

Blue Ridge Fiber Guild November 2022

Location: Art Space, 377 Shadowline Dr. Boone, NC (in-person and zoom)

Members Present: Beth Reavis, Vicki Skywark, Janeene Ross, Margie Cassan, Angelika Harrison, Jane Campbell, Susan Sharpe, Mona Alderson, Sali Gill-Johnson, Rhonda Gladden, Jean-Marie Martinac, Betty Womack, Fatima DeHann (zooming from Portugal.)

Business Meeting/Reports

Beth Reavis welcomed members, and October meeting minutes were approved.

Janeene provided treasurer's report from October:

Beginning Balance: \$ 1,693.24

Deposits: \$ 3,576.73

Disbursements: \$ 3,391.90

Ending Balance: \$ 2,077.97

Proposed Budget

Vicki Skywark reported that the executive committee met via zoom on 11/3/22 to discuss the proposed budget for the 2023 year. Discussion followed with some clarification on specific line items, removing for example, \$250 for weaving studio repairs and supplies. Susan Sharpe said these expenses have been covered by grants, and contributions from members. Mona Alderson recommended combining and reducing the overall number of line items. Vicki will revise and send out to membership to approve at the December meeting.

Changes to Membership Dues

Members present voted unanimously to increase regular annual dues to \$20, along with keeping a student rate of \$10, and case-by-case honorary memberships, as indicated in the by-laws. Membership dues are due January 1 annually, however a proposal was also approved to pro-rate memberships for those joining for the first time- \$10 prorated for those joining mid-year or after (July to December.)

Other Business

Janeene Ross and the membership committee will oversee bereavement cards for members who have lost a child or a spouse. Please share this information with Janeene, who will forward the obituary to the membership if individuals wish to respond with individual cards or gifts.

The Seby Jones Cancer Center is still accepting handmade caps/hats for patients. Need to be soft and washable, and unisex/men's styles are needed.

Meeting and Events Calendar

- December 9, Blowing Rock Market (outside) parking lot of Baptist Church. Coordinated by the Watauga County Arts Council, contact Beth Reavis for more information

- December 17, 10:30 am. Annual Covered Dish and Fiber Swap. Bring fibers, fabric, books notions for swap, and a food dish to share! Location: Western Watauga Library/Cove Creek Community Center
- January 21- Field trip to the Yadkin Valley Fiber Center in Elkin, NC for studio tour and show. Guild members will meet at 9 am to carpool from the Arts Space.
- February 18, 10:30am- (Zoom only) “Marketing Your Work” program by Susan Sharpe and other members.
- March 18, In-person, 10;30 am Program by Rhonda Gladden “Dyeing for Spring” Location: Western Watauga Library/Cove Creek Community Center
- June 2023- Jones House Exhibit, &. Blue Ridge Fiber Fest, Sparta
- July 2023 Johnson County Arts Center, Mountain City, TN
- November-December Guild exhibit at the Western Carolina Visitors Center in North Wilkesboro

Show and Share

Members shared holiday and other creations- Beth (Turkey appliqué), Margie (snowman tabletop quilt), Sali (knit hat, snowmen, trees and gnome), Janeene (crochet popcorn garland and wreaths), Angelika (knit/felted gnomes), Rhonda (rug hooked holiday wall art), Vicki (1st woven scarf), Mona (folded fabric stars and birds) Fatima (knit socks) Betty (woven pieces, tree pendant), Jean-Marie (knitted/woven scarf)

Minutes provided by Sali Gill-Johnson