

## **Blue Ridge Fiber Guild March 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Location: Cove Creek Community Center (In-person and zoom)

Members & Guests Present/Zoom: Beth Reavis, Rhonda Gladden, Janeene Ross, Jane Campbell, Susan Sharpe, Mona Alderson, Susan Payne, Nancy Mahala, Jeanne Lawrence, Sali Gill-Johnson, Margie Cassan, Wen Redmond, Ellie Hjemmet, Cindy Kaylor, Nancy Sigmon, Betty Womack, Kim Potter, Hope Estepan, Tunney Henson, Charlene Tristain

### **Business Meeting/Reports**

Beth Reavis welcomed members and guests. February minutes were discussed with no changes and approved.

Janeene provided treasurer's report.

Beginning Balance: \$ 1,919.74

Deposits 135.00 (memberships, supplies)

Disbursements: 167.71 (website, materials)

Ending Balance: \$ 1,887.03

Rhonda Gladden has created a form on the website (located under member drop down) for signing up to participate in upcoming shows and exhibits. <http://blueridgefiberguild.org/blue-ridge-guild-exhibit-form/>

### **Meeting and Events Calendar**

The next guild meeting is April 15 at the Cove Creek Community Center. Teresa Tingler will lead a workshop on basic basketweaving. Participants will construct a basket to take home. There is a \$25 materials fee, and participation is limited to 12. Please contact Susan Sharpe if you want to sign up. First come.

BRFG will have a gallery display April 6-May 2 at the **Watauga County Arts Council Arts Space**. All members are encouraged to submit at least one work for display. To sign up online: <http://blueridgefiberguild.org/blue-ridge-guild-exhibit-form/>

Sales are allowed, however there is a 30% commission to the arts council.

Susan Payne is coordinating setup and will be there to receive work on Thursday, April 6 at 10am. Work can also be delivered to Susan Sharpe at the weaving room at the Cove Creek Community Center on Friday, March 31 from 10-1.

A guild reception is planned for April 21 (5-7pm) and members are asked to bring finger food snacks. For more details, please look at the March 18 email shared by Rhonda Gladden/ArtSpace April Exhibit Info.

The Children's Playhouse is looking for volunteers to plan hands-on activities for Buildfest the first weekend in April. Contact Beth Reavis for more information. She will be working with kids on a simple cross-stitch project.

Janeene Ross is teaching a free knitting class at Cove Creek Community Center on Wednesdays from 9am-12pm, and 1-3pm at the Lois Harrell Senior Center in Boone. There is also a Thursday 1-3pm class at Lois Harrell which has a \$15 materials fee.

Also, upcoming Fiber Frolic at Hickory Ridge at Horn in the West, May 6 from 11am-3pm. There will be demos and presentations on heritage textile skills such as spinning, weaving and dyeing.

Rhonda Gladden led the Easter egg dye workshop. Using crock pots with vinegar, water and egg dye, along with other application methods, participants experimented with dyeing animal fibers (wool, silk, etc.) Thank you Rhonda for leading this fun workshop!

Minutes provided by Sali Gill-Johnson