

Blue Ridge Fiber Guild Minutes
December 14, 2024

1. Call to Order:

Mona Alderson called the meeting to order. Twelve members were present, one attended on zoom, and we had no visitors. Two new members were added to the list to receive all guild information.

2. Joys, cares and concerns:

Beth Reavis from the hospitality committee didn't have any to report. Nancy Embler mentioned her daughter's family is moving back to NC from New Zealand, along with Nancy's 14 month old grandson!

3. Motion to approve minutes of November 2024 Meeting:

Sali Gill-Johnson made a motion to approve, Jeanne Lawrence seconded, and motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Betty Womack reported a December balance of \$2,416.11. Annual dues of \$20 for 2025 are due now. Please pay by the end of January 2025. Members may mail checks payable to "BRFG" to:

Betty Womack
1314 Grandview EXT.
Boone, NC 28607

5. Shows and Events:

- The Johnson County Center for the Arts Show last month netted a total of \$2,303.50 in sales. Gallery representative Mona Alderson distributed checks to those whose works sold. Thanks to those who helped set up, take down, and visited, including Mona Alderson, Karen Dendiu, Susan Sharpe, and Rhonda Gladden.
- Susan Payne and Susan Sharpe were showing and selling work as part of the Blowing Rock Art & History Museum holiday art sale, December 13-14.
- Events for 2025: Please provide information on any shows or events of interest (other than Guild events) to Vicki Skywark, Pam Kicklighter, and Mona Alderson by January 6, 2025). This information will be used on the website and possibly social media. Please include the name of the event, location, date, and web link.

6. Old/New Business:

- Information Sharing: In addition to the Facebook page and Facebook group, there is resource information on the BRFG and MAFA (Midatlantic Fiber Association) websites, We also share information at meetings and in the minutes.
- All members may post directly on the BRFG Facebook group with items of general interest. If members want to share other information not readily available, please send to Vicki Skywark and Mona Alderson to review and disseminate as appropriate.
- Grant: Thanks to the efforts of Vicki Skywark and Andrea Vail, the Guild was awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Watauga County Arts Council for the period July 2024-July 2025. It requires a 50% match. This grant covers publicity materials as well as materials and instructor's fees for classes to be held at the WCAC Arts Space in Boone. We really need a focal point for this grant, especially to coordinate and track the class portion. Please contact Vicki and Andrea as soon as possible if you can do this.
- Committees for 2025: Mona Alderson sent around a sign-up sheet for members to sign-up for committees for 2025. These include hospitality, exhibits/shows, communications, and programs. Please contact Mona to sign up for a committee(s) if you were not present.

7. January 18 Guild Meeting Plans:

The next guild meeting is January 18, which coincides with a special on-line showing of the documentary, The Nettle Dress, from 10am-noon, sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association (MAFA). Sign-ups are limited to 300, and, as of the date of the minutes, were 75% full. With several members already registered, the consensus was to have a viewing party in lieu of a meeting. Members may register and view from home, or, weather permitting, Mona will project the film at WWCC for those could not register and/or want to view in person. *[Note: Guild business in January will be for committees to meet among themselves, plan for 2025, and submit a budget, with reporting and decision in February. More information will be sent after Committees are formed.]*
Link for information: <https://www.lessonface.com/apply/nettle-dress-film-followed-qa>

8. Show & Share featured several members sharing current works. Photos were posted in the Facebook Group.

9. Mona adjourned the meeting, and the fiber swap and potluck followed.

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