

Fiber Line

Four Corners Weavers Guild

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9:30 chat time
10:00 meeting

No mask required **IF** you
have been vaccinated
Lunch: Annual Picnic;
Meat provided;
side dishes are potluck

At Kathy Sehnert's
527 N. Willow St., Mancos

2 blocks north of Hwy 160,
turn at Family Dollar Store

- ▶ There will be a picnic meeting this month on the 17th of July at 10:00. Kathy Sehnert has graciously agreed to hold it this year.
 - ▶ 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.
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❖ President's Message

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My Dear Weaving Friends,

It seems to me that things are starting to look/be more “normal.” With that in mind, we will have a regular meeting in July! Hoorah! It will be our annual picnic and yard sale. I have plenty of chairs and tables available but do remember sunscreen. Weather permitting; we will be on the deck and patio with mostly umbrellas for shade. If, by a lucky break for our drought-stricken area, we have rain; there is room inside.

The yard sale is basically for weaving/craft related items, but you can bring other things if you really think it's a generally usable item. I will make some tags to use so each item can be marked. Items can be put on the “free” table or marked “for sale by member”, or “donated to the Guild for sale.” Sale items should be tagged with the suggested price and if it's a bargain deal or “best offer” the estimated value of the item can be noted. If you find things in the “free” category that have a real value to you, you can, if you wish, make a donation to the guild, it will be appreciated.

Do you know how exhausting a 1 ½ year old can be? Ask me if I'm awake enough to be coherent!

Since we will resume regular meetings, I will appoint a nominating committee and we can proceed with electing officers for the next two years. This should have been done in May, so we are only a month behind.

Anne W. has been trying to organize some programs that, hopefully, can be confirmed in the next few weeks. (See Anne's program notes, also in this newsletter.) This requires some intense, last-minute planning, so stay tuned for updates. She is working to renew the workshop with Melodie Usher. The hitch is that the workshop is two days and the available weekend in September is the same as our regular meeting. This poses a problem! The one solution that may work is a long break in the workshop for lunch when we can include all our members, then have a brief business meeting. Or have our regular meeting the weekend before or after. Any thoughts? Please let me hear from you.

Following the request for input on the fate of the ridged heddle loom that was donated to the Guild; it was passed on to the Farm to Yarn store (F2Y) in Cortez for demonstration and class purposes. I included the book from the same donation, “Rigid Heddle Weaving” by Betty Davenport. It was all much appreciated.

See you in July!
Kathy Sehnert, President

❖ Membership Chairman's Report

I've received a couple of inquiries about membership; I hope they will come to the July meeting and ultimately join the Guild! New members are so very welcome.

Dues were due in May and will be delinquent in August. Please renew your membership, you'd be missed if you'd drop out!

- Carol van der Harten, Membership

Send Dues To:

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

❖ Programs and Workshops Report

Since IWC cancelled this summer's event we will go ahead and have the Multiple Tabby Weaves (Bateman weaves) workshop with Melodie Usher that we cancelled last summer because of Covid. I am working with Melodie on the details. The proposed date is the weekend of September 18-19, although we don't have a venue yet as many places are still closed and not taking advanced reservations.

Please go to this website to read more about the workshop: <http://www.canyonsidearts.com/multipletabbyweaves.html>

The guild will pick up the costs of the workshop and her travel from NM. Melodie is happy to stay at a guild member's home. She is a vegetarian and is allergic to cats. I was going to have her stay with me until I found out about the cat part! So, if you would like to volunteer, please let me know. More details will be forthcoming as they become available. If you are interested and hope / plan to attend, please let me know so I can provide that information to Melodie. Also please let me know if you will be using a 4 or 8 shaft loom, and if you prefer a round robin, or to use your own loom. There are different benefits to each. Likely the workshop will be in Mancos or Cortez. You will be responsible to make your own housing arrangements; however, we will offer suggestions when we know the venue.

Our alternate month Cortez group will meet Saturday August 21 at the Cortez park. Caroline has proposed making little birds with leftover yarns. More information later.

- Anne Worthington, Vice President

❖ Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance 5/1/21: \$2766.23 + \$200 member dues + \$20 ad
New balance 5/28/21 \$ 3011.23

- Ann Kennedy, Treasurer

❖ **May Meeting Minutes, May 15 via Zoom**

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Members of the FCWG met via zoom on May 15, 2021, at 10:00. The irregular meeting lasted 1 hour 15 minutes, there were 11 members present and one guest. It was a joy to chat with weaving friends and actually see their faces (except Caroline ☹.) Our guest, Kit Frost, has asked for membership information.

There were no minutes from prior meetings since we have not had regular meetings. The treasurer's report was published in the newsletter. A quorum was present (a quorum is 1/3 of membership; we have 31 members.) but no motions were presented or voting.

The May meeting should be the time we elect new officers. The President feels the need to "hang in there" until we can get back to regular meetings. It's hoped the other officers will feel the same. Anne W. is the one most under pressure as she is settling her elderly mother into her home while trying to continue her business and explore the virtual opportunities for the Guild. Karen Steeper volunteered to help her with some online searches.

The service project was mentioned; and "yes" we will continue gifting women's shelters at Christmas time. So, start now collecting items.

A General discussion about virtual programs for the Guild to pursue was held. Several members have taken classes online and have found them to be a great resource for learning when we can't be together; there are charges for most classes, but not unreasonable when you don't have extra costs for travel, meals, and housing. One suggestion to pass along was the free YouTube videos by tapestry artist Rebecca Mezoff at ChangetheShed.com. Karen S. also alerted us to the fact that Tierra Wools is doing in-person classes in Chama and she also shared that a 6-week online workshop she had taken from Janet Dawson, Unraveling Overshot, had been especially rewarding.

While some ideas for virtual presentations and/or workshops were tossed around, it was suggested that Anne W. contact Melodie Usher about the workshop we had planned for the summer of 2020 to see if we might reschedule it for this year.

The issue of dues for this year was discussed. By general consent, the Guild will accept dues this year to further finance more workshops, but if someone chooses not to pay because of lack of meetings, they will not lose their membership for this year. [Dues of \$25 can be sent to Kathy, PO Box 253, Mancos 81328]

The Guild has been gifted several weaving items in the past months. The members present favored offering them for sale to members. If they are not sold in a reasonable time, then they should be offered for sale to the general public. If anyone is interested, Kathy can send detailed information. Any reasonable offer will be considered.

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❖ **May Meeting Minutes, May 15 via Zoom** *(continued)*

Glimakra "Victoria" four harness table loom with stand. With 2 extra reeds. Schacht Bobbin winder, Rigid heddle loom, maker unknown, small warping board, Ashford spinning wheel (offered "free" to be picked up at her home in Durango)

The Cortez Fiber Group will have a "chat" meeting at the Cortez Park in the area just north of the Library on Saturday, June 19 (the 3rd Saturday) at 10:00. Bring your own chair, a project to work on, and a snack/lunch if you like. The next regular meeting of the FCWG will be our annual picnic on July 17th. It will be outdoors (or "in" if it rains) at Kathy's. Details to follow just prior to July meeting.

A show and tell followed our discussion.

Kathy Sehnert, President

❖ **Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:**

Tien Chu, well-known for her handwoven wedding dress, knows a lot about color, and teaches several classes on weaving and color. For those of you struggling with color in your weaving adventures the following two rules were excerpted from *Handwoven* magazine online:

1. If you mix two colors in small dots, the eye will blend the hues together.

For example, mixing bright green with magenta in plain weave gives you brown. But mixing the same two colors in larger patches makes them contrast more strongly with each other, producing brightly colored blocks of magenta and green.

2. The eye perceives differences in value very clearly—much more clearly than it sees any other aspect of color.

As a result, yarns with strong light/dark contrast will create a bold pattern in your handwoven cloth, while colors with equal values will blend into a subtle design. That makes it easy to figure out whether your woven pattern will show clearly in a given set of yarns. Just put the yarns next to each other and snap a black-and-white photo with your smartphone. If you can see a clear difference between the yarns in the photo, your pattern will show clearly; if not, it won't.

<https://handwovenmagazine.com/two-rules-color-theory-in-weaving>

❖ Announcements

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From Jerre Lard and Karen Dearing

There will be a county Fair in Farmington! It would be great if there are entries from the FCWG. Karen D. and Jere L. will be coordinating the booth that has previously been handled by Anna K. If you have entries, Jere and Karen will be glad to pick them up at the July meeting and return them to you after the Fair. This may be the only Fair that still has spinning and handwoven categories so a good opportunity to participate.

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. cwd2022@handweaversofboulder.org

Jane Patrick, Coordinator, Colorado Weavers Day 2022

[Jane@janepatrick.net](mailto:jane@janepatrick.net)

❖ Of Interest

Those of you who are members of Handweaver's Guild of America are probably aware of their current online (zoom) *Textiles and Tea* weekly "lectures" by some well-known (and not so well-known, but still very interesting) weavers. There have been some great ones, and they have been recorded so you can see the ones you may have missed on Facebook. Upcoming lectures during the month of July include, July 6: **Joan Ruane** ; July 13: **Helena Hernmarck** ; July 20: **Eve Erb** ; July 27: **Julie Kornblum**. If you want to find out what other lectures are available during the remainder of the year go to this link:

<https://weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/>-

❖ 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

Salida Fiber Festival
<https://www.salidafiberfestival.com> September 11 and 12, 2021

Taos Wool Festival
<http://taoswoolfestival.squarespace.com> October 2 and 3, 2021

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

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

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