

# Fiber Line

## Four Corners Weavers Guild

November 1, 2018  
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**Location:** Christ the King  
Lutheran Church

**Address:** 495 Florida Road,  
Durango, CO

**Chat Time:** 9:30

**Meeting Time:**  
10:00 am

**Program:**  
Collection for Service  
Projects and White  
Elephant Gift Exchange

## Potluck Lunch

- ▶ Our next meeting will be on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Durango, 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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When you feel you've hit a brick wall with your  
current (or older) project, remember...

*"Being defeated is often a temporary condition.  
Giving up is what makes it permanent.."*

- Marilyn Vos Savant

## ❖ President's Message

What a beautiful fall! I hope that you have taken the opportunity to enjoy the colors and cooler temperatures. This year seems to be especially stunning.

Things are progressing with forming our study groups. At the November meeting we will be passing out a sign-up list for the suggested groups. You may choose one or two that interest you. We will be contacting you via email to confirm your interest and assign you to your desired group. Then at the January meeting we will discuss the different ways to approach the study, get together with fellow group members and begin the study. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn new things. The process can be as simple or as complicated as the individual group decides! If you will not be at the meeting and would like to participate, please contact me and I will add you to the list.

Here is the list of study groups:

- Double Weave
- Spinning
- Weaving for Clothing
- Deflected Double Weave
- Overshot
- Methods of Measuring Warp and Dressing the Loom
- Dyeing—Acid and/or Natural

I hope that you will want to join one of these groups. Learning new things helps us to stretch and grow. I think it will be a wonderful opportunity, also, to get to know other guild members.

*Karen Dearing 505-334-2669*

## ❖ Of Interest

SW Farm to Yarn, a member owned collective in Cortez, CO, can special order yarns from Yarn Barn for you. If you need specialty yarns, cotton, linen or other yarns for weaving that are not commonly sold at your LYS check out F2Y. The shop has sample cards from Yarn Barn. A minimum order of \$325 qualifies F2Y for a discount, so the shop will maintain an ongoing special order list, and when that amount is reached will place the order. A discount of 10% (5% for perle cotton) will be passed on to you.

## ❖ Membership Chairman's Report

At the last meeting the current membership list was passed out. If you need a printed copy and won't be at the next meeting, let me know and I'll send one to you. The list did not have Karinne Knutson, our member from Monticello, Utah; she renewed her membership just after the list was printed. Sorry, Karinne. I hope that you'll put the next meeting on your calendar NOW. We've always had a good attendance for our November/Christmas party meeting, so don't forget to come. Hope to see you there.

### Send Dues:

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

## ❖ Treasurer's Report

Nothing Submitted.

## ❖ Programs and Workshops Report

Nothing Submitted

## ❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:

Not all of us are dyers but I bet many of us buy hand-dyed yarns for weaving, knitting or spinning. An article in the Summer 2018 issue of *Spin Off* magazine explained the effects of pH in water and wash fastness in hand-dyed yarns. The article, which has a lot of science in it and uses words like isoelectric, focuses on weak acid dyes, the types used to dye protein fibers. Depending where you live your water may have a higher (basic or alkaline), or weaker (more acidic) pH level. Dyes bond to wool (protein) yarns & fibers at a lower pH. The higher the pH of the water, the more repulsive the dye molecules are to the yarn, and more likely they are to "unbind". Although water used in the dye process will be acidic, thus binding the dye molecules to the yarn, subsequent wash water may be neutral or alkaline, enabling the dye molecules to unbind or wash away. Over time your hand-dyed items will eventually fade. Adding some white vinegar to the wash water will help increase the wash fastness of your precious woolen handmade items.

## ❖ Current News and Upcoming Events

### ■ Intermountain Weavers Conference

Bev Kajko, IWC Board--Publicity

Mark your calendars! The next IWC will be held July 25 - 28, 2019 at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. The theme will be FIBER: YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW. Start planning your entries to the fashion show and Celebration of Fiber. **Remember, there are scholarships available.** This is a fun weekend for all fiber artists. We are working on a great line-up of workshops and will offer 1- and 3-day workshops again.

## ❖ Announcements

- OK Guild members. That time has arrived.

The fall colors and cooler weather always makes me more in the knitting mood. Hope you are working on and finishing scarves, cowls, and/or hats for our 4 corners shelters.

Handmade is welcomed or purchased if time is hard to come by. Socks and gloves for kids and adults are always needed and our Farmington crisis pregnancy, Grace Place, is so appreciative of baby things and up to 2 years. Last year we started adding cosmetic bags including shampoos, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, much needed for those at the shelters. Our November meeting will be the collection time and delivery will occur the first week or so of December. Looking forward to the goodies!

-- Shirley Haisman.

- This year I am gathering yarn for Cheryldine Begay's art students at Ganado High School. She is teaching them traditional Navajo weaving techniques. Yarn suitable for their projects is single ply wool in worsted weight or sport weight or even bulky weight. Any color and any amount will be appreciated.

Also, if you have any wool or roving that my winter weavers can use for dryer balls, I would gladly take it! Thanks!

-- Caroline Spurgeon

## ❖ September Meeting Minutes

**September 15, 2018**

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In attendance: Karen, Valerie, Jere, Lana, Anne, Shirley (no quorum for voting)

Condolences to the family of Bessie Dick and to Sharon Sichi for their loss.

List for work study was passed. Karen will pass on suggestions by email the list of suggested work study for local groups.

Anne brought sample cards of yarn carried by the Yarn Barn that we can order through the co-op. Email Corey for information. Hours for the co-op are Tues through Fri (10 to 6), Sat (9 to 4), closed Sunday and Monday.

Discussion of what we would like for November meeting. It was decided, a pot luck, and small table decorations either made or bought, to be given away by seat number. Also, we will have the White Elephant Gift exchange (edible item and handmade item if possible). Don't forget your items for our service project of hats, scarves, for women's shelters will need to be at the November meeting.

Show and tell.

Meeting adjourned.

*-- Respectfully submitted, Karen Dearing (acting Secretary)*

The **Four Corners Weaver's Guild (Cortez area)** met at F2Y on Saturday, October 20. A dozen members, many of them members of F2Y, had a great time showing off their latest weaving projects, and working on their current projects.



## ❖ 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).

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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: 2019 <http://www.fiberartsfiesta.org>

Intermountain Weavers Conference: July 26-28, 2019

<http://www.intermountainweavers.org>

Handweavers Guild of America: July, 2020

<http://www.weavespindye.org>

Complex Weavers: July, 2020 <https://www.complex-weavers.org>

Weaving Today:

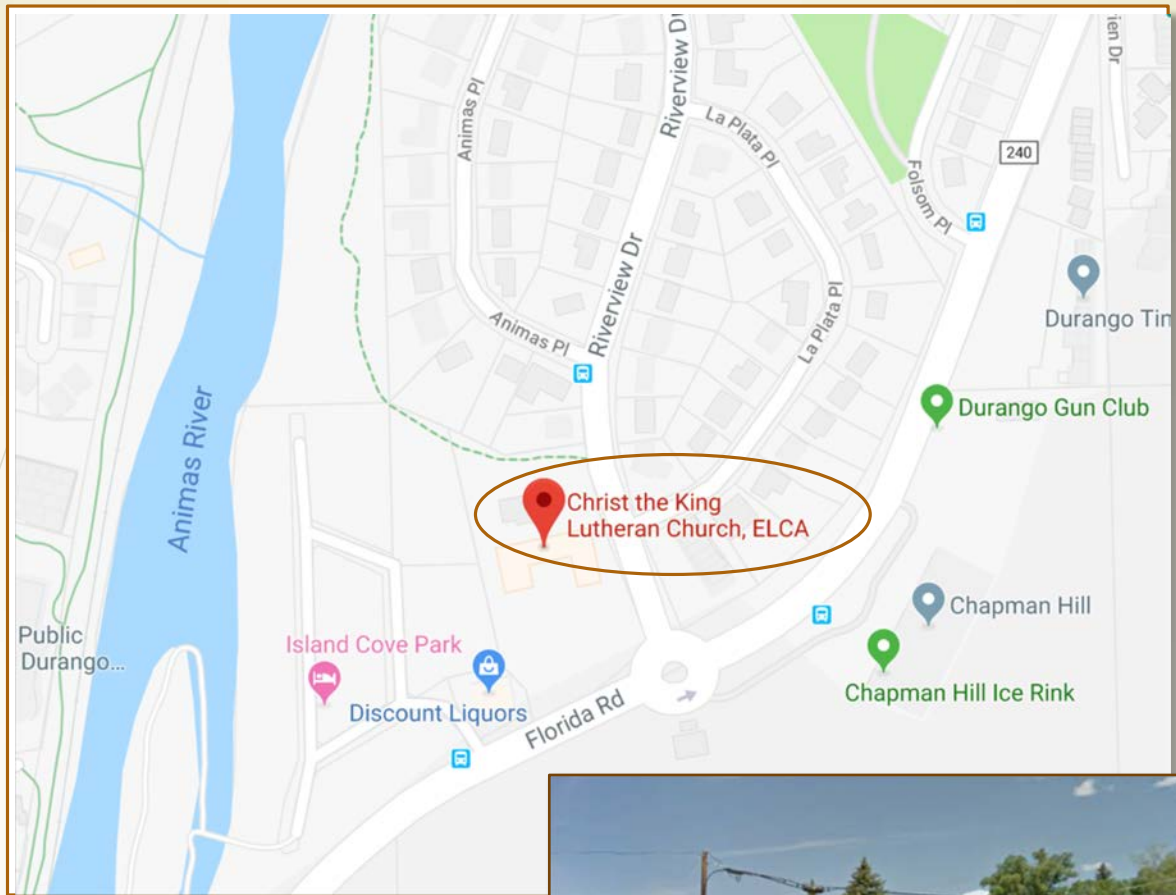
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From downtown Durango north on 550 North, turn East onto 15<sup>th</sup> Street, continue straight to stay on 15<sup>th</sup> Street, then continue to stay on Florida Ave. Church will be on the left. If you get lost call Karen 505-860-7735

Please send newsletter information to Anne Worthington, 23647 Road G.2, Cortez, CO 81321, or to [woollylizard49@gmail.com](mailto:woollylizard49@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.