

Blue Ridge Fiber Guild May 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Location: Western Watauga Community Center (In-person and zoom)

Members & Guests Present/Zoom: Vicki Skywark, Rhonda Gladden, Janeene Ross, Jane Campbell, Pam Kicklighter, Linda Hurd, Linda Hall, Sali Gill-Johnson, Margie Cassan, Betty Womack, Kim Potter, Charlene Tristain, 1 person zoom Julie Sakowski

Business Meeting/Reports

Janeene provided treasurer's report April 30, 2023

Beginning Balance: \$ 1,985.38

Deposits 111.09 (memberships, supplies)

Disbursements: 32.65 (misc)

Ending Balance: \$ 2,063.82

Jane Campbell thanked those who were able to attend Hickory Ridge Fiber Frolic in April and reported they made over \$300 on the raffle for the spinning wheel, which will go towards maintenance and upkeep at the Hickory Ridge homestead at Horn in the West.

Discussion on continuing ZOOM- The guild purchased a subscription during COVID and it expires in September 2023. While there is currently a free zoom, it is less user friendly, and only allows 40 minutes at a time. Since returning to in-person meetings, ZOOM participation has been less in general especially now that weather has improved. It is also difficult to zoom workshops and requires a dedicated person to do this. Rhonda has been managing this process and would like to bow out. Members are encouraged to contact Vicki and Beth to voice any opinion on continuing throughout summer and/or beyond.

As per email from Rhonda Gladden on 5/23- Submission forms for the June exhibit at the Jones House should be sent by Thursday, May 25, and items brought to the Jones House at 10am on May 31, unless you have made prior arrangements. Please note any special instructions and if you would like your items to move to the Johnson County show for July, along with handling instructions. Jones House reception planned for June 2 from 5-7 PM and refreshments will be needed. The Watauga Community Band will be performing, so it should be a fun evening!

A free felting workshop for all skill levels was led by Jane Campbell who provided all supplies and materials. Participants chose the subject and materials and created a small 5x7 piece to take home. Examples of work are available on the guild webpage. It was great fun and we all learned a lot!

Meeting and Events Calendar

Ongoing- 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. There is also a weekly free/donation class held at the Watauga Arts Council Art Space on Wednesday 12-3PM led by Jane Plaugher.

Minutes provided by Sali Gill-Johnson 5/23/23