

Blue Ridge Fiber Guild Minutes

February 17, 2024

Action Items and upcoming events:

- Membership payments for 2024 are due by March 1, 2024, and checks payable to "BRFG" can be mailed to Betty Womack; 1314 Grandview Dr. Extension; Boone, NC 28607. Annual membership is \$20, with a special discount for students and aged 80+ no longer pay dues.
- Over Mountain Weavers/Sycamore Shoals Spring Fiber Show and Sale- March 16-17
- Blue Ridge FiberFest, Sparta, N.C. June 7-8 class registration is open
- Members are encouraged to update personal info for database asap: <https://blueridgefiberguild.org/blue-ridge-fiber-guild-member-form/>
- WildAcres retreat: A survey with available dates will be sent to members.
- King Street Farmers Market, May- October 3:30-6:30
 - Please contact AndreaEVail@gmail.com if you would be interested in demonstrating or selling as a group application is due March 30.

February 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes (Conducted via Zoom)

1. President Mona Alderson called the zoom meeting to order and asked if there were any guests or visitors. None were identified, and a quorum was established with 24 participants.
2. Cares and concerns: Any cares and concerns between meetings can be sent to Beth Reavis, Chair, Membership Committee.
3. January Minutes: Pam Kicklighter moved, with a second by Janeene Ross, to approve the minutes from the January 2024 meeting; motion passed.
4. Treasurer's report was presented by Vicki Skywark:

Beginning Balance 1/1/24: \$2,338.89

Deposits/memberships: \$280.00

Disbursements: \$155.00

Balance 2/5/24: \$2,463.89

Disbursements: membership for Handweavers Guild of America and payment to Watauga Parks & Rec/Brookshire Park- July picnic site rental

5. Proposed Budget for 2024 was presented by Vicki Skywark and Betty Womack. Sali Gill-Johnson moved, with a second by Beth Reavis, to adopt the proposed budget; motion passed unanimously.

2024 Proposed Budget

Projected Income

Membership Dues	\$900.00
Commissions	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$1,000.00

Projected Expenses

Communications: Website, Zoom	\$300.00
Membership/Hospitality	\$100.00
Shows and Events	\$175.00
Resources: Subscriptions, Equipment	\$205.00
Programs and Workshops	\$300.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$100.00</u>
	<u>\$1180.00</u>

Committee Reports

1. Programs/Mona Alderson: a schedule of programs and special events for 2024 was e-mailed to members prior to the meeting.
2. Membership and Hospitality/Beth Reavis: see above action item/membership payment. We have 31 members, including one exempt from dues.
3. Shows and Events/Andrea Vail: BRFG has been accepted to exhibit at Edgewood Cottage August 5-11; those participating will be asked to signup for working one day. Watauga Arts Space has us penciled in for an upcoming gallery show, probably in September.
4. Communications/Rhonda Gladden: we are continuing to identify the best platform to host the website.
5. Guild Resources/Grace Mutz: reported the Committee has completed an inventory of the weaving studio looms, with some belonging to the Council on Aging and some to the BRFG.

New Business

Mona Alderson reported on the Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association (MAFA), which is an association for guilds in ten states from NC to NY. The membership is \$ 60 for 2 years and MAFA offers on-line resources, free web-hosting, conferences and other resources. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for BRFG to join.

Janeene Ross mentioned that Halcyon Yarns offers a percentage of sales back to the guild through a rewards program. When ordering, use code "BRFG" to link your purchase to our account.

The next Guild meeting is March 16 at Western Watauga/Cove Creek Senior Center, and will feature master rug-hook artist Cherry Roberts, who is certified through the McGown School. Cheryl has been hooking since 2008. Cheryl sells and teaches at the Florence Thomas Art School and Arts Center, Hands Gallery, and various outlets in Ashe County. Cheryl will have projects to show, and will talk about the history and practice of hooking, along with offering a hands-on opportunity to create a small piece. Business meeting begins at 10:30 am with program to follow. Those who wish to participate should bring a pair of scissors for cutting wool. (Cheryl will provide the wool.) We will also share our new handmade name badges-don't forget to wear yours!

BRFG Potluck Picnic and Fiber Swap - July 20, 11am-2:30pm Brookshire Park Picnic area. Vicki Skywark, Hope Estepan, Sali Gill-Johnson and Beth Reavis are working to plan and more info will follow. Contact any of these if you would like to help on the Picnic Committee.

Show and share: Wen Redmond-stitched fabric photo Art Quilt, Sali Gill-Johnson-pin-loom pillow project, and Susan Payne-doggie quilt and her adorable granddaughters.

Following the meeting, Andrea Vail led a panel discussion of fiber organizations and resources, with Kelsey Wagner, Pam Kicklighter, Wen Redmond, and Mona Alderson participating. The following were discussed:

- Ecoartspace <http://www.ecoartspace.org>
- Handweavers Guild of America (HGA) * <http://weavespindye.org>
- Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association * <https://mafafiber.org>
- Studio Art Quilt Association <https://www.saga.com/>
- Surface Design Association <https://www surfacedesign.org>

** Blue Ridge Fiber Guild has a membership*

Submitted by Sali Gill-Johnson, Secretary