

PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD

Welcome back after our summer break. We look forward to seeing everyone at the first meeting of the year on Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 2-4 pm at Arts on Main in Gastonia, NC.

Board Members

President - Sue Helmken

Past President - Gail Boyles

Treasurer - Maurice Blackburn

Secretary - Julie Hogan

Programs - Chris Dunlap

Workshops - Shirley Young

Charity - Julia Roskamp

Webmaster - Maria Derner

Membership - Dick Kistler

Marketing/Events/Booth - Gail Boyles

Social Media - Lori Smith

Library - Susan Haney

Equipment Manager - Vivian Brenner

Newsletter - Sallie Olson

Hospitality - Lorene Lovell and Peggy Hood

MEETING DATES Sept 2017-May 2018:

September 17, 2017

October 15, 2017

November 19, 2017

December 17, 2017 10am-4pm - Christmas Potluck Party at Dick and Vivian's home

January 21, 2018

February 18, 2018

March 18, 2018

April 15, 2018

May 20, 2018

All meetings at Arts on Main, 212 West Main Ave., Gastonia, NC, from 2-4 pm, except holiday party.

Please remember that \$25.00 dues are due for the 2017-2018 year if you have not already paid.

Please remember to bring library books to return. Thank you!

MESSAGE FROM OUR GUILD PRESIDENT

Quilt raffle tickets will be available at the PFG meeting for the lovely double wedding ring quilt. The quilt top was donated to the guild by member Carol Brinkhous Wertz in honor of her mother Ann Brinkhous, who was also a guild member.

Finishing for this lovely quilt top was done by our own Ursula Blackburn.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5/\$20. Proceeds to benefit Quilts for Kids.

Please see Gail or Chris to purchase tickets.

Book recommendation from Chris Dunlap: [Arctic Lace](#) by Donna Druchunas about knitting with quiviut. The book also includes the history of the Oomingak knitting cooperative, as well as select patterns.

Piedmont Fiber Guild Newsletter, Sept. 2017

I can't believe how fast this summer has passed. The board members have worked hard to plan a fun year for everyone.

One of my goals is to keep our business meetings shorter so everyone can enjoy show & tell. I like to stick to the agenda and avoid too much chatter. If you have ideas or suggestions, please notify me or the appropriate board member.

Ideas for workshops or programs, for example, should be sent to Shirley or Chris prior to the meeting so the board can consider them.

If you haven't done so already, be sure to check out our website. Maria has put a great deal of time and talent into updating our online presence, and it shows. She'll be walking us through the system as the year goes on to give all of us time to adjust to and understand the changes. We're officially joining the 21st century!

Maurice has tackled the job of purchasing a sound system for us. We'll now be able to hear our speakers no matter how softly they speak. How exciting!

As always, we'll have an expanded show & tell for our September program. Please be considerate of everyone's time and limit your items to one or two. We'll have tables set up for everyone to display his or her creations, so you can put more things out. Just pick your favorites to present to the group.

I can't wait to see what everyone has done since May.
Sue Helmken, Prez

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Carolina Handspinners - Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2p-4p, Lowell Community Center. All welcome.

Weavers' Study Group - Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1-3p, at Sallie's home. 2017 project: huck lace.

Murray's Mill Historic Site Annual Harvest Folk Festival - Saturday, Sept. 30 and Sunday, Oct. 1. PFG and Carolina Handspinners have been invited to take part in this event. More info: <http://catawbahistory.org/murrays-mill>. If interested in demonstrating, please contact Pat Blackwell.

Spinning Saturday at The Fibre Studio - Saturday, Oct. 7, 10a-4p. Open spinning. <https://thefibrestudio.com>.

PFG workshop "Dyeing to Knit", instructor Sue Helmken - Saturday, Oct. 7, 9a-4p, at Sue's studio in Clover, SC. Cost \$40, plus materials fee of \$20 for yarn and dyes. Dye skeins of wool blend sock yarn with acid dyes, then knit socks in Maria's class on knitting socks (to be held at a later date). Please note it is not required that you dye sock yarn or take the sock knitting class. Nor is it required that you dye your own yarn in order to take the sock yarn. These are independent classes. Please pack a lunch for yourself. *Please contact Shirley Young to register for the class.* You may call Sue or Marie with questions.

Carolina Handspinners - Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2p-4p, Lowell Community Center, Lowell NC.

Curtain Farms Fest - Artisan Craft & Food Market - Saturday, Oct. 14, 10a-4p. Located at 407 North Paraham Rd., Clover, SC 29710. Entrance fee: age 10 and up/adults - \$5; age 9 and under - \$1; age 2 and under - free. Contact Sue Helmken if interested. www.curtinfarms.com/

Cotton Ginning Days at the Gaston County Park in Dallas, NC. - Saturday, Oct. 14, and Sunday, Oct. 15. <http://gastongov.com/departments/parks-recreation/cotton-ginning-days/factsheet>. If interested in demonstrating, please contact Gail Boyles.

Piedmont Fiber Guild meeting - October 15, 2p-4p at Arts on Main, Gastonia, NC. Program: A Fiber Farm Year: What it takes to keep a fiber-producing flock and what happens during a year on a fiber farm.

Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair (SAFF) at the Agricultural Center in Fletcher, NC (outside Asheville) - Friday, Oct. 27, 9a-6p; Saturday, Oct. 28, 9a-6p; and Sunday, Oct. 29, 9a-4p. The largest fiber fair in our area. Classes available as well as shopping. <https://www.saffsite.org/>.

Hart Square - Saturday, Oct. 28. A privately owned village of historic cabins, open one day a year to the public. Must get tickets ahead of time via the internet, or through someone who volunteers at Hart Square, or by volunteering yourself. <http://www.hartsquare.com>. Please call Shirley Young if interested in demonstrating. People are especially needed to demonstrate flax processing.

NEW PFG WEBSITE LAUNCHED!!!

After much consideration, it was decided to make some changes regarding the website. A huge reason for this was to protect our privacy as much as possible. It will also be less costly to the guild to switch from Yahoo to GoDaddy.

This is an ongoing project, and the guild will be kept updated as things progress. Maria Derner, our webmaster, is working hard to make the new site as secure and user-friendly as possible.

Maria will be present at the September meeting. If you have questions for her, please plan to attend the meeting.

Terms for Guild Equipment Rental

From our Equipment Manager, Vivian Brenner

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 Brenner. 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.

Equipment	Rental Fee	Security Deposit
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 Loom	\$50/month	\$100

Weavers' Study Group met July 26 at Dawn's home to discuss the 2017 huck project. We had 12 weavers and one guest in attendance. Dawn presented thorough information about how huck lace is woven and interlaces to make the huck squares. Madelyn Van der Hoot's book The Complete Book of Drafting for Handweavers is recommended for further research on this weave structure. The next weavers' meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 1p-3p, at Sallie's home.

Carolina Handspinners meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2p-4p at the Lowell Community Center in Lowell, NC. The next gathering will be Tuesday, Sept. 12.

If anyone is interested in Spinzilla, Oct. 2-8, please come on 9/12 to discuss specifics.

A host is needed for our November bi-monthly Saturday gathering. The host chooses the Saturday for the meeting. The Saturday meeting allows those who work during the week to come to spin, enjoy a potluck lunch, and visit together.

Thank you to Pam Rumney for hosting the September Saturday spinning day.

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FOR THOSE OF US WHO HAVE QUILT TOPS THAT NEED TO BE PUT TOGETHER WITH BATTING AND BACKING SO THEY CAN BE SENT TO QUILTS FOR KIDS, THE OCTOBER PFG MEETING IS THE DEADLINE!