

WNCFHG NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Guild Members,

It's hard to believe that our Guild year is half over. We still have a lot of exciting things to look forward to, which means busy times ahead.

July is one of those busy months. The Trunk Show for the Blue Ridge Fiber Show will be in full swing at Earth Guild, the same weekend as our monthly Guild meeting. In addition, the Southern Highland Craft Guild Fair is that weekend, and I'm proud to say that many of our members will be participating in that.

Originally, I had hoped to present you with the proposed, revised, Constitution and By-Laws for discussion this month. Obviously, due to the above mentioned conflicts to our meeting date (July 17th), our attendance will down. Because of the importance of this, the plan now is to present the proposed revision in the August newsletter, to be discussed and voted on at the regularly scheduled August meeting (Aug. 14th.)

Once the proposed revision has been published, I will, as always, invite email, snail mail, and telephone comments, questions, and observations. As in the past, I will summarize these and send them out as an e-notice prior to the August meeting. We have done this for all major issues the Guild has faced during my presidency, and I think it helps us better utilize our limited time at the meetings.

Please do plan to be at the August meeting. I sincerely believe you will be happy with the revisions the Constitution and By-Law Committee, and your Board of Directors are proposing.

One other item requiring your urgent consideration is the need for someone to coordinate the Guild's booth and entries at the NC Mountain State Fair. The fair, as you know is September 10 – 19. Unfortunately, our volunteers will be unable to coordinate this for us, although they have done an amazing amount of groundwork for it. If you would like to see this tradition continue, please contact me immediately. After that, I'm afraid it will be too late.

Leigh

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be July 17, 2010, 10AM @ Historic Johnson Farm, 3346 Haywood Road, Hendersonville, NC. For directions, see website <http://www.wncfhg.org>.

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON?

Something from the auction last month?

Thanks to everyone for making the auction a success and making it run so smoothly! It was great fun. The not so silent part of the auction with Judi Jetson certainly added so much! I bet someone will have *Show and Tell* this month from her/his "find" at the auction.

Your lunch bag for the State Fair?

Remember to make a lunch bag for display at the WNC State Fair! These are for display only (not judged) and will show a variety of the talents of our Guild. Barbara Bigham has challenged the study groups (and anyone else in the Guild) to share your lunch bags and/or study group projects with fairgoers.

Your entry for the Blue Ridge Fiber Show?

At our May meeting we talked about what inspires us. Hopefully it motivated you to start or work on your entry. **Entry forms are due August 13th** (although you have until later in September to finish your entry). Now that there is a break in the super hot weather - need to get back to weaving, spinning and felting.

August Meeting - Convergence Sharing

If you are going to convergence and can't wait to share what you learned please drop me an email jskberner@lycos.com so I can put you on the list. Our August meeting will let you share the Convergence experience with those of us who wish we were there!

October Meeting and Workshop - Dianne Totten

October promises to be a very packed month, just in time to make all those plans for your winter weaving. One of our goals for this year has been to have a speaker that will benefit all of the members of the Guild, by the Guild supporting much of the cost of someone coming to provide a Guild presentation and then a workshop at a very reduced cost. Well plans have been made!

Dianne Totten will be our featured speaker. Dianne has some lovely, innovative pieces at our last BRHS. Dianne has been weaving for over 30 years and teaching for 15. Her work has appeared at Convergence and in **SS&D**, **Weavers** and **Handwoven's Fabric Forecast**. As part of the *Fabric Forecast Team* for **Handwoven**, she enjoyed the challenge of creating and weaving fabric using assigned color palettes, then created one-of-a-kind garments.

Her Guild presentation will be "Cone to Clothing - one weaver's journey". Dianne will share her approach to designing one-of-a-kind garments. Her process will be illustrated through pictures and samples. See what steps she takes to make her 'visions' materialize. Also included will be her work with the Fabric Forecast Team of **Handwoven** magazine and started her journey exploring the shibori technique she uses to create "Crimp" cloth. Following the Guild meeting Dianne will start her workshop entitled Crimp Weave Workshop. It will run on the 9th, 1 - 4:30, 10th 9-4, and 11th 9-4 (I still have to determine the location). This is an on-loom workshop exploring a new direction to take fiber. Using the woven shibori technique for both warp and weft, we will weave a variety of samples to create "crimp cloth" - a permanently pleated heat-set fabric. Students will finish their samples in class in order to demonstrate this important step. Discover how the fabric can be used for entire garments and learn how to use the permanent pleating to replace knitted ribbing for a sweater or to add a knit look to the collar area of a jacket. What fibers besides cotton can withstand the process? What role does synthetic yarn (like polyester - yes really!) play in the process and what is the secret behind its use? Learn tricks for designing and sewing with the amazing cloth you will be able to create. You will need a 4 harness loom - 8 or more even better!

The form for sign up will be posted on the website. The cost of this workshop will only be \$75 as the Guild will subsidize the workshop to make it open to more people. The maximum number of students will be 20 (really only 19 as I will take slot 1) and it will be first come, first paid, first served. Please read the cancellation information at the bottom of the entry form.

Housing for Dianne

Dianne is willing to stay with a Guild member, significantly cutting down our expenses. Please contact me jskberner@lycos.com if you can accommodate Dianne in a smoke free home.

Joan Berner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2010

July 17**	Guild Mtg.	@HJF – Nat'l Dyeing Karen Shobe
Aug. 14	Guild Mtg.	@HJF – Convergence Sharing
Aug. 13 Aug. 30	BRFS Mtn State Fair	Entry Form & Fee Due Entry Form Due at WNC Fair Grounds
Sept. 7	Mtn State Fair	Entry Due at WNC Fair Grounds
Sept. 10-19 Sept. 11	Mtn State Fair Guild Retreat.	@ WNC Fair Grounds TBD
Sept. 20	Mtn State Fair	Pick Up Entry at WNC Fair Grounds
Sept. 27	BRFS	9AM-Noon Hand Delivered Entries Due @ Arboretum
Oct. 2	BRFS	Show Open to Public
Oct. 5	BRFS	Opening Reception & Awards
Oct. 9	Guild Mtg.	@HJF – Cone to Cloth- ing Dianne Totten Ceremony@ Arboretum
Nov. 13	Guild Mtg.	Potluck & Winter Proj. Assignment @HJF
Nov. 29	BRFS	Pick Up Hand Delivered Entries @ Arboretum

****Note this date is the 3rd Saturday of the month; not our normal 2nd Saturday of the month.**

NORTH CAROLINA MOUNTAIN STATE FAIR

I want to talk about the 'Challenge'. It has been suggested that each of our Guild study groups make a display of their activities to be used on our table at the NC Mountain State Fair, September 10 –19. These displays are for educational purposes only. Members could show what the group has done in the past or what future projects are being worked on. For example, the French Broad Weavers are currently making lunch bags using the Bomberet threading. Each study group should have a name and telephone number where an interested person could get further information.

In one of our recent Guild meetings, members were encouraged to make a lunch bag out of handwoven fabrics to add to the group display. (See info in Joan Berner's note on page 2).

In Leigh's president's message on page 1 of this newsletter, she notes that a volunteer coordinator is needed for this activity. I must resign the position due to health issues.

Barbara Bigham

PROGRAM - JULY

Natural Dyeing by Karen Shobe

Karen Shobe was one of our first scholarship winners and she took Amy's class, on natural dyeing and loved it (as did others I heard). She and others will share their enthusiasm for their new found skills. Since natural dyed articles will have a special place in the BRFS it is a very timely topic.

Joan Berner

HOSPITALITY

Hostesses for July are Paula Ashworth and Helga Balducci.

Submitted by Betty Blackerby

OPPORTUNITIES

- Assistant Newsletter Editor (learning position to take over duties in 2011)
- NC Mtn. State Fair Coordinator - 2010

Contact Leigh Tate

Leighsfiberjournal@gmail.com

BRFS FUNDRAISER - WORKSHOP

Thanks to the people who were able to take the **double weave workshop**. We raised \$340 for the BRFS.

Teena Tuenge

BLUE RIDGE FIBER SHOW DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULE

Just a reminder to everyone that I need to have the schedule of demos for BRFS finalized by early September to get publicity through the Arboretum. Also, I need to get a list of who is coming when so that they will be allowed to come into the Arboretum without paying the parking fees on the dates that demonstrations are scheduled. The Arboretum will create the gate passes for us. I will have a calendar at the July and August meetings, so please be prepared to **be specific** about when you will be there. We want the public to come to see what fiber people can do; demonstrations are a great way to help draw people in.

For weaving, in particular, Mikkel's barn loom will be ready to weave on, and I will supply a warped Baby Wolf. Though you can certainly bring your own loom, if you wish. Inkle weaving and Navajo weaving will be demonstrated, as well. Blue Ridge Spinners are considering meeting at the Arboretum for their get-together(s). I will email everyone who has already indicated interest in demonstrating, (I hope you did not forget about it) but there is still time to volunteer.

As a side note, we already have 4 members teaching classes. Their information was readied in time to make a July mailing to Arboretum members. The local publicity for the demonstrators will not go out until early fall.

So please check your calendars and let me know **specific dates** when you can demonstrate your handiwork in October and November. I would really like to have folks showing off every weekend in October and November, if possible.

You will still be able to come on an ad hoc basis if your schedule is uncertain this far ahead, but I may not have time to get you a guest parking pass. Parking passes are per car, so you could carpool with someone who does have a pass. Also, in that case, what you are demonstrating might not make the publicity.

Contact me, if you have questions, suggestions, comments, etc.

TeenaTuenge
teena.tuenge@gmail.com

BLUE RIDGE FIBER SHOW TRUNK SHOW FUNDRAISER

Calling All Knitters, Sewers, Basketmakers, Dollmakers, Quilters, Weavers, Crocheters, Rug-Hookers, and Generally Talented Folks!

In an effort to raise prize monies for the 2010 Blue Ridge Fiber Show this fall, our next fundraiser, **IT'S A WRAP!** is a trunk show and sale hosted by **Earth Guild** in downtown Asheville July 15-18. Handmade items of all sorts are being accepted on consignment, with 70% of the selling price a donation to BRFS and 30% returned to the maker. PLEASE HELP BY CONSIGNING ONE OR MORE ITEMS!

Drop off info is as follows:

- Marjorie Warren is accepting items in the Waynesville area,
- Ann Mullican and Ruth Howell are accepting items at the boarding house/weaving area at Historic Johnson farm on Tuesday mornings from 11 until 2, and
- Susan Vezina in the Asheville area.

Items must be received by JULY 13 to make it into the sale.

The WNCF/HG website has a link to the entry form for items being consigned. It's a quick form to complete, and you attach it with a safety pin to the item, then place both in a plastic bag. Your item stays clean and arrives at the trunk show all labeled and ready to sell.

If you can't consign an item, consider contacting Lynda Feldman at lyndafeldman@gmail.com and helping to staff the show. There are openings from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM and from 2-6 PM on Friday and Saturday.

Lynda Feldman

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web chats AT sutherland: in-studio social networking for weavers
last friday of month, 10 am-noon

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WNCF/HG TREASURERS REPORT**JUNE 2010**

Beginning Balance 5/28/2010	14,218.97
INCOME	
EXPENSES	
Printing (Newsletter)	4.65
Postage (Newsletter)	2.64
*Program - May	100.00
Rent - June, July, Aug 2010	210.00
Total Expenses	317.29
BALANCE 6/31/2010	13,901.68

*\$ Paid to Joan Berner for May

Program was donated back to

HCC Scholarship Fund

Specifically Allocated Funds

Education	5062.94
Scholarships Paid	-200.00
Education Balance	4,862.94
Library	104.91
Scholarship - HCC	820.00
Donation - see notes above	100.00
	920.00
Adjusted Net 6/30/2010	8,013.83


BRFS-TREASURERS REPORT**June 2010**

Beginning Balance 5/28/2010	3,805.05
Income	
Auction	710.00
Raffle	221.00
Total Income	931.00
Expenses	
Bank - Deposit Slips	6.75
Postage - Post Office Box	48.00
Printing	27.11
Total Expenses	81.86
Ending Balance - 6/30/2010	4,654.19

Submitted by Sharon Horne

WEBSITE REPORT – 2010 - JUNE

<http://www.wncfhg.org>

Be sure to visit the WNCFHG website often to see new items, such as meeting notices, the availability of the newsletter, and new special features. Remember to utilize the RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feed. It is sort of a mini-blog. For an explanation, see the bottom of the WNCFHG home page (<http://wncfhg.org>). Look for the bright orange RSS icon: 

This report covers June 1-June 30. Please, please, if you have not already done so, update your browser, especially if it is Internet Explorer.

	Count	Average
Unique visitors	625	
Number of visits	1332	2.1 visits/visitor)
Pages	2728	2.0 Pages/Visit
Hits	5659	4.24 Hits/Visit

Average time per visit: 197 sec/visit

Most popular files

Page	Number of Visits
Home page	649
RSS feed	490
brfs home page	191
June newsletter	102
brfs categories	90
brfs entry forms	53
Workshop list	47
brfs calendar	43
brfs fund-raisers	43
Meetings	41
fiberlinks	38
Study groups, swaps, and mentors	36
brfs awards	35

The numbers above do not include visits by search engine "robots." 14 different robots (including Yahoo, MSN, and Google) checked our site during June. 137 visitors came to our site from Google. The most popular search words and phrases were "blue ridge fiber show", wncfhg, blue, ridge, fiber, and show.

Submitted by Jo Earl