

## **Blue Ridge Fiber Guild**

November 18, 2023 Meeting

Location: Western Watauga/Cove Creek Community Center

### **Members and guests present:**

Mona Alderson, Jane Campbell, Margie Cassan, Kathryn Costas, Karen Dendiu, Hope Estepan, Angelika Harrison, Pam Kicklighter, Sali Gill-Johnson, Rhonda Gladden, Kerry Masarik, Susan Payne, Kim Potter, Beth Reavis, Janeene Ross, Susan Sharpe, Vicki Skywark (zoom), Patty Swartzbaugh, Dina Twigg, Andrea Vail (zoom), Mary Valante, Betty Womack

### **Business Meeting**

Beth Reavis called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Individual introductions went around the room. We decided to have individuals make their own name tags at the last meeting, but perhaps this can be the project at an upcoming meeting. Paper name tags will be available at the December meeting. The meeting minutes for October were approved with no corrections.

### **Treasurers Report**

As of October 31, 2023

Beginning Balance:	\$ 2,046.89
Deposits	\$ 99.00
Disbursements	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 2,120.89

Deposits: \$ 40.00 membership, subscription refund: \$ 59.00

Disbursements: \$ 25.00 workshop

Pam Kicklighter, Vicki Skywark and Grace Mutz continue to work on inventory of guild resources. They will make a list of members' interests and skills for sharing with on a private members' web link. An email to membership outlining this will follow. Rhonda Gladden will establish a SSL encryption and utilize Mailchimp for emailings. Vicki will send out the current members list to the membership. Send corrections to her. Mona Alderson questioned what currently public vs. is non - public on the website and this item is open for further discussion.

### **Blue Ridge Fiber Guild Proposed Board Slate for 2024-2026**

Hope Estepan and Sali Gill-Johnson provided the list of the proposed slate of officers for the next 2-year term. Beth Reavis shared this with the members present and asked for any additional nominations. The slate will be shared and voted on at the December meeting.

- President- Mona Alderson
- Vice President- Andrea Vail
- Secretary- Sali Gill-Johnson
- Treasurer- Betty Womack (with Vicki Skywark assisting)
- Communication/Website- Rhonda Gladden

### **News and Upcoming Events**

Wilkes Visitors Center- Susan Payne and Susan Sharpe had previously contacted the NC Visitors center outside of North Wilkesboro regarding a group show and have heard they have the guild scheduled after the holidays in January- February 2024. Members can sell work (10% commission to the guild) and will be responsible for arranging payment and other purchase details with the buyer- work offered for sale should have appropriate contact information

for the seller. An email from Susan Payne will be sent outlining this and participating members should plan to bring items for sale and/or display to the December 16 meeting.

Susan Payne is also sending an application for Edgewood Cottage for next summer- dates TBD. The application deadline is Dec. 1 and members interested in participating should look for an email from her. The application requires photos of work for sale and price points. iPhone (medium) format is sufficient for images. Commission is 25% to Blowing Rock Historical Society; the Guild's usual commission is waived.

Jane Campbell asked members if they are interested in participating in the Fiber Frolic at Hickory Ridge in May, and a motion was made to hold the May guild meeting in conjunction with the event on either May 11 or 18. This was unanimously approved by members present.

The Seby Jones Cancer Center at Watauga/UNC Health welcomes hand-knitted and store-bought hats for cancer patients. These should be washable, and can be dropped off at the cancer center, at 338 Deerfield Road (behind the hospital) or brought to the December meeting. (A member will collect and drop off.) The Hospitality House, located at 338 Brook Hollow Road, also welcomes donations of warm clothing and apparel.

Several members brought items for a show and share. Janeene Ross also had several kits, books, and fibers for sale.

The next Guild meeting on Saturday, December 16 from 10-12:30 will feature a fiber swap and a potluck at the Western Watauga/Community Center. Reminder to bring items for the NC/Wilkes Visitors Center show to this meeting.

Meeting minutes compiled and draft submission by Sali Gill-Johnson, November 20, 2023.