

The Blue Ridge Fiber Fest is a 501(c)3 corporation based in the southwest Virginia/ northwest North Carolina region. The mission of this corporation is to preserve the history of textiles in the region, and to educate and bring up the next generation of fiber artists.

We work toward our mission by educating students in the textile arts when opportunity arises, and culminate our effort in an annual festival, held during the first weekend in June each year at Sparta, North Carolina.

We seek an intern who is interested in the fiber arts and who may have experience or education in the following areas: web design, graphic design, social media marketing, event planning or textile design.

Work would include: designing and posting regular Instagram postings, Facebook postings; help with website design, all of which can be handled remotely. Posting would need to occur twice weekly at the minimum. The date of the 2021 festival is June 4 & 5, 2021. As the date for the festival nears, the intern would need to be available to help with the actual festival itself and perhaps recruit some student volunteers willing to work the festival.

We have two facets of the festival: One is vendors, who sell textiles and materials for the fiber artists. These vendors come to Sparta from all over the United States. Our Vendor Relations Coordinator sees to the comfort, care and prosperity of each vendor. Our Volunteer Coordinator works with the Vendor Relations Coordinator to make the vending experience pleasant for our vendors, which makes them want to return year after year.

The second facet of our festival is our educational component. Classes in all disciplines of the fiber arts are taught at the fiber fest. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate and manage classes, insuring each instructor has what is necessary, all students get to their classes, etc.

A list of volunteer positions will be made available to assist the intern in recruiting volunteers. Intern will be compensated by scholarship to one class per day as offered by the festival.

Apply by submitting an email with letter of interest and resume to: blueridgefiberfest@gmail.com or same by mail to: D. Clemens, 962 White Pine Drive, Ennice, NC 28623