

## **Blue Ridge Fiber Guild Meeting Notes**

**May 18, 2024**

**Western Watauga Community Center**

- 1. Call to Order-** President Mona Alderson called the meeting to order.
- 2. Recognize visitors, new members-**One new member, Candance Burlingame, was recognized. Nineteen total were in attendance.
- 3. Cares and Concerns-** no cares or concerns were identified.
- 4. Motion to Approve Minutes-**Pam Kicklighter motioned to approve minutes from April 20 meeting. Jeanne Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 5. Treasurer's Report-** Vicki Skywark reported for Betty Womack. Balance as of April 30, 2024 is \$2948.05 which includes total retreat deposits of \$600.
- 6. Mid Atlantic Fiber Association-** Pam Kicklighter attended the representative meeting. She encouraged all to review all the offerings on the website. <https://mafafiber.org/> There are lots of benefits to the guild as a member. Our website will transition to be covered under their domain within the week.
- 7. Upcoming Program-** The date for the June program was moved to June 22. We will meet at Western Watauga Community Center at the same time- 10:30. The normal date is the same day as Boonerang, and it was agreed that the event would create conflicts for many.
- 8. Retreat-** August 16-18 at Wild Acres -Twelve people have paid deposits. Members were asked to sign up for roommates. Those who wish to attend on Friday daytime only may do so. Information will be sent. Balance of \$150 is due 2 weeks before. Cost for a single room is \$325.
- 9. July Picnic Report-** Our July 20 meeting will be a picnic to be held at Brookshire Park 250 Brookshire Road Boone. Set up will begin at 10:30. There will be a door prize basket. Donations from members of businesses for that are welcome. A fiber swap will be held. Members should bring items for that as well as a dish to share. The

guild will supply paper goods. We will have a short business meeting. Ideas for upcoming programs are welcomed.

**10. Watauga Farmer's Market-**The guild had a successful representation at the King Street Farmer's Market on Tuesday, May 7. Andrea Vail is our point person on this. Several small looms were brought and community members enjoyed trying a bit of weaving and learning about the guild. The guild will be present the first Tuesday of each month through October. King Street Market runs 3:30-6:30 every Tuesday. 126 Poplar Grove Connector, Boone, NC.

**11. Committee Reports**

- **Membership and Hospitality-** Beth Reavis reported that we currently have 42 paid members.
- **Exhibits and Shows-Jones House Show** set up will be Monday, June 3 from 10-12. Susan Sharpe and Susan Payne are our contacts. The show will be taken down on July 1, 10-12. It was moved and seconded that the guild will contribute \$100 to the Jones House, as has been done in the past; the motion carried. Rhonda will email the form to fill out for members who wish to participate in the show. Members who sell items at this show will be responsible for contributing 10% of their sales to the guild. This should be brought to the picnic meeting July 20. Jones House handles sales and payment will be received at the end of the show on July 1.

**Boonerang-** Interest forms for Boonerang were to be completed immediately. The event is held June 14-15. There is no booth fee for the guild. Demonstrations of all kinds are welcome. The location of our booth is in front of the Jones House. Any sales require a contribution of 10% to the guild. Set up time will be 9 am on Saturday, June 14. Event begins at 11.

- **Communications-** Rhonda Gladden reported that the guild has a FaceBook "GROUP." Members can join and post, but personal information should not be included as the Group includes many non-members. Vicki Skywark said that there will

soon be a public Facebook page which will go live after the web site transitions.

- **Resources** -Grace Mutz continues to work on a data base of equipment the guild has. Pam Kicklighter asked all members to fill out a form indicating the fiber art areas of interest and whether they teach or exhibit in those areas.

**12. Old business**

- 13. New Business-** Vicki Skywark is offering a knitting problem solving class at Watauga Arts Council on Tuesdays 10-11:30. Donations are welcome to benefit the Arts Council.

Jeanne Lawrence was asked by Daniel Boone Garden if the guild was interested in participating in their Fairy Day, July 13, 1-5 pm. Members may have interest and should contact Jeanne. All agreed that Jeanne could represent the guild at this event. Members may want to attend and plan activities that are fairy related to do with kids or bring small related items to sell.

Past Presidents- The guild thanked past presidents Beth Reavis and Vicki Skywark and presented them with gift cards in appreciation of their leadership.

**14. Show and Share**

**15. Adjourn**

- 16. Program-** Susan Payne, assisted by Mona Alderson, Susan Sharpe and Pam Kicklighter presented a wonderful workshop on batik dying. Members made scarves. Please plan to wear the scarf you made to the picnic for a photo.