

Blue Ridge Fiber Guild Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2022 at Arts Space and via zoom

Program: "Slash Your Stash" led by Susan Payne

Participating: Beth Reavis, Vicki Skywark, Rhonda Gladden, Mona Alderson, Janeene Ross, Jeanne Lawrence, Sali Gill-Johnson, Mary Valante, Susan Payne, Hannah Finkelstein, Pam Kicklighter, Jean-Marie Reddan Martinac, Chandler Heston, Nancy Sigmon

Treasurer's report:

\$ 1,451.94 Ending Balance/ April

\$ 71.05 Deposits

\$ 83.81 Business cards, materials, check

\$ 1,439.18 Ending balance

Currently there are 36 paid members.

It was suggested a PayPal account may not be worth the fees and setup requirements. There was discussion on use of the Square for sales, and perhaps looking into a Zelle account. The executive committee will discuss in June and get back to members.

Secretary's Report: There were no updates or additions for the April minutes, which were approved.

Reports and Upcoming Events:

Hickory Ridge "Fiber Frolic" was held May 7. There were very informative demonstrations in the processing of flax into linen, spinning, dying, weaving and knitting by several members of the guild. Participants included Kerry Masarik, Debby Stone, Beth Reavis, and Jeanne Lawrence and others.

There are currently knitters groups meeting at the following locations-

Cove Creek Community Center, Wednesdays 9-12

Arts Space/Shadowline Dr. "Yarn Circle" Wednesdays 12-3

Lois Harrill Center, W. King St, Thursdays 1 Pm

These are drop-in groups, however there is a nominal fee for anyone under 60 for the senior centers at Cove Creek and Lois Harrill locations. ArtSpace appreciates a voluntary donation to compensate for the use of the room.

Debby Stone, Janeene Ross and Ellie Hjemmet provided fibers demonstrations in spinning and weaving at Turtle Island Nature Preserve.

Material, yarn and other items suitable for blanket construction are being collected for The Linus Project provides handmade blankets for children in need and trauma. Donations may be made

to the Watauga County Art Space on Shadowline Dr. See [projectlinus.org](http://projectlinus.org) for design and materials guidelines.

Blue Ridge Fiber Fest, Sparta is happening June 3-4 [www.blueridgefiberfest.com](http://www.blueridgefiberfest.com)

A Memorial for founding guild member Donna Duke will be held Sat. June 4 at 11am at St. Lukes Episcopal Church.

“Boonerang Festival” Saturday, June 18

The executive committee decided not to have a booth, given questions on the fee, and overall lack of member participation.

However, the guild members fibers show will be up in the Jones House June 1-30. Work should be dropped off at the Jones House Community Center on June 1, 10AM-5PM. Susan Sharpe is curating the show and will be contacting members who signed up to show. There will not be a commission fee charged for any sales by the Jones House, but the Blue Ridge Fiber Guild will receive 10% of sales for future programs and materials. The community reception will be held on Friday, June 3, from 5-7 PM.

The Handweavers Guild of America is hosting the Fiber Convergence July 15-21 in Knoxville, TN; info at <https://weavespindye.org/convergence/> Since this overlaps the regular meeting on July 16, the July meeting has been moved to Sat. July 23. We will do a small handmade gift exchange at this meeting.

“Anything Fiber Sale” is scheduled for AB Tech in the Asheville area July 30, and Mountain City, TN is hosting the Sunflower Festival on July 9.

Edgewood Cottage Fibers Show is scheduled for September.

Possible upcoming program ideas include dying natural fibers using Easter egg dyes, and basket weaving. (Some basket weaving materials were recently donated to the weaving studio in Cove Creek. Janeene Ross would like to find someone who does broom-making.

The next meeting of the Blue Ridge Fiber Guild will be Saturday, June 18 at 10:30, at Cove Creek Community Center, and will feature a “Fiber Swap” for getting rid of books, tools, yarn, material, and acquiring more!

Susan Payne demonstrated several creative quilting methods to use up odds and ends and “Slash Your Stash” She also brought over a dozen of her beautiful and unique art quilts to show.

Meeting was adjourned. Minutes prepared by Sali Gill-Johnson 5/24/22.