



# WNCFHG NEWSLETTER

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## 2009 BOARD MEMBERS

### President

Leigh Tate

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Joan Berner

### Programs-2009

Teena Tuenge

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Andrea Williams

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Becky Owen

Faye Russell

Teena Tuenge

## 2009 COMMITTEES

### Blue Ridge Fiber Show

Amy Putansu

### Community Service

Ellen Turpening

### Education Committee

Joan Berner

### HART Exhibit

River Takata-Capel

### HCC Scholarship Fundraising

Ellen Turpening

### Historian

Ursula Powers

### Hospitality

Roberta (Bobby) Payne

### Librarians

Elizabeth McKee/Barb Butler

### Membership

Faye Russell

### NC Mountain State Fair

Gail Griffith

### Newsletter

Nancy Crabtree

### Retreat

Wendy Ross

### ROC Day

Paula Ashworth

### Southeast Animal Fiber Fair

Vicki Hensen/Charlene St. John

### Southeast Fiber Forum

Marjorie Warren/Betsy Goodnight

### Swatch Swap

Ellen Turpening

### Web Mistress

Josephine Earl

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Guild Members,

Ordinarily, a Guild President's message about goals would come at the beginning of the year rather than in the middle. Considering our unusual start to 2009, which forced us to focus our time and energy on finding a new place to meet, our situation has been anything but ordinary.

One longstanding goal has been to change the Guild's tax status. Currently we are classified as a 501(c)4 non-profit organization. While this means that we do not have to pay income tax on the monies we take in, it does not allow us to offer a tax deduction to anyone who wishes to make a donation of money or goods to the WNC Handweavers/Fiber Guild.

Why is this important? Let me give you an example. In the past, weavers (or their families) have had looms and other equipment or resources which they wanted to donate. Instead of giving these directly to the Guild, they were given to Opportunity House, who could offer them a tax write-off. Several Guild members taught weaving classes there, so we still had the benefit of these donations. When we changed meeting locations however, the looms and other equipment had to remain behind.

As you can see, changing our status to 501(c)3 is indeed a goal worth pursuing. Both Betty Carlson and Gail Griffith along with their Boards of Directors, have attempted to make headway with this change. This is one of the reasons we keep track of our volunteer hours.

One problem has been how our Guild has been viewed by the IRS, and into which category they believe we fall. Are we a social club? Community service organization? Civic club? Charity? Educational organization? We know what we're about, but more importantly, the IRS needs to see us as qualifying for the 501(c)3 tax status.

One thing that would help in changing our status, is a stronger educational emphasis on our part. I believe that moving to the FAC, which has similar goals, is very beneficial in this regard. However, this is an area which needs to be developed. To achieve this goal, we have formed an Education Committee. Joan Berner has agreed to chair this committee, and has more information for you inside this newsletter.

Leigh

## NEXT MEETING

***Our next scheduled Guild Meeting is Saturday, June 27, 2009, 10AM to noon at the Folk Art Center, on the Blue Ridge Parkway, at Milepost #382, east of Asheville.***

Directions to the Folk Art Center [http://wncfhg.org/map\\_dir.html](http://wncfhg.org/map_dir.html)

## WNCFHG MEETING MINUTES – May 30, 2009

**Leigh Tate**, Guild President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**Ruth Howe** announced there were no guests and 2 new members. She reminded members to pick up membership cards and print rosters.

**The Minutes** of the previous meeting: a motion was made and approved to make the following clarification:

**Library.** Our section of the FAC library is completely set up and is clearly marked. Duplicate weaving books **belonging to the Folk Art Center's library** are available for check-out. Libby McKee will have a box available for returned library materials.

**The Treasurer's Report** of the previous meeting was approved as written.

### **Old Business:**

Leigh reminded us that there was the unfinished business of the portable library cart that was approved before we knew we were leaving the Op House. The motion was made and approved to return the \$300 cart money to the general fund.

There was a discussion about the two file cabinets and a small rolling cart from the Op House closet that previously housed our library. After several suggestions, a motion was made and approved allowing the Board to make the final decision on what to do with the cabinets and cart.

### **New Business:**

**Newsletter:** Nancy Crabtree will be retiring as the newsletter editor at the end of this year. It was suggested that now would be a good time for someone to ease into taking over this job for next year.

### **Announcements:**

**Programs and Workshops:** Teena Tuenge passed a sign-up sheet for Jean McGrew's August workshop, "Weaving Brocade with Bamboo," and announced that the \$40 fee will be collected at the June meeting.

Teena thanked all who had housed someone for the Collapse Workshop.

There will be a meeting of BRFS Programming committee at the North Carolina Arboretum June 3<sup>rd</sup> to see the facility and discuss details of presenting workshops and demonstrations during the Blue Ridge Fiber Show in the fall of 2010. She passed around a sign-up sheet for those interested in presenting a workshop or demonstrating during the show.

**Blue Ridge Fiber Show:** Amy Putansu gave an update with a slide presentation. The show has a new name: "Inspiration From Nature, the Blue Ridge Fiber Show ... an International, Biennial Celebration of Fiberarts." There will be expanded categories which now include spinning and felting.

After a discussion among members with a number of questions and several helpful suggestions, Amy said she would take these back to the BRFS Categories and Rules committee for further consideration.

**Fiber Forum 2009:** Claudia Thomas gave a wrap up of Fiber Forum with the financial report and when doing so advised that committee members and various other entities have donated their monies due them to the Guild with their love and support. Leigh asked if this was for the general fund and Claudia said yes.

A question arose as to whether this money was to go to the scholarship fund. This was to be discussed further by the board. Leigh again thanked the Fiber Forum committee and asked them to stand.

**HART Show:** Marjorie Warren announced that the Haywood Arts Regional Theater in Waynesville would like for the Guild to have a fiber show Oct. 2 -18. The Guild will need someone to coordinate this exhibit. No one volunteered so an email notice will be sent to members and one week will be allowed for somebody to agree to be in charge. Otherwise the Guild will not take on this exhibit.

Meeting Minutes Continued....

**Heritage Weavers:** Ann Mullican announced exciting news about the Heritage Learning Center at the Historic Johnson Farm managed by the Henderson County School System. She told us that the Heritage Weavers have been offered space for fiber demonstrations and rooms for classes and seminars so that the children of Henderson County can be exposed to the fiber arts. The school system wants this space filled as much and as often as possible. Ruth Howe will be the education coordinator and along with the Heritage Weavers she needs more guild members to participate, including knitting, weaving, felting, etc. She also mentioned the Children's Fiber Camp running from June 15-19.

**Linus Project:** Ellen Turpening stressed that this is a national organization and needs washable blankets. She then read a very emotional letter from a neonatal nurse in Albuquerque who expressed how important the blankets are to both the babies and their families, providing them with comfort and security in the very stressful hospital environment. These blankets really make a difference.

**NC Mountain State Fair:** Gail Griffith announced that the Mountain State Fair catalogs are now available. She offered copies of the application form and categories to members. The Fair will be held Sept. 11-20 and applications are due by August 31. Gail will pick up entries at the Sept. Retreat/Guild meeting or members can deliver them to the fairgrounds. Gail also announced that she will be retiring from this position after this year's Fair so the Guild needs someone to take over coordinating the Fiber Exhibit at the Fair.

**Retreat:** Wendy Ross announced that the Sept. Retreat will be held in Brevard at the Transylvania Parks and Recreation Center in place of the regular Guild meeting at the Folk Art Center. There will be a short business meeting. Wendy stressed that this will not be a project retreat but an **idea retreat**. The purpose will be to help members get inspired to begin making their entries for the BRFS. There will also be a white elephant sale geared toward providing inspiration. Ruth Howe will bring a warped loom and participants can weave a tote bag out of their plastic grocery bags for a \$2 fee. There will be a spin-in and spinners are encouraged to bring odd bits of fiber to share.

**Ursula Powers** announced that she needs photographs of the Collapse Weave workshop for the history book.

**Marjorie Warren** announced that the Guild can now store supplies in the audio visual room as long as they are labeled with our name.

**Bobby Payne** acknowledged the hostesses for May.

**Leigh** acknowledged Mary Nichols for filling as secretary for Andrea Williams and Ruth Howe for filling in for membership for Faye Russell.

**Business Meeting** was adjourned at 10:50.

**Show and Tell:** Joan Berner invited members to display their work during *Show and Tell*. There was a short break for Refreshments.

**Program:** Teena Tuenge presented a very informative program: "*Limited Means, Unlimited Results*" Optical Mixing on 4 (or More) Shafts.

Submitted by Mary Nichols, fill-in secretary for Andrea Williams

## LIBRARY

The Library needs spinners and felters to offer suggestions for new books for the library. We have some money that has been designated for this purpose, and would prefer to have input from those of you who are knowledgeable in this area before we purchase books! Please email suggestions to Libby McKee @ [foard55@yahoo.com](mailto:foard55@yahoo.com) as soon as possible.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2009

June 27	<b>Guild Mtg</b>	Neal Howard Production Weaver Business of Weaving/Dyeing
July 25 July 16-19	<b>Guild Mtg.</b>	Peter Collingwood Film Craft Fair of the Southern Highlands
Aug. 22		Jean McGrew Workshop @ Black Mtn. Library (10AM-5PM)
Aug. 29***	<b>Guild Mtg.</b>	Jean McGrew, Guild Member Weaving Brocade with Bamboo (followed by workshop @ FAC 1-5PM)
Sept. 11-20 Sept. 26 Oct. 15-18	<b>Retreat</b>	NC Mountain State Fair Transylvania Parks & Rec. Craft Fair of the Southern Highlands
Oct. 23-25 <b>Oct. 31***</b>	<b>Guild Mtg.</b>	Southeast Animal Fiber Fair Wendy Ross, Guild Member COE in Weaving from HGA
Nov. TBD	<b>Guild Mtg.</b>	Winter Project Presentation

\*\*\*Note that this meeting date is NOT the usual fourth Saturday of the month.

## PROGRAM

- Neal Howard is a local production weaver/dyer specializing in woven shibori and hand-dyed yarns and is a member of the Southern Highland Craft Guild. Neal will tell how she began her business and where it is now. She partners in business with Liz Spear. Her wonderful sense of humor shines through in her presentations. Visit her website [www.nealtheweaver.com](http://www.nealtheweaver.com)

Teena Tuenge

## HOSPITALITY

Refreshments (cookies) will be provided by Libby McKee, Susan Vezina and Joan Berner.

Bobby Payne

## WORKSHOP

- Aug. 22 & 29 Jean McGrew Weaving Brocade With Bamboo

Jean, a member of our Guild, showed us her work about a year ago and whetted our appetites for having her instruct us how the process is done through a workshop. Anyone who cannot get to the workshop will still get some idea of her work from the program. Jean recently had a piece in the *Handmade House in the Ramble*. The workshop will be on weaving a box. Workshop in 1 and ½ days, a week apart, to get weaving done in between dates. Aug. 22, 10AM-5PM (Black Mountain Library) and Aug. 29, 1-5PM (FAC). **The \$40 fee (make check out to WNCFHG) will be collected by Teena at the June meeting.**

Contact: Teena Tuenge [teena.tuenge@gmail.com](mailto:teena.tuenge@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP

- Please remember to wear your nametags and sign in at the membership desk at all Guild meetings.
- Rosters will be available at the membership desk for those who receive hard copy newsletters. Please take the one with your name on it. If you receive an electronic newsletter, you have already received your electronic roster.
- Send all changes or updates for the Roster to Nancy Crabtree; those receiving e-mails will receive monthly updates to the Roster. If you do NOT receive e-mails, contact Nancy if you need immediate revised info.

## AN EDUCATION COMMITTEE!

As a relatively new member to the Guild, it seems like there is a lot going on. It includes workshops, Guild meetings, retreats and the opportunities that the **Blue Ridge Fiber Show** opens up for us.

At the last board meeting it was decided to implement a committee to try to coordinate many of the educational opportunities we have. It will also give us the ability to try to develop a cohesive educational program.

The Guild mission identifies its existence to promote participation in and appreciation of the fine craftsmanship as related to textile arts. In addition, "The Guild sponsors study groups, classes and workshops, promotes exhibit opportunities, and provides avenues for community services". There is obviously a lot of education related intent in the Guild's mission. This committee will strive to develop an overall, coordinated approach to help meet these goals.

Some initial thoughts on the responsibilities of the committee:

- Broaden classes/workshops/opportunities to include "fiber" activities in addition to the emphasis on handweaving
- Coordinate workshops/classes with upcoming opportunities (i.e. providing a class on natural dyeing to tie in with the proposed award for the BRFS for best natural dyed project)
- Look for opportunities to be visible in the public to help foster an interest in the fiber arts
- Coordinate a scholarship program for Guild members where they will bring their learnings back to the Guild to be shared and to potentially make programs more affordable to more Guild members.

I have agreed to initially chair the committee, as I am working to plan the topics for next year. Teena will also be on the committee, with her perspective on the educational opportunities we have for the Blue Ridge Fiber Show. Eileen Hallman has also volunteered for the committee. We are looking for any additional Guild members that would like to participate on this committee. We hope that we will be able to provide inspiration for Guild members and to interest potential new members with some of our exhibit opportunities.

If you are interested in joining the committee, send me an e-mail [jskberner@lycos.com](mailto:jskberner@lycos.com) or see me at the June meeting!

Joan Berner

## NC MOUNTAIN STATE FAIR

### "How the West was Fun!"

June is barely upon us and we are already preparing for September's North Carolina Mountain State Fair 2009.

If you entered in the past, you should have received the entry and award catalog. If not, copies of the application and guidelines are available at the Guild's membership table and online at [www.mountainfair.org](http://www.mountainfair.org).

\*Some dates to remember

**August 31st** All entry forms must be received by Mountain State Fair

**September 7th & 8th** (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.) Exhibits must be received

**September 21<sup>st</sup>** All exhibits must be picked up

\*As a courtesy to Guild members, who make arrangements with me ahead of time, I will take their entries before the Guild meeting on Saturday, **August 29th**.

\*Remember, entry forms will not be accepted without the entrant's **social security number**.

\***Volunteers** are needed.

**Monday, September 7th, and Tuesday, September 8th**, we need someone to be at the Weaving Spinning site in the New Expo Building from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. to receive entries. Volunteers would be there for reasonable periods of time.

**Wednesday, September 9th**, people are needed to set up the display. We'll meet from 1:00 p.m. until completion.

**Monday, September 21st**, again from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., for exhibit pick up.

\*We'll also need a demonstrator or two for weaving and spinning. The dates are still to be determined.

\*I will circulate the usual volunteer clip board at the next Guild meeting.

\*Finally, I will be stepping down as superintendent of the weaving and spinning department of the Mountain State Fair after this year. Anyone interested in taking on this worthwhile task is welcome to work with me this year to learn the ropes.

Gail Griffith

## TOWEL EXCHANGE

The Towel Exchange for 2009 has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

## BULLETIN BOARD

- In order to receive handouts from the **Optical Color Mixing** presentation, someone handed Teena Tuenge a napkin with their e-mail address at the May meeting. The napkin has been misplaced. Will the person who gave Teena the info please contact her [teena.tuenge@gmail.com](mailto:teena.tuenge@gmail.com) if he/she will not attend the June meeting to pick it up.
- For others who are interested, Teena Tuenge will have handouts from her May presentation on **Optical Color Mixing** at the June Guild meeting.
- Natural Fibers 2009 [www.naturalfibres2009.org/en/index.html](http://www.naturalfibres2009.org/en/index.html). Info about 18 natural fibers, how, where, and amount produced, usage, what they look like under an electron microscope, how much the production is worth yearly, etc. Interesting how many folks make their livelihoods as fiber producers.
- Rug Hooking Supplies/Equipment – free. Contact Dorothy Smith [bellemeade@dnet.net](mailto:bellemeade@dnet.net)
- Helen Keys recently purchased a Leclerc Nilus loom but does not have any accessories with it. If you have a bench, shuttles or warping board to sell, contact her at [helen@spurlingfire.com](mailto:helen@spurlingfire.com)

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### **Introductory Class in Jacquard Weaving**

August 9-13

Taught by **Alice Schlein** at her studio in Greenville, SC. Students will weave their designs on the TC-1 loom. For more information, go to:

<http://weaverly.typepad.com/weaverly/pixelmania-intro-to-jacquard.html>

**Cloth Fiber Workshops in Asheville.** Take a look at the complete schedule on their [website](#) or call 828.505.2958

See **Earth Guild** [www.earthguild.com](http://www.earthguild.com) for list of classes offered In Asheville (including weaving and knitting classes in June).

## EARTH GUILD

Tools, Materials & Books for handcrafts

33 Haywood Street  
Asheville NC 28801

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web-site: [www.earthguild.com](http://www.earthguild.com)



## CALL FOR ENTRIES

### **Fiber Artistry – Journey of the Imagination**

Southeast regional fiber exhibit, open to artists residing in: AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV, DC. All fiber techniques; Juror: Glen Kaufman  
Exhibit Dates: Sept. 24-Oct. 26, 2009  
Opening Reception – Sept. 24, 1009 at Hudgens Center for the Arts, Duluth, GA.

See <http://www.chgweb.com> for prospectus and details.  
Sponsor by Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild.

**Deadline for Entries: July 1, 2009.**

## ART EXHIBITS & EVENTS

### **ECO-ART Artists Respond: Reclaim, Reuse, Recreate**

Hand in Hand Gallery, 2720 Greenville Hwy, Flat Rock NC thru July 5, 10AM-5PM, Tuesday-Saturday, 826-697-7719

Works by Guild members, **River Takada-Capel** and **Andrea Williams** are being featured.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### **Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site**

The museum needs to make replicas of four historic, hand-woven, Navajo wool rugs for exhibit in the Carl Sandburg House Museum. If you are interested in helping, contact Ashley Falls Tate, Museum Curator, 828-693-4178 or [Ashley\\_Tate@nps.gov](mailto:Ashley_Tate@nps.gov)

#### **Guild Opportunities:**

- Education Committee (see article about [\*An Education Committee\*](#)). Contact Joan Berner
- Towel Exchange Chair. Contact Leigh Tate
- Newsletter Editor (2010). Contact Leigh Tate or Nancy Crabtree
- NC Mountain State Fair Chair (2010). Contact Leigh Tate or Gail Griffith

## WNCF/HG TREASURERS REPORT

**May 31, 2009**

<b>Beginning Balance 5/1/09</b>	8,178.84
<b>INCOME</b>	
Advertisement - Newsletter	16.00
Membership	145.00
Scholarship*	1,108.00
Workshop	1,080.00
<b>Total Income</b>	2,349.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Donation - Weaving Benches	300.00
Postage	6.30
Printing	10.25
Program	100.00
Workshop	1,917.88
<b>Total Expenses</b>	2,334.43
<b>BALANCE - 5/31/09</b>	8,193.41
*Scholarship - Income from scholarship fundraiser from sales of date books and bags	
Scholarship Fund Balance	1,720.00
Library Cart Money transferred	
to General Fund	300.00
Submitted by Sharon Horne 5/31/09	

## BRHS-TREASURERS REPORT

**May 1, 2009**

Beginning Balance - 5/1/2009	776.77
CD	2,000.00
Income / Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance - 5/31/09	2,776.77
Submitted by Sharon Horne 5/31/09	

## HART FIBER EXHIBITION - October, 2009

River Takata-Capel -- the newest graduate from **Haywood Community College's Professional Crafts Fiber Program**, and our Guild scholarship recipient, has graciously agreed to co-ordinate the **Fiber Exhibition at (HART) HAYWOOD ARTS REGIONAL THEATER**.

The Haywood Arts Regional Theater (HART) has requested the Western North Carolina Fibers/Handweavers Guild to present an Exhibition of their work during the presentation of "**JAYNE EYRE**" -- the musical, October 2-18, 2009. Two years ago, Linda Richardson coordinated a beautiful Exhibition at HART with woven pieces from our Guild and they want us back! The Exhibition will be installed in the main lobby of the Theater from September 23 - October 19, 2009.

You will be hearing from River soon. In the meantime, for those of you who are interested in participating, (and several members raised their hands at the May Guild meeting), please consider what pieces you would like to include in this Exhibition. Handwoven pieces, knitting, spinning, basketry, beading, etc., will be accepted. We will be putting our FIBER GUILD "UP FRONT AND CENTER STAGE" once again and what a lovely venue to display our work. All sales income will go to the artist; HART will receive no monies from the Exhibition.

Marjorie Warren

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### **FOR SALE:**

45" cherry wood, 4 harness weaving loom w/bench, beautifully handcrafted, \$795 -- or best offer. Can e-mail photos of loom to interested buyer. Contact: Marie Rowe, Sarasota FL  
[MarieRowe2010@comcast.net](mailto:MarieRowe2010@comcast.net) or 941-371-2768.

### **FOR SALE:**

Beautiful Maple 46" Schacht Jack Type Floor Loom (see [www.schachtspindle.com](http://www.schachtspindle.com)), 4 Now 4 Later model – i.e. it has 4 harnesses and it has the hardware already installed to simply buy the 4 Later Shaft kit and slide in and tie up four more harnesses to make it an 8 harness loom. Also has the 10 treadle option, to weave some fairly complex patterns just with the existing 4 harnesses; the combinations would be almost endless with the 4 additional harnesses. This loom is fully functional and in excellent condition. Schacht looms are a dream to weave on. It comes with 3 reeds – one 6 dent, one 10 dent and one 15 dent. Also included are extra heddles and extra treadle tie ups. With the back beam folded, the loom's dimensions are 25' D x 55" L x 46" H and weighs approximately 130 lbs. Also includes: 11.5" Shuttle with 4" bobbin, 1 Yard Warping board, and a VINTAGE Winder. Asking \$1500 for everything. This loom sells for over \$3000 new (photos available on request).

Contact Jenell Wright, [rightnell@yahoo.com](mailto:rightnell@yahoo.com), Weaverville, NC

## NEWSLETTER

Please submit any newsletter articles for publication by 9AM on the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month to Nancy Crabtree [ncfiberfun@mchsi.com](mailto:ncfiberfun@mchsi.com).