



WNCFHG NEWSLETTER

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2008 BOARD MEMBERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Guild Members,

While this message may seem premature, it is never too early to consider the major issues of the Guild.

Elections are in November. A slate put together by the nominating committee must be presented to the membership at the October meeting. It always seems that those last few months are filled with so many activities that the business of electing new officers weighs heavily on those whose task it is to find willing and able individuals to take on leadership responsibilities. The earlier we start the better.

I have alerted the members of the current board that I would be writing about this topic and suggested that they be prepared for questions. I also asked that once they've decided whether they will throw their proverbial hats into the ring for another term or to step down that they let me know immediately. It is a hard decision. It is a good team and, of course, it would be great if it could stay together. But, that won't be possible for some. While I don't know which positions will come open, I do know that now is the time for each of you to consider the following questions: Would I like to serve on the board? Which position appeals to me? What does the job involve? Will I have the time to make a real commitment? With whom would I like to work? Who among our more than 130 members do I think would be a great board member? How can I convince that person to seek office?

This is the time to speak to current board members about their jobs. Ask them about what they have done, what they would like to have done, and what they would envision for that role in the future. I think some of the office descriptions should be evaluated and even expanded and that each trustee should have at least one specific task to fulfill.

I plan to have a nominating committee in place by June. I will be looking for someone who knows many of the Guild members and is willing to ask the hard questions of individual members: Will you be willing to serve on the board? Do you think you have the interest and ability to do the job for at least one year, but hopefully two years? If you think you might be interested in being on the nominating committee, please speak to me. I am looking forward to being an active member of this committee.

Lorri Helms, treasurer extraordinary, has decided to step down after this term. **Sharon Horne** has already indicated that she is interested in being treasurer. **Ruth Howe** says that she enjoys the role of secretary and would like to stay on for another year to perfect it. Others will be making their decisions across the next few months. As for myself, there is a part of me that enjoys the role of president and another part that says step aside and let someone else have a chance.

Early? Not really. It's never too early for the important things.

Gail

PS..... Don't forget that our May Guild meeting will be May 17, NOT May 10!

MEETING MINUTES – April 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Gail Griffith at 10:02 AM. 47 members and 4 guests signed in.

Minutes from the March 8, 2008 meeting were accepted as published in the April newsletter with the exception of the spelling of Lorri Helms and Lori Kemp. The spelling will be corrected. Motion to accept minutes as published made by Susan Vezina second by Mikkel Hansen.

Treasurer, Lorri Helms, corrected the published Treasurer's Report from the April newsletter: item advertising \$297.64 should be \$276.64. Lorri announced that the Member Rosters are ready to be picked up from the registration table after the meeting. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report with corrections made by Walter Turpening. Paula Ashworth second, motion passed

Old Business

- Teena Tuenge, Program Chair, announced the May program will be presented by Donna Kassab - silk painting. Donna is offering a silk shibori workshop for Guild members at **Yarns to Dye For** in Hendersonville. The dates are June 7th and 14th from 1 PM – 4 PM. Members living in the Hendersonville area are asked to sign up for the June 7th workshop giving out of town members the opportunity to attend the June 14th workshop after the June Silent Auction. The \$75 cost of the workshop includes all materials. Donna will process the dye and will mail the finished scarves to attendees.
- A sign-up sheet was passed for anyone attending Convergence or Complex Weavers. Members have been asked to be part of the August program and share with members that cannot attend what they learned and experienced at these meetings.
- Publicity, Bob Martin: This month's meeting got notice in the Times News and on WQXR.
- Gail reminded members to respond to Nancy Crabtree's e-mail requesting whether they can receive an electronic newsletter versus a hard copy. A "YES or NO" will do. Nancy needs to know by the 24th of April.
- Lynda Feldman announced the library has magazines and books for sale at \$.25 per item.
- Kathleen Farling thanked volunteer photographer, Lynda Feldman. Kathleen announced that Guild History books are available in the library and can be checked out.
- Blue Ridge Show - Ann Mullican and Teena Tuenge
 - Ann introduced Marilyn Sharp who donated the beautiful basket to be raffled to benefit the Blue Ridge Show. \$90 in raffle tickets were sold at the March meeting. Raffle tickets are still available 1 for \$2 and 3 for \$5; drawing will be at the opening of the Blue Ridge Show in October. Ann stated she has 10 entries already, one from as far away as New Zealand. This is an exciting show. "We are honored to have the show and it is an honor to work on the show" said Ann.
 - Teena asked for donations for the Silent Auction – please bring your "good stuff" to the May meeting or drop it off at the Opportunity House Weaving Studio on Tuesdays– be sure to mark the items for the auction. The auction will take place at the June meeting of WNCFHG, proceeds to benefit the Blue Ridge Show.
- Gail announced an Overshot Workshop by Barbara Miller to be held at Transylvania Parks and Recreation, July 9th -11th; cost \$135 for members and \$150 for non-members. Reservations are limited to 20 people. The cost includes handouts and pattern yarn. A list of supplies and threading draft will be sent out the first of June to those registered. A 4-shaft loom will be required. (Sharon Horne has taken this class; she shared her sampler using 22 treadlings. Thank you Sharon.) Barbara plans to retire after 2008 and spend her time weaving.
- Bobbie Payne, Hostess Chairperson, thanked The French Broad Weavers for hosting the April meeting.
- Ellen Turpening, Chairperson of the Swap Swatch, announced the theme for the next Swap Swatch -- a name draft using one's favorite cause or charity. The fee is \$7. Ellen gave several examples such as USA – using red, white & blue and cancer survivor – using purple. The draft uses a coded alphabet using the letters in the chosen name.

Announcements

- Charlene St. John – A DVD of Penland School has been donated to the library. A workshop titled "Excellence in Teaching" will be held in May at Penland.
- Eileen Hallman has items from India for sale on the back table.
- Jo Earl announced the WeaveCast is up to date and in the library. If members have information for the web site, please send to Jo ASAP, she will be out of town for 6 weeks returning in time for the June meeting.
- Paula Ashworth announced she has acid wash dyes for sale. Contact Paula for information.
- Gail wished Barbara Haythorn a happy 90th birthday.

Motion to adjourn by Ann Mullican, second by Bobbie Kelsten, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM

Show and Tell. Eight members participated in show and tell. Sewn handwovens were shown by seven members -- a perfect lead-in to the April program by Liz Spear, Sewing Handwovens. Members enjoyed the many clothing items shown by Liz – with several members modeling her beautiful creations.

Ruth Howe

FIBER DAY – May 10, 10 AM – 4 PM at the Folk Art Center. Fiber artists from the Southern Highland Craft Guild and other area guilds provide hands on learning about a myriad of fiber crafts. WNCFHG will have a booth at this fun event!

FIBER DAY FASHION SHOW -- May 11, 1 & 3 PM at the Folk Art Center. The fashion show features clothing and accessories designed and handmade by members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild. Produced and narrated by Liz Spear.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2008

May 10	Fiber Day at the Folk Art Center, 10AM-4PM
May 11	Fiber Day Fashion Show, Folk Art Center, 1&3PM
May 17	Guild Mtg Silk Painting Donna Kassab Artist/Gallery Owner <i>(note the date change to the third week of the month, not the second week)</i>
June 14	Guild Mtg Silent Auction To support BRHS 2008
July 12	Guild Mtg Photographing Your Fiber/Handwovens Bob Gibson
July 17-20	Craft Fair of the Southern Highlands
Aug. 9	Guild Mtg Overview of Convergence & Complex Weavers Meetings By Attendees
Aug. 18	BRHS Entry Forms Due
Sept. 5-14	North Carolina Mountain State Fair
Sept. 13	Guild Mtg To Be Announced Kathy Roig
Sept. 20	Retreat at Transylvania Parks & Recreation
Oct. 1	BRHS Hand-Delivered Entries Deadline 9 AM to Noon, Asheville School
Oct. 6-31	BRHS Show - Open to the Public
Oct. 11	Guild Mtg BRHS 2008 Show Opening Bethanne Knudsen, Pres. The Jacquard Center BRHS Show Judge <i>(note the location/time change to the Asheville School @ 1:30 PM)</i>
Oct. 16-19	Craft Fair of the Southern Highlands
Oct. 24-26	Southeast Animal Fiber Fair
Nov. 1	BRHS Hand-Delivered Entries Pick up Deadline, 1-4 PM, Asheville School
Nov. 8	Guild Mtg Election of Board & Winter Project Handout

NEXT MEETING

May 17, 1008, 10AM
Opportunity House,
1411 Asheville Hwy,
Hendersonville, NC

LIBRARY CORNER

The library will be open as usual—before
and after the meeting.

Still missing***Magic in the Water***

SALES TABLES

At its recent meeting, the Guild Board addressed the question of whether there was a policy for members to sell items at our meetings. We came up with a few suggestions that we hope are reasonable and fair.

- Notify the president of your plans to sell to be sure that there will be space. A telephone call or e-mail will suffice.
- Plan to arrive before the meeting to locate and set up a table. Tables already set up are for membership, show and tell, and program needs.
- Limit the amount of materials available for sale to one card table.
- Consider placing an ad in the Guild newsletter, which is available depending on space.
- A donation to benefit the Scholarship Fund or the Blue Ridge Show is always welcome.

Gail Griffith

PROGRAM – Donna Kassab - 'Silk Painting'

NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR THIS MEETING TO MAY 17

After researching a few books, taking a beginner's class and finding some inspiring old silk shirts, Donna Kassab began silk painting in the 1980's. She was immediately hooked on the process and this art form was established as one of her life's passions. The 'hand' of silk and the vibrancy of silk dyes fed her love of texture and colors. Donna now teaches silk painting workshops in her studio at 'Yarns To Dye For' in Hendersonville, NC.

Show and Tell ~ If you happen to have a dyed or painted silk project to your credit, please bring it as a lead in to our program. Of course, these would be in addition to whatever else you may be planning to show and share.

Teena Tuenge

HOSPITALITY

Hostesses for May are Vicki Hensen, Marjorie Warren and Bobbye Payne.

Bobbye Payne

PHOTOGRAPHER

Volunteer photographer (History Book) for May is Bob Martin.

Kathleen Farling

WORKSHOPS

- June 7 Donna Kassab Silk Painting
 - June 14 Donna Kassab Silk Painting
- Donna Kassab, our May Guild meeting speaker, will hold two workshops on creative Drop Dyeing with resists at 'Yarns to Dye For' (located at 927 Greenville Highway in Hendersonville) on the afternoons of June 7 and June 14. The June 14 workshop is full; but there are several openings on June 7. If you have signed up, or if you want to take this workshop, please bring your \$75 check (payable to **Donna Kassab**) to the May 17 Guild meeting and give it to Teena Tuenge to hold your place. Last date for registration is June 1. Donna supplies all materials, does the steaming and ironing, and then sends your scarves to you.

- July 9-11 Barbara Miller Overshot Weaving Fee (includes handouts) is \$135 for members, \$150 for non-members. Must bring your own threaded loom. Additional information is available upon registration. Located at Transylvania Parks & Recreation in Brevard. Applications (for the class limit of 20) were distributed. Several have been returned, but there are still some that have not arrived. If you plan on attending, please send the form and appropriate fee to Gail Griffith, WNCFHG, P.O. Box 233, Flat Rock, NC 28731. It should **arrive** no later than **May 15**. Those remaining spaces will go to those on the waiting list.

- Sept. 13 Kathy Roig Mounting Handwovens

Send ideas for topics you would like to explore, teachers you would like to recommend, and workshop or program you would like to suggest for 2009 to Teena Tuenge.

BLUE RIDGE HANDWEAVING SHOW

Show awards are given in five categories in both Amateur and Professional Divisions

- Judge's Choice Award
- Best of Show Award
- Presidents' Award
- People's Choice Award

Charlene St. John, 2008 BRHS Awards Chairperson, has secured the following **Special Awards**:

- Complex Weavers Award
- Penland School of Crafts Award – a tuition certificate for a week-long class of the winner's choice
- John C. Campbell Folk School Award - \$424 scholarship for a textile class of the winner's choice
- Handweavers Guild of America Award
- Handwoven Magazine's – Weaving for the Home Award

BRHS Question? – If weaving a liturgical piece, in which of the five categories does it belong?

During previous BRHS's some confusion occurred concerning the classification and judging of liturgical pieces. After lengthy discussions, the 2008 BRHS committee has determined pieces used in worship, either worn on the body or displayed in ritual spaces will be grouped in one category - "decorative functional".

Get ready, get set - The BRHS Auction is Coming!!

Something VERY special will be seen this June 14th; a few of our members and friends have donated handwoven items for auction to benefit the Blue Ridge Handweaving Show. Vests, scarves, purses and other treasures are coming in from Liz Spear, Betty Carlson, Susan Vezina and Ann Mullican AND the list seems to be growing.

The silent auction is the major way in which the Guild supports the Blue Ridge Handweaving Show. We need donations of fiber related items. . . tools, equipment, books, magazines, roving, knitting needles, etc. They will be accepted until about a week before the auction on June 14th. You can contact Teena Tuenge, Ann Mullican, or Gail Griffith for information or to make a donation.

ARIMATSU-NARUMIO-SHIBORI

Celebrating 400 Years of Japanese Artisan Design

This fine DVD is narrated by Yoshiko Iwamoto Wada, the well-known teacher and author of *Shibori, the Inventive Art of Japanese Shaped Resist Dyeing* and *Memory on Cloth, Shibori Now*. Both Japanese and English subtitles aid in understanding the narrative. If you wish to learn the many techniques that produce the wonderful shibori cloth, this is a complete resource and the perfect adjunct to her books. I had tried a variety of these patterns in working with dyes, specifically indigo, and only truly understood what I was doing after viewing this DVD.

- Part one of the video is an introduction and review of the shibori process.
- Part two consists of actual demonstrations of the hand shibori techniques, knotting, stitching and pleating and folding and clamping, using various simple tools.
- Part three brings the viewer to the factories that produce machine-aided shibori and sekka (literal meaning "snow flower") board-clamp dyeing.

Reviewed by Betty Carlson

TREASURER'S REPORT

WNCFHG Account

Bank Statement as of 3/15/08	\$5,794.75
• Checks and payments: ((\$6.00 deposit correction fee, \$100 program, \$50 WARP, \$115.54 newsletter)	- 271.54
• Deposits: ((\$900 dues, \$40 Ads, \$75 donation, \$5 overpayment)	+1,020.00
Bank Statement as of 4/19/08	\$6,543.21

BRHS Account

Bank Statement as of 3/15/08	\$ 720.06
• Deposits: ((\$25 donation, \$125 entry fees)	+ 150.00
• Checks and payments:	0
Bank Statement as of 4/19/08	\$ 870.06

Lorri Helms

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale

- Coopworth covered fleece for sale, white & natural colored. \$9 per pound. Natural colored roving, \$16 per pound. Samples available.
Contact: Chris Mayfield
Lambs Run Farm Phone 304-643-4308
HC 80 Box 36 mayfield@zoominternet.net
Harrisville, WV 26362

Send Newsletter Contributions by the 24th of each month to Nancy Crabtree.

About our Organization.....

Guild meetings are the second Saturday of each month, February through November (unless noted in the newsletter), 10AM at Opportunity House, 1411 Asheville Road (US 25), Hendersonville, NC. Visitors are welcome.

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