



April 4th - 7th 2019

The countdown has begun for Fiber Forum

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Message from the President:

We are almost there! In a few weeks we will be together at Arrowmont. For some it will be a reunion of seeing old friends and returning to a craft haven. For some it will be a new experience. Possibly seeing that craft school they have heard so much about. But for all it will be gorgeous mountains, exciting workshops and friends both new and old.

As most know, Arrowmont lost several buildings in the fire of 2017. We will get the opportunity to experience the new dorm which will house not only students but one class as well. And believe it or not, rumor has it that the Red Barn has air conditioning!

I also challenge each of you to leave with a new connection you made while at this conference. One of the joys of a regional conference is meeting people from all over the southeast.

I invite you all to consider volunteering while at the conference or even afterwards. We have committees that need a few people to help over the next two years as we plan for 2021. Please don't wait to be asked, come join us.

Lastly I want to thank the board and all the volunteers that made this conference happen. If you are talking to a board member or volunteer tell them thanks. Keep in mind that everything that happens during the conference is possible because someone chose to give of their time to make a phone call, attend a meeting, type something up on their computer or just brain storm for an idea.

Just a reminder, still have a few spots available in several of the classes.

Kathi Grupp

Board President

Southeast Fiber Forum

This year we have an exciting group of Vendors. They will be located in the Library, in the Main Building. A list of the vendors who will be participating follows:

VENDOR'S MARKET

Space # 1 – Shared by Ruth Howe, Hendersonville, NC & Jim Gentry, Knoxville, TN

Ruth will offer custom-made, embroidery items including bags and caps. COLORWAY yarn skeins dyed by Kathrin Weber will also be offered.

Jim will sell embroidery floss packets, assorted yarns for weaving & stitching. Also knotting cords and knotted items along with his book: MACRAME-Weekend Crafter published by Lark Press.

Space # 2 – Martha Owen, Murphy, NC – (Managed by daughter: Annie Fain Barralon)

Yarns-millspun and handspun; natural sheep colors & vegetable dyed. Raw fleeces. Finished pieces including small shawls; original knitting patterns & books on spinning, dyeing and knitting and small tools & spindles will be offered by Martha.

Annie Fain will offer books, cards, prints created from original watercolors.

Space # 3 – Shared by Neal Howard, Cullowhee, NC & Elizabeth J. Spear, Waynesville, NC

Yarns & related weaving/dyeing materials will be offered by Neal. Liz will offer a full range of handwoven goods; including hats, coats and collaborative items. She will also be demonstrating weaving throughout the conference.

Space # 4 – Dawn Wimbrow/LOFTY FIBER—Easley, SC

Weaving yarns and some equipment for weavers & spinners will be offered.

Host Guild:

Every two years, the Board with the assistance of a guild who has volunteered, hosts the Fiber Forum where local workshop providers can offer workshops in their particular areas of interest. This is done to let smaller guilds, who can't afford the national/international fiber artists, provide outstanding programs to their local guilds. Each Forum is hosted by a guild located in the Southeast, to help the board in logistics, artist selection, goodie bags, etc. The 2019 Fiber Forum is being hosted

by the Foothills Craft Guild. We are highlighting this guild and thank them for hosting Fiber Forum 2019.

FOOTHILLS CRAFT GUILD – KNOXVILLE, TN

Foothills Craft Guild is the oldest craft guild in TN, receiving non-profit status and chartered in 1968. In 1967 twenty-five craftspeople operating under the name of Oak Ridge Crafts decided, after participating in numerous craft shows and exhibitions, to formally organize. The purpose of the group was to encourage and promote the development and appreciation of art, handcrafts and high standards of workmanship in handcrafts. To conduct educational programs and to sponsor and hold handcraft shows, exhibitions, and demonstrations.

Based in Oak Ridge, TN at its inception, the majority of guild exhibitions, educational programs and an annual craft fair took place in the “atomic city” until the mid-1990’s when the guild office and most activities moved to Knoxville.

From a base of twenty-five charter members the guild has grown to over 200 members residing anywhere in the state of TN. Included in its membership are

educational centers and group production centers....impacting many more individuals. Three years ago the guild celebrated it's 50th anniversary of its "fine crafts fair".

Today, interested makers residing anywhere in the state, may apply for membership through a jurying process which takes place twice a year. Objects are submitted to a jury of peers who critique the items in terms of craftsmanship, creativity, originality; as well as authenticity if the work falls into heritage/traditional category.

Foothills is governed by a nine-member board of trustees who meet monthly. Primarily a volunteer organization, specialists in public relations, accounting, and event coordination are employed on a contract basis.

Foothills is pleased to be the host guild for FIBER FORUM-2019 and to have three of its members leading workshops: Raeus Jae Cannon is teaching Pin Loom Weaving, Geri Forkner is teaching Nuno Felt for Weavers and Pat K. Thomas is teaching Marbling Cloth.

Because this is an all volunteer organization consider volunteering for the Board or encouraging your fiber

guild to sponsor Fiber Forum 2021. If you have any questions please contact one of the board members or Jim Gentry who is the Conference Chair from the Foothills Craft Guild.

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Just a few reminders:

Members Exhibit/Fashion show:

Fashion show MC Judi Jetson invites all instructors and attendees to pack an item or two for exhibit in this year's fashion show. That item might be something you've made or acquired through your fiber journey. This year, in honor of the recent passing of fiber artist/instructor Teena Tuenge, those of you who have items dyed, woven, and/or sewn by Teena are invited to display those in the fashion show.

All you need do is pack your item(s). When you register, your goody bag will include an index card on which you'll indicate your name and information about what you will wear in the fashion show. At the fashion show, you'll hand that card to Judi

as you prepare to model the garment/items. Easy and fun! Plan to participate!

Please remember to bring your garments for the fashion show and your items for the members exhibit.

Silent Auction/Raffle Items:

Remember to bring the items that you are donating as well as **cash** to purchase raffle tickets. And bring a little extra money to buy one of these beautiful skeins/warps that Kathrin Weber has dyed in the conference colors.

