

# Fiber line

## Four Corners Weavers Guild

**March** 1, 2020  
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**Location:** Mount Lookout  
Grange

**Address:** 680 Grand Avenue,  
Mancos, CO

**Meeting Time:**  
10:00 am

**Program:**  
Rosie Boone, wet-felted  
needle case, \$20 Materials  
fee, must let Anne W. know  
beforehand how many are  
interested

## Potluck Lunch

- ▶ Our next meeting will be on March 21<sup>st</sup> at at Mount Lookout Grange, 680 Grand Ave. Mancos, CO
- ▶ The FCWG meets six times a year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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*I will resist the urge to hoard my favorite yarns forever, constantly trying to determine whether the projects they are intended for are "worthy".*

–Stephanie McPhee

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## ❖ President's Message

Spring is around the corner! I'm still grabbing the heavy jacket to leave the house, but hopefully I can put the snow boots and winter wear away soon.

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Our next meeting will be at the Grange in Mancos; always a nice spot to gather. It is convenient for workshops with ample space and full kitchen. It would be wonderful if we could find a similar venue in the Bayfield/Durango area. With more members in that location it would be to their advantage to have occasional meetings with less travel time. Be on the lookout gals!

At our last meeting we discussed ways to attract more new members. One idea that caught on was a poster to let more people know that there is a weaving guild in the Four Corners. To that end, Jere has contacted a friend and for a minimal fee she has designed a poster that can be used at various fiber related businesses or events. The distribution of the poster will be by electronic mail to members so that YOU can print it for posting. If you know of good places to use the poster, be sure to request it via email. (It may also be included in this newsletter.) If you have any trouble with the printing and need hard copies, let me know and I'll print them for you.

Karen D's Cricket Club is sure fun! If you have a rigid heddle loom and want to learn ways to use it, let Karen know so she can email you details of the monthly gathering. Last time we learned looped washcloths. I love my newly acquired rigid heddle; it's very versatile and portable for quick, small projects; especially when I have another long project on my big loom.

See you soon in Mancos!

- Kathy Sehnert, President

### ❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:

Sometimes we have complicated patterns and have a hard time remembering where we are. I came across this blog and its tip the other day. I'm already thinking of ways to adapt this idea for my own particular needs.



[https://sweetleafnotes.blogspot.com/2016/11/brilliant-bead-markers-hold-your-place.html?fbclid=IwAR2UQAY6mqsOMunem1-udQwCw00tk29WPbDbwijn3WY\\_sBANYkpCIZ7zpQ6c](https://sweetleafnotes.blogspot.com/2016/11/brilliant-bead-markers-hold-your-place.html?fbclid=IwAR2UQAY6mqsOMunem1-udQwCw00tk29WPbDbwijn3WY_sBANYkpCIZ7zpQ6c)

## ❖ Membership Chairman's Report

We have two more weavers who have joined the guild!  
Welcome Renee and Karen!

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- Carol van der Harten, Membership

### Send Dues To:

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## ❖ Programs and Workshops Report

March's meeting will be at the Grange in Mancos. Rosie Boone, a felter from Moab will be teaching us to make wet-felted needle cases. This is a labor intensive and time-consuming process, which those of you who have done wet-felting know. There is a \$20 materials fee, and the guild will be paying Rosie's expenses. Please let Anne W know beforehand if you are planning to participate so that Rosie can bring enough material for everyone.

May's meeting will be held at the Animas Museum in Durango. There is no kitchen at the museum so please bring your own lunch, or plan to walk down to Zia Taqueria's for takeout (yum!). The program will be about finishing techniques for handwoven fabrics. Anne W will bring a variety of demonstration items for different types of fringes, seams, and interfacing. If you have examples of any of these techniques, please bring them for show and tell. We can all learn from each other. The summer workshop will be Melodie Usher's Multiple Tabby Weave, August 15-16. It will be held at the Hesperus Bible Camp.

- Anne Worthington, Vice President

## ❖ Treasurer's Report

Opening and closing balance = \$2216.91

- Ann Kennedy, Treasurer

## ❖ Announcements

**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](mailto:krdearing@yahoo.com).

## ❖ Of Interest

Silk or silk blend yarns come from both wild and domesticated silkworms. China and India are the leading producers of raw silk. Commonly known as **mulberry silk**, domesticated silk threads are produced by the *Bombyx mori L.* silkworm. **Tasar silk** comes from various wild or semi-cultivated *Antherea* silkworms. Tasar silk is more commonly called **tussah silk**, which is the most common kind of wild silk available. Other types of wild silk include **Peduncle**, which is harvested from the stems of wild tropical tasar cocoons. This silk is strong and a gunmetal color. **Muga silk** comes from the semi-domesticated silkworm, *Antherea assamensis*, originally from India, and is a golden-yellow color. **Eri silk** comes in a variety of colors from white to copper and comes from the *Samia ricini* silkworm. The color of the silk is influenced by the types of plants the silkworms eat.

-- *Wild Silk: Blending Beyond Bombyx*, by Heavenly Bresser

*SpinOff* magazine, Winter 2020

## ❖ November Meeting Minutes

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The January meeting was held at the Fellowship of the Spirit Church in Farmington, NM. Twelve members were present including 2 new members. Karen Steeper and Renee Saum, both from Durango joined our Guild.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as written. The Treasurer Report shows opening and closing balance = \$2216.91 with a check for \$84.52 to Caroline for shipping charges. A deposit of \$34.56 (over reimbursed Caroline, she returned the difference). The balance of \$2,216.91 on 12/31/19. Jere made a motion to accept the report as read. Deb seconded it. The treasurers report was accepted as reported.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** - Anne has scheduled Rosie Boone to do a program for our next meeting which will be held at the Mancos Grange. Rosie will do a class on wet felting. Stanna made a motion and Karinne seconded it for the Guild to pay her fee of \$200.00. Members will pay a \$25.00 materials fee. Please let Anne know as soon as possible if you are taking the class.

A workshop with Melody Usher is scheduled for August 15-16, 2020. The class is Multiple Tabby Weave. There will be a \$20.00 materials fee. We will have more information on the location at a later date.

Kathy received an email thank you from Cortez for our donation of service projects and also a verbal thank you from Durango.

A discussion was held concerning low attendance at our meetings. Jere said that people have busy lives and just don't come as often. Karen suggested that we contact other guilds and ask if they have ideas to help raise attendance. Sharon said that we are taking a step in the right direction by paying for a presenter. Sherry suggested more information be put out in the community. Jere will check with a friend of hers to find out about getting advertising on the radio and community places. Deb suggested that we put fliers out in yarn shops. It was also suggested that we make posters and place them in public places.

Fairs are coming up soon so think about doing entries for them. If you want to enter items in the San Juan County Fair please bring them to our July meeting and Jere will enter them for you.

We had several items for Show and Tell. Always fun to see what others have done.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

- 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](mailto: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 22-25, 2021](#)

<http://www.intermountainweavers.org>

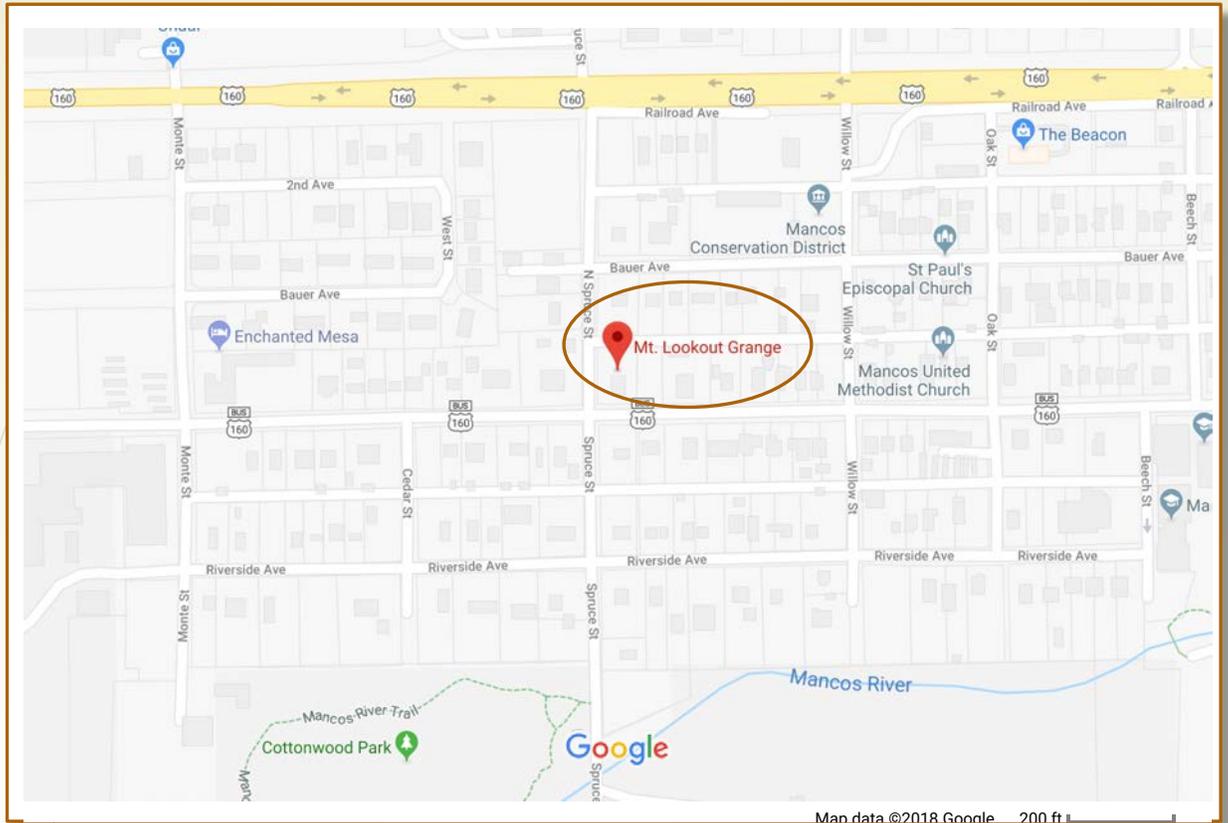
Handweaver's Guild of America (Convergence): July 2020

<https://weavespindye.org/>

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

## Mount Lookout Grange, 680 Grand Ave. Mancos, CO

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Go into Mancos at the stoplight in the middle of town, take a right at Grand Avenue, heading west. Go down to 680 Grand Avenue.

Please send newsletter information to Anne Worthington, 23647 Road G.2, Cortez, CO 81321, or to [woollylizard49@gmail.com](mailto:woollylizard49@gmail.com)., or to Cherie Pitman, 206 Shasta Trail, Hesperus, CO 81326, or [cheriepitman@gmail.com](mailto:cheriepitman@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.

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## For Sale:

10 shaft, counter march & sectional warp beam.  
Bench and spool rack.

8 peddles - 45"

850.00 cash only. you pick up

Betty 505-801-0047 Kirtland, NM 87417

## 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 Piazola  
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