

# Piedmont Fiber Guild Newsletter

Summer

Newsletter 2017

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## This Year's Guild Meetings

- September 17, 2017
- October 15, 2017
- November 19, 2017
- December ??, 2017 – Guild Christmas Party
- January 21, 2018
- February 18, 2018
- March 18, 2018
- April 15, 2018
- May 20, 2018 **All regular meetings 2-4 pm at Arts on Main, 212 West Main Avenue, Gastonia, 28052.**

**Visitors are welcome.**

Dear Fiber Guild Members,  
Beth has taken on a daunting task to teach me how to format the newsletter. We are working it, and I promise it will be an education experience for me. Hopefully, Beth will get me up to snuff soon. In the meantime, be patient with me.  
Thanks, Sallie Olson

Piedmont Fiber Guild Minutes May 21, 2017 :

\*Opportunities & Refreshments: Thanks to Shirley Young, Sallie Olson, Gail Boyles and Vivian Brenner for providing this month's refreshments and opportunities.

\*Summer Camps at Discover You! In Mt. Holly: Chris Dunlap was contacted by Paul Herbert about summer camps featuring fiber arts each Wednesday. The camps target middle school children from 9am-12pm on June 21, 28, July 12, 19, 26 and Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please let Chris know if you are interested in teaching .

\*Treasurer: Tammy Diener reported \$2915.29 in checking and \$3090.87 in savings for a total of \$6006.16

\*equipment manager: , Please visit our new and improved library. New cabinets have been installed and Chris Dunlap has organized the library for easy viewing.

\*Charity: Julia Roskamp gave updates on this year's charity projects; completed quilt tops from Ann Brinkhous, baby bundles for new parents at Fort Bragg, and small blankets and hats for Mothers of Angels

\*Upcoming Events:

\* June 3- Public spinning at The Fibre Studio 10am-4pm (658 Griffith Rd. Ste 107 Charlotte N.C. 28217 704-614-4745

\*June 3- Mt Holly Farmers Market

\*June 10-World Wide Knit in Public Day at the Charlotte Mint Museum (Randolph Rd.)

\*June 10-Anything Fiber Sale at Warren Wilson College 10am-2pm

\*June 11-World Wide Knit in Public Day at the Schiele Museum (1500 Garrison Blvd. Gastonia in the Back Country Farm area) 1pm-5pm

\*Raffle tickets for the beautiful Ann Brinkhouse Quilt top (completed by Ursula Blackburn) are in. Tickets are \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20. All proceeds will benefit Quilts for Kids. Please sign out all tickets with Gail Boyles or Chris Dunlap.

May 2017 Minutes, continued:

\*2017/2018 Board Elections- Peggy Hood

Election Results:

President-Sue Helmken

Past President- Gail Boyles

Treasurer- Maurice Blackburn

Programs- Chris Dunlap

Secretary- Julie Hogan

Newsletter- Sallie Olson

Charity- Julia Roskamp

Webmaster-Maria Derner

Marketing/Events/Booth-Gail Boyles

Social Media-Lori Smith

Membership-Dick Kistler

Library- Susan Haney

Hospitality-Lorene Lovell and Peggy Hood

Workshops-Shirley Young

Equipment mgr.-Vivian Brenner

Congratulations to the new 2017/2018 board and a special thank you to our past board members for making 2016/2017 a great year!

\*member Show and Tell \*Have a great summer!

## Weaving Group Meeting

The Weaving Study Group meeting was held at Kiska Thompson's house on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

8 weavers attended plus Kiska's sister Jo and Ursula.

Kiska was the designated weaver and she presented several samples of the Huck weave towels she had woven. She used the standard Huck block threading on her 8 shaft loom.

She said that she had initially tied up the tabby treadles on 7 and 8, but found this to be somewhat inconvenient and she changed this to treadles 4 and 5. This led to a general discussion on tied up.

Several of us agreed that that we preferred tying up the first and the last treadle for tabby.

Particularly for weaving overshot where a tabby leads each pattern yarn, we felt it helped us to use the correct tabby by pressing the left treadle when the pattern yarn moved from left to right and the right treadle when the pattern yarn came back from right to left.

Kiska's loom is equipped for sectional beaming which she had used for her samples. This led to a general discussion about warping. Maurice, who warps from back to front and uses only one cross, said that when he winds the yarn onto the warp beam he has a problem with tangling at the lease sticks just in front of the raddle. Sue suggested that it is better to have crosses at both ends of the warp chain. At the raddle cross, the threads are separated into the number required in each raddle section, whereas at the other end, the threading cross is end by end. Once the threads have been passed through the raddle and tied onto the warp beam, the lease sticks are removed before winding onto the warp beam.

Carol showed a sample she has woven using a multicolored dyed warp. Victoria showed two samples she had woven from kits purchased from Halcyon Yarns. She was quite pleased with the results, though she questioned the threading for one of the colors.

Joy showed a scarf she had woven from a design in the January/February 2017 Handwoven magazine. The scarf was woven with a metallic yarn in the weft, which gave a pleasing effect.

Last month Maurice had shown some shuttles which had been donated to Latta Plantation along with a Counterbalance loom. The bobbins which came with the shuttles had quite large flanges which could catch on the warp threads as the shuttle passes through the shed. He said he had solved this problem by using paper quills. Here are some useful links:

<http://www.lambontheloom.com/blog/paper-quills-the-good-the-bad-and-the-really-really-ugly>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ICgUEmP5zc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7Bv3D9tUek>

The next meeting is scheduled for July 26 at Dawn McCarthy's house in Davidson

Photos from May Weavers' Study Group by 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, at 704-841-1624. There is a brief contract you will sign at the time of the rental.

If you have any fiber equipment you would like to donate, please contact Vivian or Gail, the Guild President.

Equipment	Rental Fee	<b>Security Deposit</b>
Drum Carder	\$30/month	\$50
Cotton Cards	\$5/month	\$20
Elbee Picker	\$30/month	\$100
Warping Board	\$5/month	\$25
Cleme & Cleme Spinning Wheel	\$25/month	\$100
Ashford Spinning Wheel	\$25/month	\$100
Sabina 32 in. 4-Shaft Folding Loom	\$50/month	\$100



## Great Yarn Collection

This is a **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who collected and/or donated yarns for our Summer Fiber Camps at Discover YOU!. Because of your generosity, each child will go home with enough yarn to complete their weaving sticks. Also, we will be displaying small cardboard looms and will encourage kids to take a ball of yarn sufficient to complete a small weaving project on a cardboard loom of their own making.

This is a great opportunity for our groups to connect with young people and share our knowledge and unloved supplies with them in the hopes we will instill a love of fiber arts in at least a few of them. As education is a big part of group, this was a great way to encourage kids to work with their hands.

Have a great summer and thank you so much again for your generosity and time.

Chris and Beth Dunlap