

PIEDMONT FIBER GUILD

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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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Beth
Nathan who won the beautiful
double wedding ring quilt in the
raffle for Quilts for Kids.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:

Where has this year gone?! I could have sworn it was just yesterday the board met to discuss the guild’s 2017-2018 plans. And the stores shoving Christmas down our throats already doesn’t help one bit. The year is fading fast, and I have so many things left on my to-do list.

While sorting things in the studio [which is a total mess at the moment], I realized I needed to reorganize my notebooks. I guess it’s a good thing we’ll be talking about keeping records of our work at the November meeting. It’s given me some incentive to finish the notes on recent projects. If it weren’t for deadlines, well...

I tend to view our monthly gatherings as an escape from the daily drudgeries, a chance to talk shop with our wonderful group of fiber enthusiasts. If you have any tips or questions on record keeping, please come and share with us. And don’t forget to bring your projects, both finished and in the works, to share! What would a meeting be without show and tell!

See You Saturday, Sue

Minutes from the Piedmont Fiber Guild October meeting:

The program presented was “A Year on a Fiber Farm” given by Shelley Walsh from Good Karma Alpaca Ranch in Iron Station, NC; Linda Pushee who had a farm in upstate New York in the past; and Mary Bare who raises Leicester Longwool sheep near Monroe, NC.

Charity: Julia reported that the guild is supporting the following charities this year: quilts for Quilts for Kids, Linus Project, and for kids coming out of abusive situations; also baby hats for Fort Bragg, chemo hats for the Lincolnton branch of the Levine Cancer Center, and toiletries for St. Michael’s. Peggy, Sallie and Ursula have quilt tops out from the Ann Brinkhous quilt project.

The raffle for the double wedding ring quilt will be held October 30. Another quilt will be offered for silent auction at the guild Christmas party with proceeds to benefit Quilts for Kids.

Treasurer: report was given by Maurice.

Pat Blackwell has donated kumihimo supplies and books to the guild in honor of her son David who died recently. The books will go to the guild library. Linda Erickson volunteered to go get the kumihimo loom that Pat is also donating to the guild.

Newsletter: some distribution problems remain with a few guild members.

Webmaster: Maria was unable to attend but is still working on the web page.

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October PFG Minutes, continued:

Library: we have some new books. Please visit the library to see what we have!

Hospitality: Peggy will send out e-mail regarding food, drink, and opportunity for November.

The Guild Christmas party will be held Sunday, 12/17 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at Dick and Vivian's house. Please bring a potluck dish to share, and a \$10-15 gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.

Workshops: We are looking for instructors from within the guild. The yarn dyeing class went well. A sock knitting class is planned toward the end of November. Some other topics that people have expressed interest in are hyperbolic crochet and overshot weaving. Please contact Shirley if you have ideas for workshops.

Media: Lori reports lots of new viewers on Facebook. Please send her photos from classes.

Marketing/Public Events: Curtin Farms and Cotton Ginning Days are this weekend. The guild has been contacted by the Charlotte Historical Society regarding an event to be held at the Hezekiah Alexander site; more information to come.

Upcoming Events: Feb 17 & 18, 2018 - Carolina Alpaca Breeders show at Cabarrus Arena. Also March 23 & 24, 2018 - Carolina Fiber Fest in Raleigh at the state fairgrounds.

Sue Helmken reported she is having computer problems. If anyone sends her an e-mail, please confirm that she received it.

Vivian is collecting canned goods for Second Harvest Food Bank which she will pick up at each meeting. Also, please bring canned goods to the Christmas party.

Opportunities and Show and Tell completed the October meeting.



UPDATE FROM SHIRLEY REGARDING THE SOCK KNITTING CLASS:

The Basic Sock class is on for December 3rd at AOM, thanks to Susan of the Art Guild.

I am rescheduling to allow time for students to sign up and Maria to get the kit items she highly recommends for this method.

Class fee \$45 send to me please, Kit fee \$22-25 to be paid to Maria at the class.

Once registered you will get more details. Thanks everyone, please let me know you are interested so we can get knitting!

PLEASE CONTACT SHIRLEY DIRECTLY TO GET ON THE CLASS LIST! THANKS

November Program:

Documentation: How to Do It and Why

Christine Dunlap, Sue Helmkin and Maria Derner will lead this group discussion about the importance of documenting your fiber arts adventures, including some creative ways to make this “chore” fun. Christine will discuss traditional means of documentation. Sue Helmkin will discuss how weaving software can help you with documentation and Maria Derner will help us see how Ravelry can get us organized and documented.

Members, please bring samples of your document to share, and ways you make documentation meaningful for you.

News From Carolina Handspinners:

Our group continues to meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month 2-4pm at Lowell Community Center 501 West First St Lowell, NC. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday November 14th and will feature a discussion about what each spinner is passionate about regarding their spinning. We will also, of course, have a discussion about experiences at SAFF, what we learned and what we bought.

Our next Bimonthly Saturday meeting will take place on Saturday November 18th at the home of Peggy Hood in Oakboro. Please contact Peggy directly if you would like to attend this event and let her know what you will bring to share for potluck lunch. We thank Peggy for again hosting our group for this event that allows those who can't make our weekday meetings to enjoy the fun of Carolina Handspinners.

Happy Spinning!

News from the Weaving Study Group:

The next meeting of the Weaving Study Group will be held at Alice Harrill's home on November 29 at 1 p.m. Please contact Alice directly to confirm you are coming and to obtain directions to her new house.

This is our last meeting of the season. Please bring your Huck Weave samples for the sample exchange.

- Maurice Blackburn

Paws in the Park: On October 7th, Gail Boyles and Christine Dunlap braved torrential rains to take part in a fiber demo at Stowe Park in Belmont, NC. While few folks were interested in our fiber arts demos (it was about the dogs, after all), the staff were excited to have us there and the most fun was seeing over 30 dogs in full costume (see photos).



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.

<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 Loom	\$50/month	\$100

Report from the fall Carolina Fiber Frolic : Once again I was fortunate to attend the Carolina Fiber Frolic in Sapphire, NC. The Frolic is the brainchild of our own Jan Smiley. The spring Frolic features a variety of classes. The fall Frolic has no classes and is all about friendship, fiber projects and relaxing. There are people who come every year as well as new and newer attendees. A good time was had by all!

- Sallie

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Note from the Newsletter Staff - my apologies for getting this out late. I hope I haven't forgotten anything; if so, please notify me. My life has been a zoo the last couple of weeks. More importantly, to all who are traveling this next week, be safe, and

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL

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