly rent is now \$100 as opposed to \$180/month at our previous meeting location.

Sue C. thanked all those who demonstrated at the Matthews ALIVE Festival. We do not yet know how much the guild will receive from this activity; it will be a percentage of the proceeds from the rides.

Gail B. explained 'Opportunities' for the new people.

Gail, Beth, and Jeff demonstrated yesterday at Hoyle House Historic Homestead.

Upcoming events that need people to demonstrate: 1) Murray's Mill near Hickory, 9/28 & 29; 2) Cotton Ginning Days in Dallas, NC 10/12 & 13; and 3) Angel from Lanart is looking for demonstrators for Alpaca Fiesta to be held in Huntersville 9/28 & 29.

Vivian spoke of how happy she is with the turnout and the new people attending today.

Secretary Sallie reminded the membership that the minutes of the meetings are on the website in the guild newsletter.

Programs co-chair Sue H. announced that Varian Brandon is coming in October to speak about design, color work and picking colors for knitting. Programs co-chair Pam R. added that the November program will be on the personalization of patterns.

For the December gathering, it has been decided not to do a gift exchange this year. There will be a holiday 'make it and take it' project in December.

For programs in 2020, there have been ideas about bringing in problem projects for advice, and possibly having an antique quilt collector speak to the group.

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Linda E. has just agreed to be the Workshops chair. Sue C. will get the survey results to her.

Carol W., Charity chair, was unable to attend, but gave report to Sue H. Blue hats have been sent to Lion Brand for the 'No Bullying' project. Carol is still collecting chemo caps.

Librarian Sonia had no news. President Sue C. spoke regarding the library cabinets being in the same room as the meeting. This will make the library more available; members can access it during meetings. Pam R. reported that while moving and setting up the cabinets after the move that there was a problem with not enough clips in the cabinets and some of the shelves fell. Some books remain in boxes (in the cabinets) because of this.

Newsletter Editor Bill D. requested that members let him know if they have requests for the newsletter. He will send out a request for submissions on a monthly basis.

Hospitality chair Peggy was unable to attend today. Sue C. explained how Hospitality works for our visitors

The scheduled date for the guild meeting in February will fall on Carolina Alpaca Celebration weekend. The last two years, many people have missed the February guild meeting because they were demonstrating at the Alpaca Celebration. Sue C. suggested we reschedule or skip the meeting. She then called for a show of hands; by a majority vote it was decided to change the February guild meeting to our participation in Carolina Alpaca Celebration.

President Sue C. acknowledged the work of the packing crew and the moving crew involved in last weekend's move to the new location, and thanked everyone for their help.

Maurice reported that he had visited the CLTextile group last weekend. CLTextile has their meetings the weekend before the Piedmont Fiber Guild meetings. CLTextile is not a competing group with PFG; it is rather a complementary group. Jeff B. shared that Kathie Roig, the coordinator of CLTextile, would be happy to show people around the 'Textures' fiber arts show currently up at CLTextile through the first weekend of October.

Sue C. announced that she is hoping to be able to do online membership soon. GoDaddy has a pay function; PayPal is also an option if GoDaddy is too expensive.

Since we had so many first time visitors today, Sue C. also explained the two subgroups of the guild. Weavers Study Group, coordinated by Alice H., meets the last Wednesday of the odd-numbered months. Carolina Handspinners, coordinated by Chris D., meetings the second Tuesday of each month at the Community Center in Lowell, and also has a Saturday Spin Day every other month.

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Following a break, a group activity was led by Sallie O. on the subject of Dorset buttons. Attendees were provided a handout and supplies to make their own button.

Sue H. talked a little about crochet buttons as well. She will lead a group activity about this at a future date as there was not enough time to do this activity today.

After Opportunities and Show & Tell, the meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sallie O., Secretary

Added Note: We had several new members join today! *Welcome!*

## Member Request for Assistance

### Onion Skins Needed

I'll be doing natural dye demonstrations at Hart Square this year, and one of the dye materials will be onion skins. If you happen to see onion skins in the bins at your grocery store, would you grab them for me and bring them to the meeting. I'd greatly appreciate it!



Sue Helmken



## Carolina Handspinners

Hope this finds you enjoying a pleasant day and a nice break from the awful heat. Here are some updates from today's meeting:

1. The next regular meeting of Carolina Handspinners will take place on Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm at Lowell Community Center, 501 West First Street, Lowell, NC. The meeting is open to the public so please invite all fiber-interested friends to attend.
2. Our next Bimonthly Saturday meeting will take place on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> at the home of Gail B. in Lincolnton, NC. Please contact Gail directly ([gboyles44@gmail.com](mailto:gboyles44@gmail.com)) if you would like to take part in this event and remember to tell her 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. For our November meeting, please come prepared to discuss plans for our holiday celebration on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Do we want to do potluck or order in? Do we want to exchange small fiber-related gifts? Come with fresh ideas to make this meeting extra fun for all.
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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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. October 25-27: Southeast Animal Fiber Fair: Fletcher, NC near Asheville Airport at the WNC Agricultural Center. This is the one we wait for all year! Shopping, animals, contests, demonstrations, classes; this fair has it all. Here's a link to their site for lots more information: <https://saffsite.org/event-information/>.
  - d. 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](mailto:jan@carolinafiberfrolic.com) for more information about this event.
  - e. 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 month and Happy Spinning!

Christine D. [chrisdmom98@gmail.com](mailto:chrisdmom98@gmail.com)

Coordinator, Carolina Handspinners

## Weavers Study Group

### Weaver Study Group Meeting Notes

September 25th, 2019, Wednesday, 1pm at Alice H.'s home and we thank her,

Members Present: Linda E., Joy B, Sallie O., Rosalie N, Kathy M., Sue H., Jeanne S. and Pam R., and potential members Mona Ann C. and Ellen G.

Maurice and Ursula B. are touring in Canada for some weeks. Alice led us in a member self-introduction. We always learn more interesting facts about our weaving friends. Welcome to Ellen G. who has a MFA from Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore and majored in fibers and weaving, worked with environmental groups and volunteered in Northern Indiana.

The Handweavers Guild of America, HGA's, national convention, Convergence, will be held in nearby Knoxville, July 24th through 30<sup>th</sup> 2020. Registration begins October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sue H. reminded that several competitions are open to any HGA member. Small Expressions submissions, for example, must be delivered by January 29<sup>th</sup>. This popular competition is for 15" square and smaller weavings. There are many more all listed together with speakers and schedules in "Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot" or the Convergence website page. Alice suggested that we could pool our resources carpool and rent rooms. Anyone reading this is invited to join us. Sharing living space brings great benefits for the participants. If you are at all interested and want to discuss this contact Pam R. 803-802-0521 or Alice H.. We need to plan now. Many International members come for Convergence. Knoxville will be a beehive of activity. Don't miss out on this chance to experience the excitement of the events/speakers and electric inspiration.

Our Summer/Winter Pattern Challenge presenter was Linda E. She was inspired to try a mixed warp of several different weight yarns. She found that the variation in sizes was very hard to handle for such a structured pattern. Overall however her color choices were pleasing and the piece showed promise for another project.

Rosalie N. showed a small piece table runner in Summer and Winter that she finished recently. The wet finishing and hand hemming were very well handled. Sue H. showed her latest "tour de force" project, a constructed/deconstructed poncho. Many want to have her teach this special technique which produces no seams. Alice gave out samples to go with the draft presented at the March meeting. Sue also detailed a class she and her husband took about processing Kudzu for fiber use at Local Cloth in Asheville.

The next meeting will be November 20<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mona C.. We will set the 2020 schedule of meeting places then.

Pam R., Recorder



## Future Programs

November 17, 2019 - program TBA

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.jamespolk.net/events.html>.

**Monthly -** Spinning Saturdays at The Fibre Studio at Yarns to Dye For,  
Griffith Rd, Charlotte, NC. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month 10am-4pm

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

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

Please contact Bill at [Newsletter.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## In Search of ....

Peggy H is looking for a basic sewing machine. Nothing fancy but at least straight and zig-zag stitches.

Call, text  
805-400-5957

Or email  
[svwindsaloft@hotmail.com](mailto:svwindsaloft@hotmail.com)

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:Newsletter.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com) or [wdunlap323@gmail.com](mailto:wdunlap323@gmail.com)

## Guild Loom for Sale

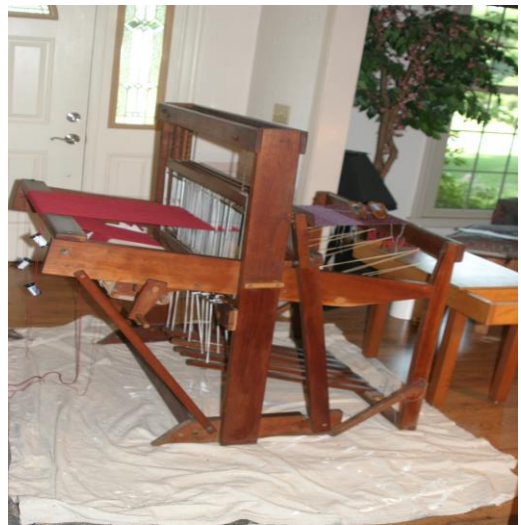
### FOR SALE:

The Guild's Sabina, rising shed, 4 shaft folding loom and stool.

The working width is 33 inches and it folds to a depth of 22 inches.

The Sabina looms were built in Ohio in the 1940's The loom is in good working order. Both Bill D. and Maurice B. have woven on it and found its operation to be quite smooth.

Asking price \$400 or best offer. Price includes various accessories.

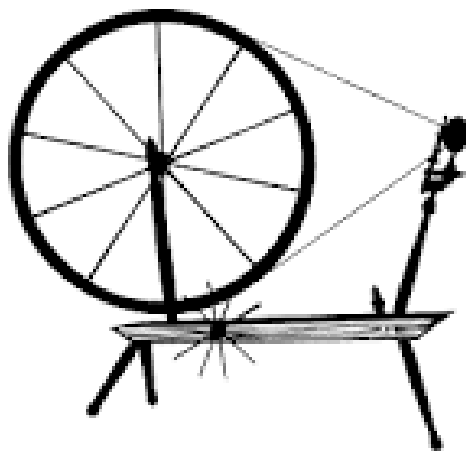


## An Opportunity From our Past President

If you're interested -----

I'm a representative for Schacht Spindle Co, makers of fine spinning and weaving equipment. A couple people have placed orders for weaving gadgets, so I'm sending a reminder. If anyone else wants to treat yourself to some new spinning or weaving equipment for Christmas, now is the time to order. I have to send orders in by late October/early November to get them in time for the holidays. I give guild members a 10% discount. Their products are on line at [schachtspindle.com](http://schachtspindle.com), and you're welcome to contact me [[barefootweaver@earthlink.net](mailto:barefootweaver@earthlink.net)] with any questions. I hate bringing the holidays up this early, but I must if I want to make the deadlines for ordering.

Sue Helmken



## 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

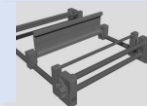


Structo Craft Loom  
4-shaft, 20" weaving width  
8-dent reed, string heddles  
in good working order  
\$45.00





## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Equipment.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com)) or the Guild President ([President.PiedmontFiberGuild@gmail.com](mailto: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	

**Piedmont Fiber Guild** meets at South Tryon Community United Methodist Church, 2516 S Tryon St. Charlotte, NC 28203 , at the intersection of South Tryon Street and Remount Road. We meet in the church basement, entering by the side door or the back door down the ramp if needed.

Meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month from 2-4 pm. Occasionally this changes, due to conflicts with major holidays.