

PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD

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Boyles

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Secretary - Julie Hogan

Programs - Chris Dunlap

Workshops - Shirley Young

Charity - Julia Roskamp

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Gail Boyles

Social Media - Lori Smith

Equipment Manager -
Vivian Brenner

Newsletter - Sallie Olson

Hospitality - Lorene Lovell
and Peggy Hood

MEETING DATES through May 2018:

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.

REMINDERS:

- Please pay \$25 dues for 2017-2018 if you have not done so.
- Please remember to bring items to return to library.
- Thanks!

Piedmont Fiber Guild Minutes - September 17, 2017

*Welcome back from our new president, Sue Helmken

*Past president Gail Boyles spoke about a move to a new location in the next year. She will keep us informed. Gail also has tickets for the quilt raffle available. The possibility of displaying the quilt at local yarn stores was discussed.

*Programs: The focus this year will be on sharing the membership's talents. The October meeting will be a four person panel on what it takes to run a farm.

*Webmaster: Maria Derner discussed our new website. Many new applications will be introduced as the year progresses. Our viewership has already increased and Maria's custom website has already brought us into the 21st century.

*Workshops: Shirley Young asks that anyone with any workshop suggestions, please email her directly. Sue Helmken will be teaching a sock yarn dying class on October 8th from 9-4 in her studio. This class will cover yarn dying to be used in Maria Derner's upcoming sock knitting workshop. (please note this was changed from Saturday 10/7 to Sunday 10/8)

*Publicity: Lori Smith has been doing a great job updating our Facebook page. Our new website contains a link to our Facebook Page and our Ravelry Group.

*Marketing and Upcoming events: Gail Boyles asks that any inspiration for future events be brought to her. She will also be taking over our PFG booth. Please bring any display items that you would like to show in our booth.

*Opportunities & Refreshments: Please sign up with Peggy Hood to provide refreshments for this year's meetings. Chris Dunlap and Vivian Brenner have received large donations of items that will be used for opportunities.

*Treasurer: Maurice Blackburn reported \$3748.58 in checking and \$2915.49 in savings. Maurice also presented our new amplifier system.

*Library: Susan Haney suggested reviews of books we would like to see in our library. Please visit our library before or after our meetings.

*Charity: Julia Roskamp gave updates on this year's charity projects; Project Linus, Shelby Cancer Center, as well as Ft. Bragg care packages. Hats, booties and blankets are all welcome for submission.

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*Upcoming Events:

September 22nd-30th: Charlotte Area Yarn Crawl

October 14th-15th: Cotton Ginning Days, 1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy, Dallas, N.C.

October 14th: Curtin Farm Family Festival, Clover, S.C.

February 17th-18th: Carolina Alpaca Celebration, Concord, N.C.

*Show and Tell

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.

Please bring the quilts you have finished for the Linus Project OR Quilts for Kids to the October meeting. And of course any hats they have finished whether for a baby or the chemo hats. At any meeting they can bring personal hygiene items to give to Shirley for the homeless outreach.
Thanks.

Since Shirley has had surgery, I can take the toiletries - Sallie

A request from Vivian Brenner:

“Some of the Charlotte food banks are critically low on food, and the winter is approaching. Vivian volunteers next door to the Second Harvest Food Bank, and would love to bring non-perishable food to help feed our struggling neighbors. If each of us brings one can of food to each guild meeting, we could make a real difference! Thank you!”

Weavers' Study Group:

The weaving Study group met at Sallie Olson's house on Wednesday September 27th. Thank you Sallie for hosting the meeting.

There were 11 weavers present. Ram Rumney brought along her friend Rosalie Nast as a new member. She is an experienced weaver from the west coast. She owns a 48 inch 8 shaft Macomber loom as well as a 24 inch 8 shaft table loom. She trained in Textile Design.

Jeanne Smith showed the work from her Huck weaving project. Her designs had been based on the article "Stuck on Huck" by Lynn Tedder in Madelyn van der Hoogt's compilation in "Best of Weaver's Huck Lace." She said that she had used # 10 Aunt Lidia's Crochet yarn for her project which turned out well. In addition to her towel she had woven samples with several of the treadling variations listed in the article. She said that Kiska Thompson had been a big help to her work on her project.

We had a preliminary discussion on possible weaving projects next year. These included:

Summer and Winter

Double Weave

Honeycomb

Overshot

Waffle Weave

Any fabric design or yarn type which gave texture

Alice Harrill suggested that before the next meeting in November we should do some research into these possibilities so we could arrive at decision at the meeting.

Linda Erickson asked a question about beating, whether there was a preference to beat before closing the shed or after. Kiska said that she always beats once after passing the shuttle through. Joy Bruce said that she took a Swedish weaving class several years ago and they taught beating after passing the shuttle and again after opening the next shed. Maurice said that he often beats twice, as he finds that with particular weaving warps that are "sticky" that it is desirable to beat after opening the shed. It was agreed however that that the most important thing about beating is to be consistent.

Kiska show us several weaving books she had purchased, including an excellent book entitled "Weaving with Echo and Iris" by Marian Stubenitsky.

The next meeting will be held on November 29th at Alice's new house.

Maurice Blackburn

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
Harrisville Designs 4 Shaft, 6 Treadle 22 in Folding Loom with Seat	\$50/month	\$100

The November 10-12, 2017 Carolina Fiber Frolic retreat still has a few openings! The retreat will be held in Sapphire, North Carolina, and will find a variety of knitters, spinners, weavers, crocheters and dyers gathered to enjoy one another's company while working on their projects over the course of the 2 1/2 day retreat. Registration information can be found at CarolinaFiberFrolic.com or email Jan@CarolinaFiberFrolic.com for additional information

Jan Bode Smiley
Jan@CarolinaFiberFrolic.com

FOR SALE: Ashford Joy spinning wheel; 7 years old, very good shape. Comes with carrying bag, 3 regular bobbins, Jumbo flyer and bobbin (8 ounce capacity). \$500.00.

If interested, contact Tammy Diener.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. (historic dress required).

Spinning at The Fibre Studio – Saturday, Nov. 4, 10a–4p.

Carolina Fiber Frolic retreat – Friday, November 10, Saturday, November 11, and Sunday, November 12. Contact Jan Smiley for more information.

Arts on Main Gallery Show – Saturday, November 11. Arts on Main has requested Piedmont Fiber Guild to demonstrate the fiber arts for this event. Please contact Chris Dunlap if interested in participating.

Rural Hill Sheep Dog Trials – Saturday, November 11 and Sunday, November 12. Watch sheep dogs show their skills and visit historic buildings on site. Huntersville, NC area. Please contact Gail Boyles if interested in demonstrating (historic dress required). For more information, www.ruralhill.net/SheepdogTrials.asp.

Carolina Handspinners – Tuesday, November 14, 2p–4p, Lowell Community Center, Lowell NC.

Piedmont Fiber Guild meeting – Sunday, November 19, 2p–4p at Arts on Main, Gastonia, NC. Program: Documenting Your Work, why it is important, and different methods of doing so.