

The Guild met on October 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the Watauga County Arts Space in Boone.

Beth Reavis called the meeting to order and introduced the officers. Because several new members and visitors were in attendance, we went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Attending: Beth, Angelika, Mona, Jeanne, Jen*, Mary, Vicki, Susan S, Andrea, Peg*, Nancy S, Janeene, Robin Hunt*, Betty W; and online: Pam K and Susan P. (*new members or guests)

Show and Share:

Several members shared projects.

Vicki Skywark - beautiful blue shawl made with Wonderland wool gradient yarn

Nancy Sigmon- rug wool sampler made in a weekend class at her former guild, taught by Tom Knisely

Beth Reavis - Halloween pillows

Angelika Harrison - wool pear ornament from last month's meeting/program

Mona Alderson - travel quilt wall hanging

Jeanne Lawrence - socks, hand woven and embroidered bag made by a Mayan Craft collective in Guatemala

Mary Valante - embroidery patterned from the Bayeux tapestry; Mary is beta testing a kit designed by a friend

Pam Kicklighter - handwoven towels

Program: Vicki Skywark gave an interesting program on colorwork knitting. An information sheet and photographs of examples will be put on the Guild website. Just two points from the talk: Fair Isle will draw up more than other techniques and will require moving to a larger needle size when techniques are combined.

Bring the new yarn from underneath in stranded colorwork to make the pattern pop.

Business Meeting:

1. Minutes of the September meeting were approved as submitted and posted on the Website.
2. Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance: \$1693.14; ending balance: \$2,077.97
3. Shows:
 - June 2023: Jones House: Guild will get 10% commission.
 - July 2023: Johnson County Arts Center, Mountain City: Arts Center gets 20% commission; smaller works are best as space is limited, but not limited to wall displays.
 - November & December 2023: Western Carolina Visitor Center in Wilkesboro: Guild will get 10% commission.
 - General: Dues-paying members are invited to show and sell items at shows; Beth encourages everyone to display at least one item. The Guild website has a form for members to fill out for specific shows.

- Donation to Jones House: Betty Womack moved to donate \$100 to Jones House; Jeanne? seconded the motion; motion passed.
4. Programs: The Committee is looking for ideas for next year. We aim for balance in terms of the fiber arts/crafts that will be the subject of programs. Possibilities include experts whom the Guild would pay. We will discuss funding programs and possibly raising dues at the November meeting. Anyone who has ideas or thoughts on programs should e-mail Beth. Please provide any information you have, including cost and availability. Several programs for 2023 are scheduled, including visiting the Small Expressions Exhibit at the Foothills Arts Center in Elkin, N.C. and Welcome Center in Nov-Dec.

Some additional ideas of presenters include:

Martha Owen, who teaches at John Campbell Folk School and teaches everything wool, from dyeing to spinning and knitting

Tom Knisely, who teaches weaving; and further tapping into skills of members. Jen expressed the opinion that craft-specific workshops be offered at cost to members, as opposed to programs for everyone.

Announcements:

- Catawba Valley Quilt Show - October 21 and 22 in Hickory, N.C.:
<https://catawbavalleyquiltersguild.com/2022-quilt-show>
- SAFF (Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair) is October 20-23 at the Fairgrounds in Asheville:
<https://saffsite.org/>
- The First Baptist Church in Boone is collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for those in need
- Members are invited to ATG Quilting Bee directly after the meeting at 715 Camp Joy Rd, Zionville
- There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.