

Blue Ridge Fiber Guild January 2024

Action items for all members:

- ☐ If you have not done so, please send your \$20 check to: Betty Womack, Treasurer, 1314 Grandview Dr. Extension, Boone, NC, 28607. Dues are late after the end of February. (Members seeking student or 80+ membership status should make the request to Beth Reavis, chair of the membership committee.)
- ☐ Please update your personal info for the database at: <http://blueridgefiberguild.org/blue-ridge-fiber-guild-member-form/>

January 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order promptly at 10:30 am by new President, Mona Alderson's welcoming remarks to new and returning members. A quorum was established.
2. Mona reviewed Zoom protocol:
 - Use video
 - Mute microphone unless speaking
 - Identify yourself
 - Raise your hand visibly to ask to speak and to vote
3. Margie Cassan made a motion to approve minutes of the December 2023 meeting, available online; Hope Estepan seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.
4. Janeene Ross presented the Treasurer's report:

Beginning balance 12/1/2023:	<u>\$2,290.89</u>
Deposits	40.00 (membership dues)
	20.00 (weaving room materials)
Disbursements	<u>-32.00</u> (weaving room materials)
Ending balance 12/31/2023:	<u>\$2,318.89</u>
5. Business: Committees broke out into group sessions. Some decisions are to be made by committee; other items require a committee recommendation to be put to a vote by the full membership.
 - a. Programs - Mona Alderson, chair – programs are being set for the entire year.
 - b. Membership and Hospitality - Beth Reavis, chair – focus is on member benefits.
 - c. Shows and Events - Susan Payne, chair – each event needs a lead contact/organizer.

- d. Communications - Rhonda Gladden – new website in the future; members are encouraged to join FaceBook group, which is members only.
 - e. Guild resources committee will be deferred till March.
6. Other Old Business: E-mail Mona at monabquilts@gmail.com if you would like to receive a name badge kit by mail.
7. New Business:
 - a. Next meeting is Zoom only on February 17 at 10:30 AM; the program is a panel discussion of Fiber Arts and Crafts Organizations, moderated by Andrea Vail. Andrea invites volunteers to serve on the Panel; contact her at andreaevail@gmail.com.
 - b. Handweavers Guild of America: after some discussion, Vicki Skywark made a motion to approve renewal of BRFG's institutional membership; Pam Kicklighter seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
 - c. Susan Payne mentioned Wildacres as a potential retreat/field trip and will investigate and provide additional information as available
 - d. New Square device is available free; Susan Payne will obtain.
 - e. Susan Sharpe reported that the West Watauga weaving room has returned a table loom that was on loan from its owner and seeks a replacement.
 - f. Our banner will be stored at West Watauga center.
8. Finalize Committee Planning in Breakout Sessions
9. Show and Share:

Joan's colorful temperature blanket and technicolor child's crochet coat
Kelsey's amazing plastic trash weaving in preparation for her Bangkok show
Margie's lovely pet embroidery
Pam's beautiful marbled scarf
10. Committees reported back after breakout sessions, with progress made on items identified in Paragraph 5 above. Prior to the February meeting, the following will be sent to members in good standing:
 - Revised membership list
 - Calendar of programs and workshops for 2024
 - Calendar of exhibitions and special events
 - Proposed budget for 2024

Prepared by Vicki Skywark, substituting for Sali Gill-Johnson