

Fiber line

Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Location: Zoom

Address: None

Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Program: 11:30

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- ▶ Our next meeting is via Zoom
- ▶ 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.

Yesterday's weaving is as irrevocable as yesterday. I may not draw out the threads, but I may change my shuttle.

– Muriel Strobe

❖ President's Message

Dear Weaving Friends,

You wouldn't think that the 2/3 day difference in the length of a month should matter, but it seems to me that February just started and now it's over! Where did that time go? Well for over a week it was nasty cold!

Are you becoming "zoom" savvy? I am beginning to enjoy some zoom meetings. Not that I have a lot of meetings to go to, but there are some that are great on zoom because they save a lot of time; -- commute time is eliminated, and you can wear your grubbies or even your PJ's. Comb your hair? Maybe! Our next meeting will be totally zoom, business meeting, show and tell, and program. Meeting will start at 10:00, but you can log on a few minutes earlier so that we are set to go at 10. Our Program will start at 11:30 and should be about 1 hour long. Have your coffee/water, (and snack?) near your computer so you are ready to go. If you need a break, you can step away anytime. The May meeting, we hope, can be in person, but we will also zoom so members that want to be a part of the meeting, but are not comfortable with in-person yet, or choose not to make a long drive to the venue can join in.

At the next meeting we will be discussing our presentation policy, i.e. dollar amounts to be paid to presenters. Give it some thought so you can weigh in on the subject. With a couple of years without a workshop, or outside presenter, there is some desire to "fill in the gaps." Our current bank balance is flush enough to have several professional presenters.

Several years ago, the first time I was President; I became the recipient of boxes of all the old "Fiber Line" newsletters. As President, I believed it was my duty to keep the collection up to date. I did a good job the first go around, but I fell behind lately. So, a few weeks ago I put it right. Thanks to Caroline and the collection of newsletters on our web site I was able to get the file complete. Since I had the information right at hand, I decided to make a quick survey of programs in the last 20 years. Considering that we only have 6 meetings a year, 2 of them usually don't have programs, the picnic and Christmas party.

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❖ **President's Message** *(continued from previous page)*

For the other four meetings it was most often a member sharing her experience, knowledge and talents. Dye Days were a popular workshop for an early summer or fall program. Occasionally, there would be an outside presenter at a meeting. Many years there was a professional presenter for a workshop for a full day or more. There were several references to the "Friendship Garment" workshop; I bet Jere and Sharon can tell us about that!

We do have lots of talent in our Guild and they have always been gracious to share their time, knowledge and skills. And it's not only for programs, but also for the general workings of the Guild. Many have served as officers and keep the Guild business in order. Cherie and Anne do such a wonderful job with the newsletters, and it's not easy to nudge us to send in our contributions in a timely fashion and then Anne adds many interesting tidbits to make it all interesting. Caroline is on tap to update the website and ads the "for sale" items. Lana hauls our charity gifts to the appropriate places. Sherry makes sure with have plates and utensils for our potlucks. And, Susan, (who is a charter member, but has not been to meetings in the last years) is our tax accountant for free! And so many others that are there for advice, encouragement, and problem solving. You are a swell group and I love you all.

See you soon, Kathy

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

If you are a towel weaver, and more importantly a towel user, don't use fabric softener when washing your towels. Fabric softeners deposit a substance on the cloth which softens and reduces static cling. This substance then stays in the cloth, builds up and prevents absorption.

-- <https://handwovenmagazine.com/washing-dos-and-donts>

❖ Updated Programs and Workshops Report

Annie MacHale will be our speaker for our March meeting. She has been “inkling her way through life” for many years and will share with us her presentation Called Narrow But Not Limited.

At the age of seventeen, Annie MacHale first discovered the inkle loom, sparking a lifelong love affair. She built her first loom in 1976 with the help of her dad and a library book. Since then, she's woven miles of bands. She loves to play with color and pattern and finds the inkle loom a very satisfying way to do this. Annie is known to many through her blog, ASpinnerWeaver.com. The popularity of her patterns shared there has led to the 2019 publication of a book, “In Celebration of Plain Weave: Color and Design Inspiration for Inkle Weavers”. This was followed by another book in 2021, “Three-Color Pickup for Inkle Weavers” in which she shares a rare, older Lithuanian technique which has fallen out of use.

Below is a list of places to find Annie and her inkle work on the www.

Blog: www.ASpinnerWeaver.com

Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest as [ASpinnerWeaver](#)

Etsy: [ASpinnerWeaver](#), [WeaverGuitarStraps](#), and [iWeaveSashes](#)

Website: WeaverGuitarStraps.com

Narrow But Not Limited

Length: 1 hour

Format: Power Point slideshow

Description: Because the inkle loom is a simple device designed to make very narrow, warp-faced pieces, its true potential is often overlooked. People frequently ask, “What can you do with an inkle loom, anyway?” Annie MacHale has spent over four decades exploring the possibilities and loves to inspire others to join her in the adventure. She will share many stories of her inspiration and creation and show a diverse array of items produced on her inkle looms.

- Lynn H, Vice President

❖ January Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2022

The meeting was held via Zoom. 23 members attended. We all took turns sharing our Christmas/holiday experiences.

The meeting started at 10:15am. There was no Treasurer's report. The past minutes were included in the newsletter and a motion was made and seconded to approve them.

Committees:

Donations: Lana was overwhelmed by the generosity of the group and was able to disperse items (socks, toiletries, woven and knitted items) to 5 different groups (it had been 3 in previous years). She read a thank you note from the Southwest Safe House.

Newsletter: Cherie is open to items to add to the newsletter

Website and Facebook group: Caroline gave a quick update

Membership: Anne gave updates of phone numbers

Programs: Lynn discussed the challenges of finding places to meet. The Durango library has just a room and no coffee available for \$25/hour. Carol will check on the Marvel Grange. Jere's church in Farmington is available. Other ideas were The Smiley building and Edgemont Lodge. The plan will still be to spread out the meeting sites to accommodate all weavers.

Zoom: Kate will be our resident expert. The guild has signed up for monthly Zoom at a cost of \$15/month.

Equipment: Val has graciously donated her warping mill. Lynn noticed it is missing the cross bars and will enlist her husband's help making them for an estimated cost of \$30. Deb will be the custodian of the warping mill

Old Business:

Kathy mentioned that Colorado Weaver's Day – Boulder available via Zoom on May 6th and 7th. There was discussion about the Bylaws and our Executive Board, which is made up of the officers, the previous past president, 5 regions (Pagosa, Durango, Silverton, Farmington, Cortez/Mancos). There was discussion to add Bayfield to the regions. Selected officers to represent each region.

Rental equipment and the Rental Policy were discussed. On the next page is a list of what the guild has and where it is located. To rent the items below, you can rent on a monthly basis at \$20 per month and requires a deposit of \$100 by check to be held by the custodian of the item until the item is returned.

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❖ **January Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2022** *(continued)*

- Victoria loom with table and stand (Kathy S)
- Four harness floor loom (was at Karen D and now at Sharon S)
- Eight harness table loom (belongs to Gere and not the guild)
- Eight harness table loom (Sharon S plans to donate hers to the guild)
- Dorothy table loom (Kathy S)
- Display screens and stand – 1 set (Carol V)

The guild also has the following items, and the cost is \$5 per week, unless you have also rented a loom, then it is free. They each require a deposit of \$50 by check to be held by the custodian.

Warping board, Bobbin winder, Warping mill (Deb B.)

There is an official Loom Rental Policy dated 3/21/15 with more details.

Caroline reported on Zephyr Cove Middle School and thanked Sharon who donated her table loom plus all the weavers who donated yarn. She said that they have an inkle, cactus flower and twining looms.

Show and Tell: Kathy, Corey, Lynn, Vicki, Caroline and Sherry all showed items they had completed. While we all missed being able to touch and see them in person, they all were nonetheless beautiful.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 am

The program was given by Lynn who demonstrated using a warping mill and explained the benefits while winding a scarf with multiple yarns. She made very quick work of it!

- Deb B, Secretary pro tem

❖ **Treasurer's Report**

No bank activity in Jan 2022. Starting balance = \$5503.59

Checking \$104.05 - Zoom subscription and warping workshop fee

2 new members

Unbalanced total = \$5449.54

Upcoming expense \$100 for March Zoom presenter-

Ann K, Treasurer

❖ **Membership Chairman's Report**

If you are sending dues or have any changes in your contact information, please contact Anne W, woollylizard49@gmail.com, 907.355.6398.

- Anne W, Membership

Send Dues To:

Anne Worthington, FCWG Membership, 23647 Road G2, Cortez, CO 81321 Make check out to **Four Corners Weaver's Guild**.

❖ Announcements

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

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❖ Of Interest

For those of you who haven't heard the Taos Wool Festival will be moving to Santa Fe this October. For a variety of reasons, including a growing shortage of volunteers (isn't that the same everywhere?) and helpers, aging vendor ranks, increasing costs for tents, fewer animal show entries, and changes within the town of Taos, the Mountain and Valley Wool Association (MAVWA) board considered ways to revitalize the festival. They decided to move the festival to the Santa Fe fairgrounds, and it will be renamed "The Mountain and Valley Wool Festival".

❖ 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/>