

Fiber Line

Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Location: Fellowship of
Spirit church, also known
as Jere's Church

Address: 2009 E. 13th,
Farmington, NM

Social Time: 9:30

Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Potluck: 11:30

Program: 12:30
Greeting cards with
handwoven fronts

- ▶ Our next meeting is at Fellowship Spirit Church, 2009 E. 13th, 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 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

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Dear Weaving Friends,

I am looking forward to SEEING you at our May, in-person!, meeting. As we get closer to that date, we can check the Covid protocols in the event that masks are required or suggested. However, anytime wearing a mask can certainly be your choice. The May meeting will be just the day before Mancos High School graduation, I have 3 grandson's graduating that day, so if I'm a little discombobulated please bear with me!

Your FCWG Board met on zoom recently to work on a budget for the Guild. Making a plan for general expenses seems prudent so that we can all know how our dues are spent. Also on the agenda was the question of our "surplus" of funds in the bank. This is due in small part to the lack of in-person meetings in the last 2 years and in large part to a generous anonymous donation to help fund more workshops. As things become more normal and our meetings resume, making a budget, and making a plan for our windfall surplus is a priority. The board has discussed some options, but we feel it's necessary to survey the membership for a broader assessment. Likely I'll be emailing you with a survey before the next meeting; that way everyone can have a voice before we adopt a plan.

One thing the Board did decide is to cancel the Zoom account. I certainly hope that the need for that is over! The cost of keeping it and trying to do a "double" meeting, i.e. both zoom and in-person is prohibitive, especially when those that have participated in that kind of meeting say it is not very effective.

We have some new members that have joined the Guild; I'm hoping they can come to the next meetings so we can get acquainted.

We are getting typical spring weather here in Mancos; some beautiful warm days and then a bit of snow! I still grab a heavy jacket to walk the dog in the early mornings. We can take our walk on the path north along Chicken Creek. Then we get to watch the geese and ducks on the beaver ponds, and occasionally there will be a Blue Herron. We haven't seen the beaver yet, but he has a big house. As soon as irrigation water comes down the creek, I'm sure the beaver will have to be moved; probably just as well since the ponds will create a mosquito problem!

The program for the May meeting looks like fun. We will be making greeting cards with woven fronts.

See you soon (: Kathy S

❖ Updated Programs and Workshops Report

Sharon S. will be showing us the cards she makes using her handwoven fabric. The Guild has purchased cards for members to purchase at wholesale cost which will be available at the meeting. Karen D. and Sharon S. will be talking to you about what they purchased and pricing.

- Lynn H, Vice President

❖ 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>

❖ Treasurer's Report

March 31, 2022 balanced bank amount = \$5,474.54

Check to Annie MacHale 100.00

Available balance \$5,374.54

Ann K, Treasurer

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FCWG BUDGET PROPOSAL -- May 2022

Bank Balance	\$5,374.54	
Annual INCOME		
membership	\$800.00	32 members @\$25
web advertisements	\$10.00	
equipment rentals	\$40.00	
total income	\$850.00	
Annual EXPENSES		
fair	\$75.00	
venue	\$150.00	possible 3 paid venues, 3 @ no cost
hospitality/meetings	\$115.00	plates, cup etc. and "entrée" Christmas/picnic
web page	\$35.00	
rental equipment maintenance	\$40.00	
Programs & workshops	\$400.00	
misc	\$110.00	
total expenses	\$850.00	\$850.00
surplus for special use	\$4,524.54	

Historically, the majority of programs and mini workshops (i.e. those workshops presented at meetings) have been by members who share their knowledge and experience with their guild friends. Typically a 2 day workshop was scheduled everyother year. Also, the 4 meeting programs were planned with 3 for weaving topics and 1 for another craft topic. Our lack of meetings through Covid and our windfall donation can allow us to temporarily expand our scope of programs with less expense to individual members. or more workshops

In the past the longer/"big" workshops have had the cost shared by the Guild and the parcipitants; the cost to each being determined when the workshop is scheduled . The anonymous gift has substantially increased the funds that can be used for more workshops or educational presentations.. How we use those funds needs to be determined.

❖ 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.**

❖ March Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2022

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The meeting started at 10am, was on Zoom and 14 members attended. We went around and each person introduced themselves and shared what we are doing and any good news. There were several new members.

Past minutes approved with the clarification that one table loom listed for rental actually belongs to Kathy S.

Treasurers report – the balance is \$5,449.54 as of end of February. This represents 2 new membership dues, as well as payments for the last workshop presenter and the zoom account.

Old Business – status of the warping mill; it is at Deb's house and available to pick up and use or it can be used at her house. The fee is \$5.

The guild board is made up of the current officers and past president. Our guidelines say that it would also include members from different regions but we're not doing that now.

New Business – The presentation policy is available, Kathy can give you a copy. It was adopted on Sept 2013 and probably needs to be updated. Three types of presentations currently are identified:

1. Lecture; informal, just a talk, no activity (could be a professor or member).
2. Demonstration; informal, no end product but could have some hands-on participation.
3. Workshop; a finished product, handouts and supplies. Extra supply charge possible.

The policy states that a member is paid \$35 to do any type of presentation. An outside presenter would be paid minimum \$50 – board could approve more.

Board wants to increase the fees to pay the presenters. For members \$50, for outsiders the base fee could be \$150 and travel and lodging would also be paid. We could also pay a presenter more if it's a longer workshop. There was debate on how much guild members should be paid or if they should get paid at all.

It seems clear that the presentation policy should be re-written so that it's clearer and we can update fees, especially for outside presenters doing workshops.

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❖ **March Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2022** *(continued)*

Announcements – Karen D. has community rug loom warped at her house, contact her if interested in using. 28" wide, set at 12 epi, \$11 for 48" which includes fringe/hem and possible to pay for more length – bring your own weft material. Warp consists of stripes in blues, greens, purple.

Mentioned the next studio tour w/Karen D. (already happened).

Melodie Usher is willing to come for 1 or 2 days, coordinating dates. Possibilities are around July 4 or in Fall. The Education Committee will decide on dates.

Some ideas for presentations:

-make cards that include woven material, like the ones Sharon makes.

-weaving cloth for fabric, including sewing for hand woven cloth. Embellishment class mentioned from the past.

Show and Tell.

Break from 11:20 to 11:30

Special Presentation by Annie MacHale, inkle weaver from Edgemont, NM

She has written 2 books and 1 coming soon. She showed lots of pictures and is quite enthusiastic about inkle weaving and we found it very inspiring! She has free patterns on her blog <http://aspinnerweaver.blogspot.com/>

She mentioned the movie *Interlacements: Threads and Lives* done by Taproot Video.

There is also a free pattern design for inkle at <https://raktres.net/seizenn/editor.html>

You can find Annie on Facebook, Instagram, Etsy, Pinterest and Ravelry.

For more inspiration she mentioned <https://inkledpink.com/> by Jennifer Williams and also

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/WovenSlavicBelts> by Elena Shevtsova from Ukraine.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

- Karrine K, Secretary

❖ 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

Jane@janepatrick.net

❖ 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/>

❖ Fellowship Spirit Church, 2009 E. 13th, Farmington, NM.

