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Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Location: TBD
Address: TBD
Chat Time: 9:30
Meeting Time: 10:00 am
Program: None planned

- ▶ Our next meeting is TBD
- ▶ 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 Anne Worthington, 23647 Rd G.2, Cortez, Co 81321.

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

- Bill Hoest

❖ President's Message

My Dear Weavers,

December has passed like a freight train! I thought I was going to have an easy time of it, but a serious derailment in my plans made it very hectic! If you care to read my sad weaving story, go to the last paragraph.

I know that we are all anxious to get together to socialize as well as begin again with inspirational programs, but it still is not completely practical. However, Lynn and I have agreed to make a tentative plan for a January meeting. We gave some thought to the Durango Library, but have decided that the cost doesn't warrant further consideration when January weather can be bad for travel and the Omicron virus may be on the uptick. However, there is still a chance that some arrangements can be made for an in person meeting.

SO... who will come? Please let me know ASAP if you think you would like to attend. Would you attend an "in person "meeting in Durango or Mancos if the virus situation is within reason? I can accommodate about 12 in my living room with social distancing; another member may have space in her Durango home. OR, We could arrange a ZOOM meeting; not ideal for some, but more of us have become comfortable with zoom in the last 2 years and it is the best way to keep everyone safe from virus exposure and bad roads. A decision needs to be made no later than Jan 10. A group email will be sent to let you know the final decision; which will especially take into consideration the current status of the newest variant of the virus.

With the Holidays over, I hope that you have an interesting project to look forward to. I do have some UFO's (unfinished objects) that I intend to work at and I have made a New Year's Resolution to sort out my weaving/quilting storage!

With luck and some determination, I hope to see you all in January.

May your life have joy, Kathy

❖ **President's Message** *(continued)*

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MY SAD WEAVING STORY: Before Thanksgiving I decided that I had enjoyed weaving my "break through" towels, so I put a plan in action to weave some Christmas themed towels. I put in an order for some red and green yarn. Lynn Hughes and I had worked on a little upgrade of the Guild's Victoria loom, so that would be a good chance to try it out. The yarn arrived in record time, but other things got in the way, so it was just after Thanksgiving when I began measuring the warp. Halfway through I reached for another tube of white yarn. Good grief, I had ordered natural! Order for white yarn arrived a week later. Back to the warp board. Oh no! The yarn was white cotton alright, but the wrong size! Emergency call to the yarn barn, replacement yarn of correct size on its way, other yarn packed for return. Dec. 10: finally at the loom to start threading. I had 3 bouts, 2 went on smoothly, but the cross on the third one seemed wrong; some threads got crossed; oh well, they can be adjusted as I wind on, right? Wrong! I had a total mess, but I was determined (i.e. yielding to my stubborn German/Dutch roots) to put it right. Three days (!!) of combing, pulling, and shaking the 8 yards of 400+ threads and I had a total rats nest. With tears of regret, that bout went into the wastebasket. Back to the warp board to measure the bout again. With some effort dealing with "sticky threads," the loom was finally threaded. Weaving was a little tedious on the Victoria loom as it has a narrow shed and a short "sweet spot" for good beating; and I was still learning skills rarely used in rag weaving -- winding bobbins and throwing a shuttle. There were many mistakes, and more broken threads to repair than I care to count. Two towels were finally woven and in the mail to 2 recipients by Dec. 15. Try as I might, there was not enough hours in the next 10 days to finish more towels (remember, I babysit a 2-year old 2+ days a week) I have finally finished 5 more towels that will be gifted post-holiday; ignore the green, red is good for Valentine's day.

❖ Membership Chairman's Report

If you are sending dues or have any changes in your contact information, please contact Anne W, woolyizard49@gmail.com, 907.355.6398.

- Anne W, Membership

Send Dues To:

Anne Worthington, FCWG Membership, 23647 Road G2, Cortez, CO 81321

❖ Updated Programs and Workshops Report

Nothing planned.

- Lynn H, Vice President

❖ Treasurer's Report

Bank balance as of 11/30/21 = \$5478.59

November activity: 1 new member @ \$25.00, payment to Caroline \$98.64 for 3-year, prepayment of web domain

- Ann K, Treasurer

❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:

Shadow Weave:

"Mary Meigs Atwater introduced shadow weave in the early 1940s. Because she got the idea from warp rep, she threaded it the same way. In warp rep, two colors alternate on shafts as far away from each other as possible (shaft 1 with 3 and shaft 2 with 4) to make the dense warp threads easier to open."

For more information on the Atwater method see Atwater, Mary Meigs. *Shuttle-Craft Guild Bulletin*. Basin, Montana, February 1942 (introduces shadow weave). Barrett, Clotilde, *Shadow Weave and Corkscrew Weave*. Boulder, Colorado: Colorado Fiber Center, 1980.

"In the 1970s, Marion Powell recognized shadow weave as a block weave. In block weaves, the same warp and weft threads make two different-looking interlacements, one we identify as pattern and one as background. She determined that in shadow weave, the blocks forming horizontal lines (which "move the eye more readily") should be considered pattern, and the blocks forming vertical lines should be considered background.

To use shadow weave with profile drafts, Powell changed Atwater's threading so that dark threads are followed by light threads on adjacent shafts. Block A becomes dark on 1, light on 2; Block B, dark on 3, light on 4; Block C, dark on 4, light on 3; Block D, dark on 2, light on 1."

For more information on the Powell method see: Powell, Marian. *1000(+) Patterns in 4, 6, and 8 Harness Shadow Weaves*. McMinnville, Oregon: Robin and Russ Handweavers, 1976.

--<https://handwovenmagazine.com/the-draft-shadow-weave-as-a-block-weave>

❖ September Meeting Minutes, November 20, 2021

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The meeting happened at the Mancos library; 16 members attended. Meeting started at 10:00am. We went around the circle and gave our name, where we are from and shared a weaving story.

Treasurer's report – the balance is \$5,552.23. Two new memberships added, so the amount in our account now is \$5,577.23.

Old Business – approved past minutes with no corrections.

Talked about the workshop with Rosie, made a felted needle case and everyone enjoyed the class.

New Business – Lana took the donated items for our service project. She will split them up and donate to 3-5 places; there are sites in Cortez, Durango and Farmington. She has help delivering items to the various sites.

From Lynn – looking at online options/classes. Wanted feedback about the possibility of purchasing things that the group might want to try out, for example a Cricket Loom, wavy weaving stick etc. Looking for ideas on projects. Talked about buying a warping mill and Valerie is willing to donate hers.

People seemed interested in having classes again when available; talked about having Melody Usher come at some point in the future.

Karen D is re-doing the library, has duplicates, some we can keep but others she will bring to January meeting and people can take them. She will also provide a list of what is available in the library.

New Business

We missed some of our Farmington members, but they passed on their greetings! They also sent along donations to our service project.

Karen also shared that Taos and Salida wool festivals (and probably other festivals) always need volunteers and encouraged people to sign up for next year. Some of the positions are paid, there are many jobs to do at the festivals and information is on the websites. Not sure exactly when to sign up to volunteer but at least 1 month in advance we thought.

Anne W. reminded us that we have a local yarn shop in Cortez – SW Farm to Yarn and that they're offering classes and people can also join the cooperative/collective. More information at <https://www.swfarmtoyarn.org/>

We want to gather in person for the January meeting if possible. Let Lynn Hughes know if you have suggestions about new locations for group meetings.

We had a show and tell and ask – lots of lovely items and people could ask questions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

Had the towel exchange, gift exchange and then the potluck. It was very festive and fun!

-- Karinne K, Secretary

❖ Announcements

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From Colorado Weavers Day:

Save the date!

Virtual Colorado Weavers Day 2022. Weekend of May 14th, 2022. Hosted by the Handweaver's Guild of Boulder. We are currently in the planning stages for this exciting event that will bring engaging speakers, guild show and tell, and virtual activities that will enable participants to mingle and socialize.

Add yourself to our email list to receive updates and information. We look forward to seeing you in 2022.

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Jane Patrick, Coordinator, Colorado Weavers Day 2022

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❖ Of Interest

For those of you who get Handwoven magazine and receive email updates you will already know there are a number of online classes out there from a variety of sources. Here are links to a few that have shown up in my inbox:

<https://learn.longthreadmedia.com/courses/introduction-to-shadow-weave>

<https://gathertextiles.com/collections/online-learning>

<https://www.schoolofsweetgeorgia.com/weaving/>

❖ 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).

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

Handweaver's Guild of America (Convergence): July 2022
<https://weavespindye.org/>

Intermountain Weavers Conference
<http://www.intermountainweavers.org>: July 27-30, 2023

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