



WNCFHG NEWSLETTER

Western North Carolina Fibers/Handweavers Guild, Inc.

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Retreat

Pat Brown

Warp threads are thicker than the weft, and made of a coarser wool as well. I think of them as like wives. Their work is not obvious - all you can see are the ridges they make under the colorful weft threads. But if they weren't there, there would be no tapestry.

Tracy Chevalier

President's Message

Marjorie Warren

WNC State Fair...another great year

WNC/FHG has been involved in supporting the weaving, spinning and felting part of the Arts and Crafts portion of the WNC STATE FAIR almost since its inception 27 years ago. The Guild has sponsored awards in weaving, spinning and recently added felting. We have had at least three Superintendents in that time. Sheila Church, Patti Caldwell and, most recently, Gail Griffith who is in her 12th year in that position. Lucy Daley has joined Gail in taking over our Demo set up and organizing the volunteers.

This year the fair ran from Sept 11-19 and we had volunteers fill all the hours from am to pm. There were 123 entries and 93 exhibitors. Now that is an amazing number—the largest number we have ever had. Entries came from all over Western NC. Our judges were Barbara Miller, Teena Tuenge and Karen Dondy

Irene Heckel-Volpe won a first, Best in Show, Judges Choice and the Guild award for her felted cat (a cross between the Cheshire and Garfield) and she will be at our November meeting with her winning entry. Irene is a professional felter/teacher. She recently moved to Candler from Long Island and is looking forward to connecting with the WNC fiber community.

Guild member Nancy Seay won a first in show, Judges Choice and the Roberta Kellerman Award for a capelet designed and crocheted with her hand spun yarn. Nancy's capelet has been selected to go to Raleigh for a State wide competition.

Lily Dale, a student in the Professional Crafts Program at Haywood College, won the Eva G. Thatcher Award for the blouse she made from her handwoven fabric.

A list of all Guild members who entered and took ribbons will appear in the November newsletter.

Program for September: Making Good Fibrations Yarn

October's program features Marcia Kummerle of Good Fibrations, a small Angora goat farm located in Barnardsville. Marcia's colored and white goats produce mohair for her custom spun yarn. She blends her homegrown Mohair with American Merino Wool and either kettle dyes or hand paints the yarn. Marcia's signature dye recipes and colorways are a reflection of her life's journey.



Marcia supplies Mohair yarn for many local knitters and weavers. She'll talk about the qualities of mohair and the joys of running her Good Fibrations farm.

2015 GUILD CALENDAR

- February 14** Winter projects – bags and Kathrin Weber – **Controlling Creative Chaos**
- March 14** Amy Putansu - **Textile Exhibits in China, World Shibori Symposium**
- April 11** Liz Spear- **Sewing Your Handwoven - Beyond the Bog Jacket**
- May 9** Robyn Spady – **Weaving TnT: Dynamite Tips 'n Techniques for Every Weaver**
- May 9 & 10** **Fiber Days at the Folk Art Center**
Come join the fun!
- June 13** Susan Leveille – **Stories of our Region's Rich Fiber History**
- July 11** Neal Howard – **The Magic of Silk**
- August 8** Cara May – **Wabi-Sabi Knitting**
- September 12** Retreat: **Surface Design Sampler** including shibori, monoprints on silk, stamping, & ice dyeing
- October 10** Marcia Kummerle – **Making Good Fibrations Yarn**
- November 14** Potluck

Continuing Ed at HCC..

For October

Altered Images on Cloth
6 wks. 10/15 – 11/19 \$128

Artful Knitting
6 wks. 10/15 – 11/19 \$108

Dyeing to Weave a Scarf
4 wks. 10/22 – 11/12 \$140

Fabulous & Felted Scarf
1 Day 10/24 \$64

For more information go to
<https://creativearts.haywood.edu/continuing-education/>



Share & Care...

Sheila Law

Get Well Cards to:

Barbara Bigham

Catherine Alter

Ruth Howe had surgery

Care Givers Card to:

Mary Miller

We Have A Care Givers Resources List available.
Let me know if there is anyone who would appreciate a card. My email address sheilawc@charter.net

don't miss Connections: A Local Cloth Exhibit...



A textile exhibit and sale featuring locally made hats, scarves, wraps, cowls, mittens, bags and other fashion accessories, as well as local yarn, runs Sept. 25 through Oct. 31 at the Asheville Area Arts Council (AAAC) Gallery, 1 Page Ave., #143A, Asheville, in the historic Grove Arcade.

The exhibit, produced by Local Cloth Inc., in conjunction with the AAAC, showcases the results of partnerships between local fiber farmers and fiber artists, with all work incorporating some locally raised components — animal or plant fibers or dyestuffs. ... continued on last page

Treasurer's Reports



Susan Boykin

August 2015 Treasurer's Report

Guild Checking Account

Beginning Balance August 1, 2015 \$12,459.75

(General Funds \$9,893.38, Education Fund \$2,566.37)

Income:

2015 Dues	50.00
Fiber Pre-Sale	427.00
Sales Boarding House	<u>7.50</u>
Total income	484.50

Expenses:

Workshop	625.00
Insurance	266.00
Equipment	73.50
Rent Historic Johnson Farm	280.00
Retreat	70.00
Fiber Sale Space	26.00
PO Box rent	41.00
Dues refund	25.00
Program	<u>100.00</u>
Total expenses:	1506.50

General Fund

Ending Balance August 31, 2015 \$8,871.38

Education Fund

Ending Balance August 31, 2015 \$2,566.3

Total Funds:

\$11,437.75

Western North Carolina Fiber/Handweavers Guild Meeting Minutes September 12, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Marjorie Warren, President, at the Johnson Farm, Hendersonville, NC.

This was the Membership Retreat, the business meeting was kept to a minimum.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved with a modification to clarify the date with Charlene St. Johns making the motion and Ellen Turpening seconding.

The Treasurers report was approved as presented in the newsletter. Motion to approve was made by Teena Tuenge and seconded by Nan Miller.

A sign-up sheet for SAFF demonstrating was passed. If you wish to volunteer please contact Ellen Turpening.

The business meeting was closed at 10:15 on motion by Ursula Powers with second by Ellen Turpening.

Show and tell then followed.

Pat Brown, Secretary

Coming UP.....

Southeastern Animal Fiber Festival "Drop in and Weave"

Ellen Turpening

Our guild has looms available at this event for festival attendees to try weaving. It is a great time to market the WNCFHG, especially to new weavers and new people to the area.

A list was passed around at the August meeting for members to indicate their availability to participate, but unfortunately the list could not be located after the meeting. A new list was passed around at the September meeting. If you do not see your name on this list, please contact me at

walt.turpening@att.net

423-323-5385

Friday: Oct 30, 2015

Rusti Nichol (9am-noon)

Pat Brown (noon – 3pm)

Kate Jocelyn (3pm-6pm)

Joan Berner (3pm-6pm)



Saturday: October 31, 2015

Marjorie Warren (9am-noon)

Mary Nichols (noon – 3pm)

Susanne MacGuire (3pm-6pm)

Sunday: November 1, 2015

Charlene St. John (9am- 12:30pm)

Margaret Wills (9am- 12:30pm)

Charlene St. John (12:30pm -4pm)

Margaret Wills (12:30pm -pm)

All three days:

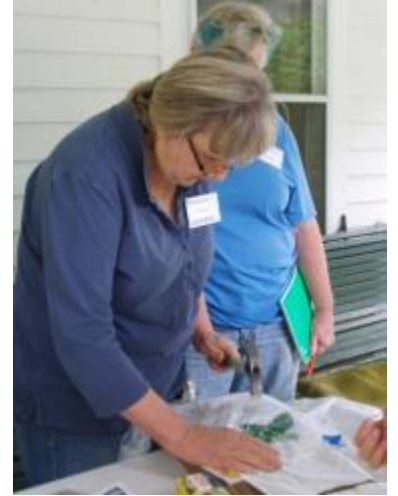
Pat Brown

Ellen Turpening

Photo Gallery

September's Retreat was filled with.....

Leaf Printing...



Shibori



Silk Transfer



Don't miss Marcia Oct. 10th

Connections (continued)

The show includes educational displays illustrating the farmer/artist partnerships that produced the exhibit items and explaining the benefits of sourcing more textiles locally. In addition, a special Iconic Asheville Hat exhibit will invite visitors to comment on their favorite designs.

Every Saturday during the exhibit, fiber art demonstrations and lectures are planned both at the gallery and at Asheville Home Crafts, also located in The Grove Arcade. A fleece-to-shawl demonstration Oct. 24 will include spinners, weavers and fiber from local farmers, all contributing to production of actual local cloth.

An opening reception for Connections is scheduled 5 pm-8 pm, Oct. 2 at the AAAC. A closing celebration, from 5-8 pm Oct. 30, will include ongoing fiber art demonstrations. Regular hours for the AAAC are Monday through Saturday, 10 am-6 pm.

Connections is timed to coincide with several regional craft and fiber art celebrations during October. It is a featured event for American Craft Week in Western North Carolina, Oct. 2-11, 2015. In addition, national Spinning & Weaving Week is Oct. 5-11, the Craft Fair of the Southern Highlands is Oct. 15-18 at the US Cellular Center in downtown Asheville, and the Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair is Oct. 30-Nov. 1 at the WNC Agricultural Center in Fletcher, NC.

Local Cloth Inc. is a Western North Carolina-based, 501(c)3 non-profit created to grow the fiber economy in the southern Appalachian region within 100 miles of the project's Asheville headquarters. It focuses on craft artists, fiber animal farmers and producers, small scale fiber mills and processing businesses. Its mission is to support and sustain the fiber and textile arts economy and professions in the Blue Ridge Mountains region through collaboration, education and innovation.

For more information and updated event details, visit www.localcloth.org , www.ashevillearts.com, and/or ashevillehomecrafts.com.



Connections: Schedule of Special Events (all at AAAC in The Grove Arcade)

Friday - Oct. 2, 5-8 pm: Opening Reception

Saturday - Oct. 3, 3-4 pm: Guest Speaker Lisa Wise of Re:Loom "Fiber, Community, and Economic Development." Community projects to follow.

Saturday - Oct. 10, 11-2 pm: Join Vicki Bennett for a felting demo, then stay to see Spinzilla in the gallery - they will be in the building all day!

Saturday - Oct. 17, 3-4 pm: "Connections: Gallery Talk" - with Deanna Lynch and Local Cloth's Judi Jetson.

Saturday - Oct. 24, 1-4 pm: Sheep to Shawl event - Joan Berner, with Karen Donde talk, "Weaving with Local Fiber"

Friday - Oct. 30, 1-4 pm: Spinning and weaving demos with Melanie Wilder and Mary Jo Lanik.

Friday- Oct. 30 - 5-8 pm: Closing Reception