

Fiber Line

Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Location: Fellowship of the
Spirit Church

Address: 2009 E. 13th Street,
Farmington, NM

Chat Time: 9:30

Meeting Time:
10:00 am

Program:
Bring your questions so that
your fellow guild members
can help you out of your
weaving or fiber dilemma.

Potluck Lunch

- ▶ Our next meeting will be on January 18th at Fellowship of the Spirit Church, 2009 E. 13th Street. Farmington, NM
- ▶ The FCWG meets six times a year on the 3rd Saturday of odd numbered months. Meeting places vary and are announced in the newsletter published at the beginning of odd numbered months.
- ▶ Yearly dues for FCWG are \$25.00 (payable in May for established members). Payments should be made out to FCWG and sent to Kathy Sehnert, P.O. Box 253, Mancos, CO 81328.

I need just enough to tide me over until I need more.

-- Bill Hoest

... who was not involved in any fiber activity...

❖ President's Message

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Christmas! It can be both hectic and wonderful; both for me this year. As I write this the arrival of a new baby in our family is just days away and as many of you know, my family is very much a part of my daily life and there will now be eight grandchildren from one family; his , hers and now theirs.

New Year: I enjoy New Year's Day the most of the holiday season; just a day to relax and focus on what's to come. I still have a big pile of scraps to weave into placemats (one of my favorite things to do). Those that have known me for a few years know that I'm the glue queen when it comes to prepping cotton scraps for weaving and there are times that still works for me. I have a new method that I'm using that is really better, but it takes a bit more time in the prep and uses a serger sewing machine; it makes long ropes of scraps. I especially like it because it joins ends smoothly and securely, it cuts them to size, it makes weaving faster as the ends are already joined and, if I take a little care, the right sides always remain visible. And, it adds a little pop of color when I use a contrasting thread. Hopefully, I'll have placemats done for the next show and tell. (You are my motivation!)

Among the many plea's for donations that come this time of year, the Heifer Project's mailing had a most interesting article about the economic benefits of the revival of weaving to indigenous communities in the Ecuadorian Andes. Of course, they weave with alpaca wool! The heifer project assists in better breeding programs for the Alpacas and reviving weaving skills in the younger generation. The accompanying photo intrigued me, especially as a non-spinner,

by the fact that she is spinning on the go. The large woven belt that she is wearing, called a Faja or Chumpi, is used to hold up skirts, support the lower back when carrying heavy loads, securing swaddled babies and as a holster for a distaff when hand-spinning yarn. What a unique way to spin.

Our next meeting will be in Farmington. By then many of us, hopefully, will be dealing with snow and will be glad to "go south." Thanks to Jere we have a very convenient and welcoming venue. See you there?



- Kathy Sehnert

❖ Membership Chairman's Report

No new members in the last couple months, but several inquiries. I hope we can encourage them to come to the next meeting.

- Carol van der Harten
Membership

Send Dues To:

Kathy Sehnert, FCWG Membership, PO Box 253, Mancos, CO 81328

❖ Programs and Workshops Report

Guild Summer Workshop

Melodie Usher <http://www.canyonsidearts.com/>

Multiple Tabby Weaves

2 or 3 day round robin workshop

In this 2 day workshop students will learn how Dr. Bateman manipulated tabby weave structure to create very intricate weavers using only 4 shafts.

I'm still working on the venue – it will be at Hesperus Bible camp or Mancos Grange. Not much interest in going to Kathi Butler's.

- Anne Worthington
Vice President

❖ Treasurer's Report

Nothing new to report.

- Ann Kennedy,
Treasurer

❖ Current News and Upcoming Events

- The January guild afternoon demonstration of the weaving software, Fiberworks will have to be cancelled as Anne has to leave town then. Instead bring weaving or fiber questions if you have issues you have need with.

❖ Of Interest

For all you avid towel weavers out there you may be interested to find out that Ashford has introduced a line of 10/2 **unmercerized** cotton yarns. They are available in 16 vivid colors, as well as white and natural.

❖ Announcements

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Cricket Club The Cricket Club meets on the second Friday of the month from 1-4 at Karen Dearing's studio in Aztec NM.

The Cricket Club is a group of people that get together to weave and learn more about rigid heddle weaving. In the past we have studied methods of warping the looms, creating patterns with pick up sticks as well as finger manipulation, log cabin weave and other patterns.

If you would like to learn more about the rigid heddle looms you are welcome to join us. Come whether you have a loom or not. If you want to bring your loom with a project that you are working on, that would be just fine. Each meeting will include a demo, exchange of ideas and time to weave and visit. Hope to see you!

Karen's address is: Dancing Hooves Farm and Studio, 61 County Road 3235, Aztec, NM.

Call Karen Dearing for more details. 505-334-2669 (h) or 505-860-7735 (c) or email krdearing@yahoo.com.

❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:

...and for you weavers who are also dyers, you might be interested in knowing that the dye in cochineal is carminic acid, which comes from the bodies of the female *Dactylopius coccus*, a parasitic scale insect that feeds on *Opuntia cacti*. Carminic acid makes up approximately 25% of the body weight of the domesticated insect, about double that of their wild cousins. Some archeologists think Peru is the place of origin of cochineal dye, about 400 years earlier than the archeological evidence in Mexico, which dates to 1000CE.

-- *True Colors: World Masters of Natural Dyes*, by Keith Recker,
Thrum Books 2019

❖ November Meeting Minutes

Minutes from 4 Corners Weavers Guild – November 16, 2019

The November meeting of the 4 Corners Weavers Guild was called to order at 10:05 by President Kathy Sehnert. The meeting was held at the Empire Electric Company in Cortez, Colorado. There were 12 members present and no guests.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

The treasurers report showed loom rentals totaling \$56.00 for a balance of \$2,266.87. A motion was made and the report was approved.

Programs

The next meeting will be held in Farmington, NM at the Fellowship of Spirit Church. Anne presented several possible presenters for workshops. Melody Usher – Multiple Tabby Weaves, Cathleena Burr – Creating original drafts, Bobbie Irwin – Creative Overshot on a 4 shaft, and Bobbie Inouye - Opposites attract.

Membership

Kathy stated that she has had several inquiries but very seldom hears back from the person. Lana suggested having someone from the area of the interested person contact them. Maybe help them to feel easier to come to a meeting.

Service Project

Lana collected the service projects and will get them delivered. We had a lot of great items. Thank you everyone for your participation.

Old Business

We are on good standing with the HGA -Handweavers Guild of America.

New Business

Kathy had been contacted by a gentleman about sending yards of fabric to make backpacks. Nothing was decided on this matter.

We had show and tell and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10

Everyone had a great time during the gift and towel exchange.

- Secretary Valerie Hopper

❖ Library

We have been gifted with several books from some of our members. We thank you for your gifts. If you have any books or related sewing, weaving, spinning or knitting books that need to find a new home, why not donate them to the guild library? If you would like to know what we already have in our library, you can go into the guild website to see the list. I will bring a selection of books to the next meeting for members to check out. This is a good source of information that needs to be used! Karen Dearing at krdearing@yahoo.com, 505.334.2669 or 505.860.7735 (cell). **See a list of new books on page 10 of the newsletter.**

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❖ Links: Weaver's Conferences / Fiber Festivals / Magazines and Newsletters

Conference of Northern California Handweavers:

<http://www.cnch.org>

Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta: <http://www.fiberartsfiesta.org>

Handweavers Guild of America: [July, 2020](#)

<http://www.weavespindye.org>

Complex Weavers: [July, 2020](#) <https://www.complex-weavers.org>

Intermountain Weavers Conference: [July 2021](#)

<http://www.intermountainweavers.org>

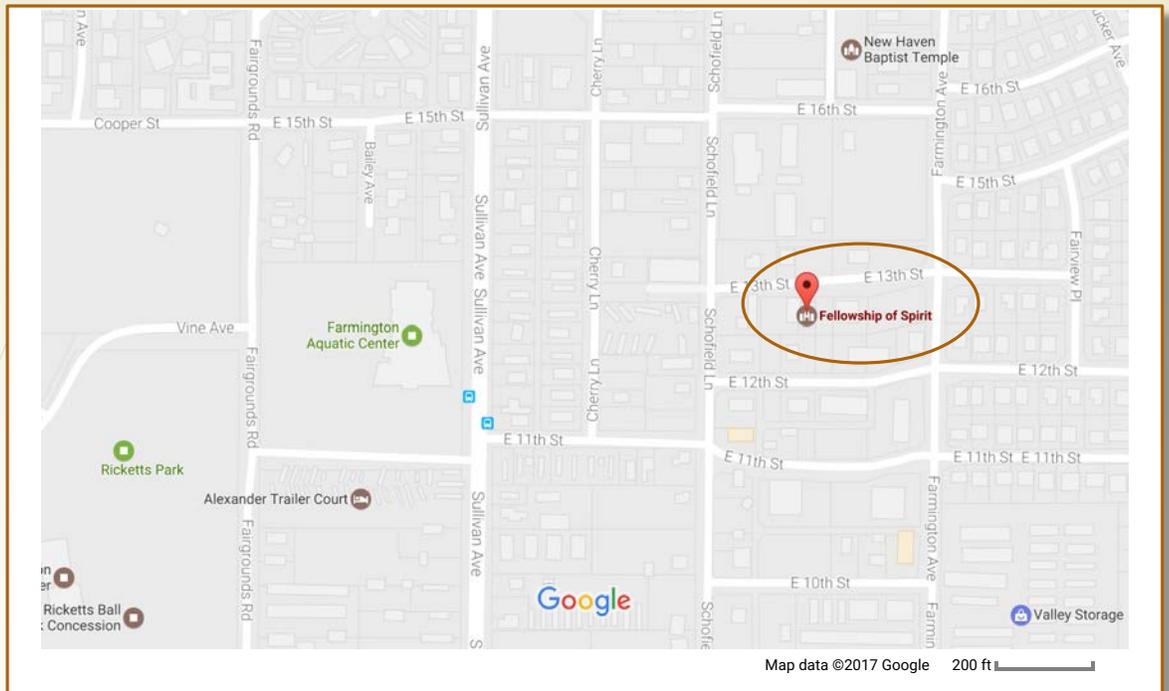
Handweaver's Guild of America (Convergence): July 2020

<https://weavespindye.org/>

Handwoven Magazine: <https://handwovenmagazine.com/>

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Heading west on Main Street, turn right onto Schofield and then right onto 13th Street. Church will be on the right. If you get lost call Karen 505-860-7735

Please send newsletter information to Anne Worthington, 23647 Road G.2, Cortez, CO 81321, or to woollylizard49@gmail.com.

The newsletter is usually sent out the first week of the meeting months, so have information to me by the last week of the month before the meeting.

Classified ads cost \$5.00 (payable to FCWG) and should be sent to Marianne Hurley, P.O. Box 1344, Mancos, CO 81328.

Some Library Book Titles

Temari Treasures—Diana Vandervoort

Temari a Traditional Japanese Embroidery Technique—Margaret Lublow

Weaving of the Southwest—Marian Rodee

Wirework—Mary Maguire

Handcrafted Rugs—Sandra Hardy

The Book of Looms-A history of † Handlooms from Ancient Times to the Present

Tapestry Weaving—Nancy Harvey

Small Looms in Action—Elizabeth Jensen

Hand Knits for the Home—Carol Wilcox Wells

Photographing Your Artwork—Russell Hart

The Complete Book of Tapestry Weaving—Alec Pearson

Learning to Weave with Debbie Redding

Braids 250 Patterns from Japan, Peru and Beyond—Rodrick Owen

Creative Hands—Cox Weismann

Summer and Winter—Donna Sullivan

The Machine Embroidery Handbook—dj bennett

Sensational Knitted Socks—Charlene Schurch

Braiding and Knotting for Amateurs—Constantine A. Belash

Tapestry—Maurice Pianzola

Knitting Socks—Ann Budd

Creating with Card Weaving—Sally Specht

Learn to Knit--Susan Bates

Knit Ponchos, Wraps and Scarves—Jane Davis

Loom and Spindles or Life Among the Early Mill Girls—Harriet Robinson

Blue Prints on Fabric—Barbara Hewitt

Synthetic Dyes Natural Fibers—Linda Knutson

Decorative Knots—Peter Owen

Soft Sculpture and other Soft Art Forms—Dona Meilach

Fabric Printing: Screen Method—Richard Valentino

Weaving You Can Use—Sewing Projects