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## Four Corners Weavers Guild

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**Location:** Empire Electric  
Company

**Address:** 10419 US-491,  
Cortez, CO

**Chat Time:** 9:30

**Meeting Time:**  
10:00 am

**Program:**  
Collection for Service  
Projects  
White Elephant Gift  
Exchange  
Tea Towel Exchange

**Potluck Lunch**  
Kathy will provide the  
turkey

- ▶ Our next meeting will be on November 16th at Empire Electric Inc. at 10419 US-491, Cortez, CO in the Calvin Denton Room
- ▶ 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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*Yarn is 2 ends with a scrumptious middle.*  
--Stephanie Gaustad

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## ❖ President's Message

I'm so glad we finally have fall and cooler weather! Rusty and I walked in Cottonwood Park this afternoon and it was beautiful; however, we did kick up lots of dust. When will it rain?

I spend a few hours a day in my craft loft and I thought I was getting a head start on Christmas, but the calendar is telling me "no." Better hurry! I have plans to try making towels (you've heard that before!) and another scarf on my rigid heddle. I have almost finished a couple of quilts and the trimmings have added to my rag box, so I need to use them for some placemats! The cool weather begs for a hand project as I cozy up for the evening in my chair; hmm, maybe another Temari ball?

I'm looking forward to our November meeting in Cortez. The holiday party is always fun! The grab bag gift exchange always brings laughter when gifts are "stolen"; there is so much creativity in our Guild the gifts are special. BTW it's always nice to add a card with your grab bag gift so the final recipient can thank you personally. I'm sure Anne will have a reminder about the towel exchange, too. I have some ideas for some table decorations and I'm soliciting loans of Christmas tablecloths to make the room festive. Do you have one we can use?

A reminder about the potluck: I will bring turkey so think "holiday meal" when you're planning your potluck item. It will be yummy.

See you in Cortez in a few weeks!  
- Kathy Sehnert

## ❖ Membership Chairman's Report

We have 32 members; new membership lists are now available. Carol van der Harten has volunteered to help with membership. We had 2 membership inquiries, but no results yet.

- Carol van der Harten  
Membership

### Send Dues To:

Kathy Sehnert, FCWG Membership, PO Box 253, Mancos, CO  
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## ❖ Programs and Workshops Report

**Potential Guild Workshops** (expanded version in separate file)

**Melodie Usher** <http://www.canyonsidearts.com/>

### Multiple Tabby Weaves

2 or 3 day round robin workshop

In this 2 day workshop students will learn how Dr. Bateman manipulated tabby weave structure to create very intricate weavers using only 4 shafts.

**Cathlena Burr** <https://www.gingkoweaves.com>

### What Can I Do with a Drafft?

Using Overshot as a medium, students will explore pattern structure and drafftng.

### Design Tools: Profiles and Blocks

What is a profile drafft, how do I use it, and when and why would I want to use it?

- Anne Worthington  
, Vice President

## ❖ Treasurer's Report

8/31/19 balance = \$2181.87 - reported @ September meeting

9/25/19 deposit \$100

9/31/19 balance + \$2281.87

- Ann Kennedy,  
Treasurer

## ❖ Current News and Upcoming Events

- The January guild afternoon presentation will be a demonstration of the weaving software, Fiberworks. If you are unfamiliar with this handy it can be a very addicting tool.

### ❖ Of Interest

**Handweaving.net** is an digital online collection of weaving drafts and old historic documents. This website contains 69,495 (that's a lot!!) hand weaving drafts, many of which are in the public domain. Started by Ralph Griswold this collection is freely available and is funded through subscriptions, donations, and purchases of CDs and weaving. The weaving drafts can be downloaded if you have weaving software, but you can also copy by hand with pencil and paper.

<https://www.handweaving.net/about>

### ❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:

**Collapse weave** is not a weave structure. It is a technique that can be applied to a variety of weave structures to yield a three-dimensional texture with undulating forms and rounded shapes. Some three-dimensional fabrics include pleats, ruffles, ridges, waves, bumps, and seersucker, among others. Collapse fabrics usually require finishing to achieve their unique structure. Use of yarns with different shrinkage rates, such as wool, cotton, or even metallic yarns; or yarns that are energized or unbalanced, are used to create collapse fabrics.

-- *Off the Plane: Methods for Creating Collapse Fabrics*, by Denise Bolger Kovnat, in *Complex Weaver's Journal*, June 2019.

## ❖ Announcements

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### **Service Project**

Be sure to bring your service project items to the meeting. Machine washable is preferred and things don't have to be handmade. Small toiletries and baby items would also be great.

### **Handwoven Towel Exchange**

The **Handwoven Towel Exchange** will take place at our holiday party, in addition to the regular gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring 1 to 3 of your handwoven kitchen towels, each individually wrapped. You'll exchange them for different wrapped (it will be a surprise) towels, taking home the same number of towels you brought.

### **Cricket Club (See Next Page for November's Project)**

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).

## November Cricket Club

The November Cricket Club meeting will be November 8 from 1-4 PM at Karen Dearing's place. The topic this month will be how to make looped-pile using our Cricket loom or any other rigid heddle loom. This is a fun technique to learn. It looks complicated but is really quite easy and interesting. There are so many ways it can be used. If you would like to warp your loom to be ready to weave at the meeting, this is how to do that.

**Project:** Looped-Pile Washcloths

**Yarn:** Lily Sugar "N Cream - I used white for the warp and a variegated for the weft. One skein of each should be plenty. (Walmart, Hobby Lobby and JoAnns)

**Set:** 8 epi in an 8-dent reed, Width" 9-9 ½ " wide

**Length of warp:** 1 ½ yards

**Notions:** shuttle and a size 8 knitting needle if you have one

If you would to come but not necessarily weave, that would be just fine. You are certainly welcome! Each meeting consists of a demo, show and tell, a snack, and a time to visit and exchange ideas. Feel free to bring whatever you are working on so we can be inspired. Hope to see you then!

Karen's address in 59 CR 3235, Aztec NM 505-334-2669 or 505-860-7735. Call if you have any questions. Hope to see you on Friday!

- Karen



## ❖ September Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2019, Farmington, NM, Spirit of Life Church

The meeting was called to order at 10 am. Nine members were in attendance. One guest, Patricia Patton of Farmington.

Since our Secretary, Shirley H. has moved to Tucson, Val H. has agreed to take over as secretary. Lana S. volunteered to replace Shirley as Service project chairman. Discussion about our service project resulted in a plan to stay with our current recipients for this year but explore other possibilities next year.

Minutes and Treasurer: The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The next meeting will be in Cortez at Empire Electric. It will be our holiday, i.e. Christmas party. Kathy volunteered to provide meat and decorations for a "holiday" type meal; Elaine volunteered to bring bread. We will collect items for the service project (hats, scarves, mittens, sox, toiletries, etc.) to be divide for 2 or 3 shelters in Farmington, Cortez, or Durango. Anne W. has organized a towel exchange; bring up to 3 handwoven towels and go home with the same number of different ones. As usual, we will have a grab bag gift exchange with the "white elephant" method of play, i.e. gifts can be "stolen"; the grab bag is optional, participants should bring 2 items as one gift – a craft item and an edible item. The treasurer's report was given by Ann K.; balance of \$2181.87, accepted by the membership. Jere and Sherry reported that they had completed an audit of the treasurer's records and there were no problems; however they did suggest that the bank statements be part of the treasurer's report.

Old Business: The sale of the second set of display racks to Karen D. was accepted.

New Business: A question was raised about membership in HGA and applying for their free gift bag. We assume that our membership is current, but the president will double check.

Committee Reports: Anne W. had asked for discussion on workshop ideas. Several idea were discussed, no firm suggestion made. Kathy asked if there were any questions on the new policy of creating a quorum vote; all present seemed to understand that when a quorum, including proxy votes, is not achieved at a meeting, the president will ask for votes via email with a 3 day deadline for reply; a "no reply" would constitute a pro vote. The *membership committee* reported that we have 32 members; new membership lists are now available. Carol V. has volunteered to help with membership. We had 2 membership inquiries, but no results yet. The *newsletter committee*, Cherie & Anne, reported no issues. Caroline sent a report for the *website committee*; she is willing to continue but would be glad to relinquish the position if anyone else is interested in taking it over.

Show & Tell included many beautiful items. Karen invited the membership to join her "Cricket Club", a rigid heddle workshop that meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month. Kathy has Shirley's new address if anyone wants it. Betty offered free weaving magazines.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

- Secretary pro tem: Sherry Phillips

## ❖ 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: 2019 <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 2021

<http://www.intermountainweavers.org>

Weaving Today:

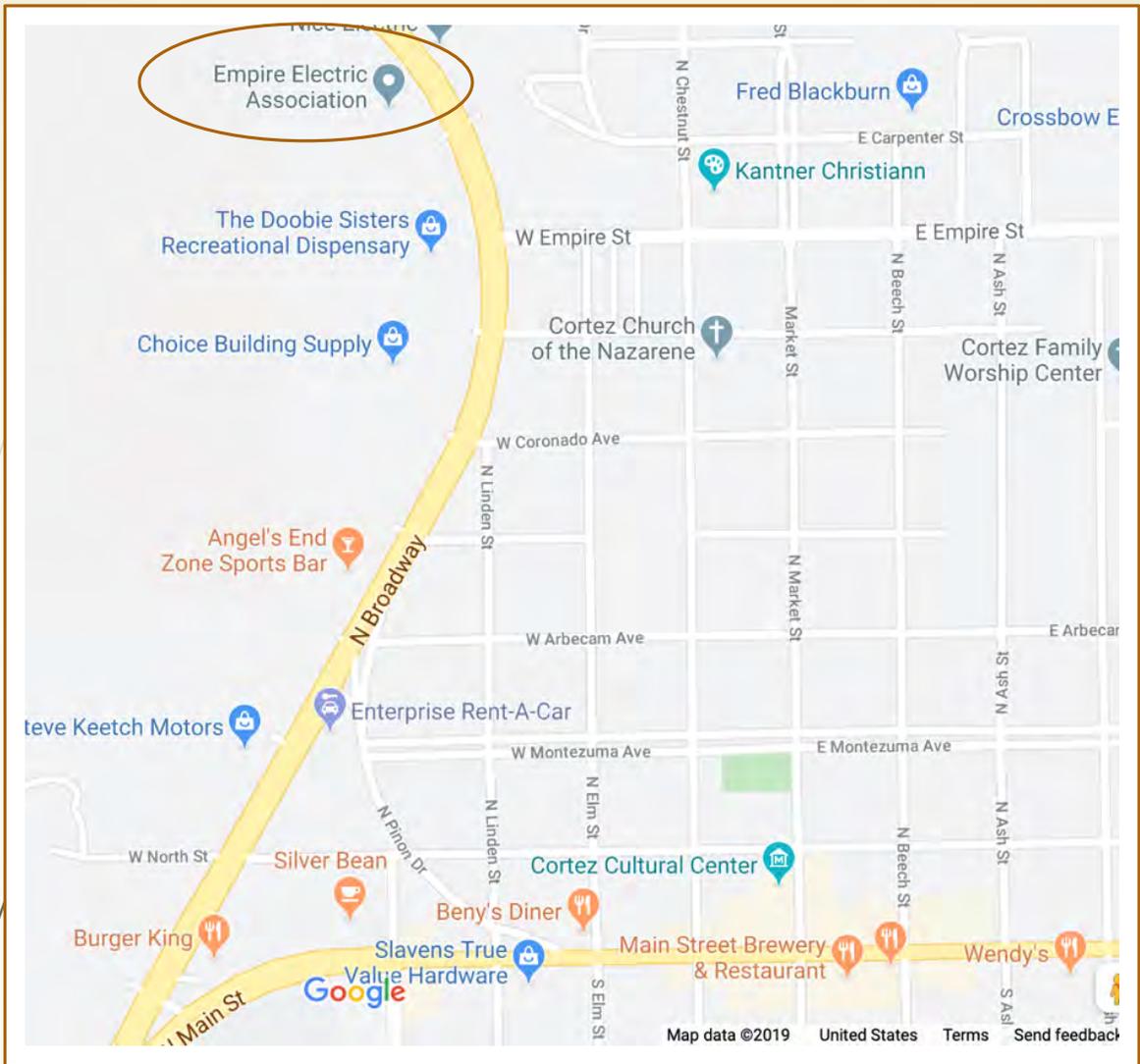
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Handwoven Magazine:

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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 Ann Kennedy, P.O. 180 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Mancos, CO 81328.

## 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 Pianzola  
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