

## Blue Ridge Fiber Guild

December 16, 2023 Meeting, Potluck and Fiber Swap

Location: Western Watauga/Cove Creek Community Center

**Members and guests present: 16**

### Business Meeting

Beth Reavis called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Individual introductions went around the room. Mona Alderson brought printed name badges for current members, and also distributed name tags "kits" she created for members to use to create personalized ones. The meeting minutes for November were approved with the correction of the Fiber Frolic pending date and the BRFG meeting; the May meeting will occur on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday ( May 18) whether it coincides or not.

### Treasurers Report

As of November 30, 2023

Beginning Balance: \$ 2,129.89

Deposits \$ 195.00

Disbursements \$ 25.00

Ending Balance \$ 2,290.89

Deposits: \$ 140 memberships, \$10 donation, \$20 materials, \$5 commission/Boone Market

Disbursements: \$ 25.00 Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture booth fee

Grace Mutz continues to work on inventory of guild resources of members skills and interests. Members are encouraged to fill out the membership form on the website. This will also help with coordination and participation in upcoming shows and events>

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

The slate was shared and voted in by acclamation

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

Standing Committees include the following and everyone is encouraged to participate and sign up for at least one.

Description and more information is attached. Members not at the meeting should contact Mona Alderson at [monabaquiltsg@gmail.com](mailto:monabaquiltsg@gmail.com) to be added to one of the committees.

- Programs
- Shows and Events
- Membership and Hospitality
- Communications

### News and Upcoming Events

Annual membership dues of \$ 20 are due by January 1. Checks may be sent to: Betty Womack, 1314 Grandview Dr. EXT. Boone, N.C. 28608

January 3- N.C. Visitors Center/North Wilkesboro: Susan Sharpe Payne plans to meet those who are submitting work and/or helping install on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Cove Creek center at 11:30. The show will run January- February 2024. Members can sell work (only commission 10% 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. If you have items for sale or display, please contact Susan. The form is under the members tab and “shows” on the website.

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Susan Payne has submitted an application for Blowing Rock Historical Society/Edgewood Cottage for next summer- dates TBD.

Outgoing Presidents Vicki Skywark and Beth Reavis commented on the guild camaraderie, sharing and resources, and Vicki offered to remain as a technology/database resource for the group. Incoming president Mona Alderson, and vice-president Andrea Vail introduced themselves and also commented on the inspiration, opportunities and other things the group offers.

**Upcoming Meetings**

January 20, and February 17 meetings will be conducted via Zoom, and begin at 10:30am. A link will be sent out via email. Committees will be able to “meet” in January and the February program will feature a discussion of organizations, associations and their resources for fiber enthusiasts. Other Upcoming Programs include Cheryl Roberts- demonstrating rug hooking (March); Deborah Carroll- tapestry weaving (April); and Susan Payne- batik (May).

Several members brought items for a show and share. Betty Womack has a Scandinavian folded star pattern to share c/o Sandystardesigns.com <cdn.Shopify.com> Kelsey Wagner is looking for donations of recycled materials, yarn, etc for large woven pieces in yellow, red and orange that she is installing in Thailand in March. She can be reached via [wagne308@msu.edu](mailto:wagne308@msu.edu). Visiting member Wen Redmond will have a show featuring digital fabric printed photographs at the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg, VA January 9-March 30.

Meeting minutes compiled and draft submission by Sali Gill-Johnson December 18, 2023