

Fiber line

Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Location: Mancos Library
Address: 211 1st Street
Chat Time: 9:30
Meeting Time: 10:00 am
Lunch: Christmas Party,
Charity collection, Gift
exchange

- ▶ Our next meeting will be on November 20th at the Mancos Library
- ▶ 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.

Undeniably it is in man's nature to be creative, and although few of us would trade our lives for the hardships of primitive man, we do find satisfaction in creating objects for our own use, or just things of beauty to have or to give to a friend.

-- Rachel Brown

❖ President's Message

Our first postponement of FCWG due to Covid was March of 2020; and here we are, well over a year and a half later and still faced with the uncertainties of scheduling meetings . My note to members several weeks ago has revealed that many of you are anxious to get together as much as for our mental health, as for sharing our love of weaving. Currently, the Mancos Library venue is still available, and we have reserved the date for the meeting. So, mark your calendars!

November is the time we kick off the Holiday season with our Christmas Party themed meeting. Let's do it!! Let's make it fun! Plan on our usual gift exchange (a handmade item –woven or other craft – and an edible treat) for those that choose to participate; we will still use the “white elephant” method of exchange. Fun and laughs! Be generous with your donations for our charity project. Plan to share a story of one of your most memorable weaving projects (the first, the hardest, the most satisfying, the most trouble, or the most unusual.) If practical, bring it to show. Don't forget your other “show & tell” from your current projects, or those we've only seen virtually.

???? Last year we also had a towel exchange, any interest for this year? **Let me know** and I'll share the decision via email ASAP.

I'd like for us to do our Christmas potluck. I'll bring turkey, please supplement with holiday favorites. I'm not sure I understand the reasoning behind the reluctance to share food, except to minimize the spread of disease by touching common utensils; we'll have plenty of hand sanitizer on hand. Remember the library DOES NOT have a kitchen, only a sink, microwave and coffee pot. If at all possible, bring “hot” foods in a crock pot, or insulate bag to hold to serving time. If you know what you'd like to bring, let me know; I'll share that information so we can avoid some duplication.

We, of course, need to take the familiar precautions for minimizing any spread of the virus; masks are suggested as a safety measure for you, but also as respect for others, regardless of your vaccination status.

ynn H. and I have been talking about ideas to stimulate your weaving; bring your ideas and thoughts to the discussion.

Believe it or not, I am weaving towels! It's life beyond rags!

See you soon, warmest regards, Kathy

❖ Membership Chairman's Report

If you are sending dues or have any changes in your contact information, please contact Anne W, woolyizard49@gmail.com, 907.355.6398.

- Anne W, Membership

Send Dues To:

Anne Worthington, FCWG Membership, 23647 Road G2, Cortez, CO 81321

❖ Updated Programs and Workshops Report

Nothing submitted

- Lynn H, Vice President

❖ Treasurer's Report

September 30 2021, bank balance = \$5252.23 We got 4 new \$25 memberships + an anonymous \$200 donation, bringing unbalanced total today of \$5552.23

- Ann K, Treasurer

❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:

Wool in Our Waters?

This study, reported in an article on **The Wool Channel**, on wool and microfiber pollution asks the question "what happens to wool fibers that have been treated for machine-washability by being coated with the polyamide-Epichlorohydrin resin called Hercosett-125? Does that basically plasticize the wool? Should we avoid it?"

"In other words," notes the report, "we did not detect the formation of microplastic polyamide fragments resulting from the biodegradation of machine-washable wool."

-- <https://iwto.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/26-March-AgR-Research-Case-Study.pdf>

For more information go to

<https://www.thewoolchannel.com/wool-microfibers>

❖ September Meeting Minutes, September 18, 2021

The meeting happened at the Mancos library; 13 members attended. Meeting started at 10:05am. We have 2 new members. An updated membership list was handed out and we now have 35 members. Kathy passed on the role of membership chairman to Anne W.

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Treasurer's report – the balance is \$5,452.23. Will add 4 memberships, workshop fees and pay instructor.

Old Business – approved past minutes with no corrections.

Mentioned Bayfield Heritage Days on Sept 25 and that people could still set up a demonstration table if interested.

Discussed having Melodie's workshop at some point in the future; continues to be delayed.

New Business – the plan is to still have some sort of meeting in November but if there is no meeting an email will be sent out.

We will still collect items to donate this holiday season to various organizations, Lana in charge of donations. Examples of needed items are toiletries (small sizes), washable items, socks, children's items, sanitary goods, toothbrushes etc. Items can be homemade, or store bought. If we don't have a November meeting, an email will be sent on where we can drop-off items.

Sherry W is in charge of hospitality and no needs right now.

Karen D still has the library; books and magazines are listed on the website.

Caroline S is accepting donations of materials for 2 schools. She's still traveling to Zephyr Cove Middle School on Lake Tahoe in NV but delayed leaving until November. They have expanded the fiber program and need yarn – any type of yarn, large or small quantities, it's all welcome. Second is for Red Mesa Montessori Preschool – anything appropriate for Navajo culture. Yarn, fiber tools, books are all great, just remember this is for preschoolers. You can give items for this school anytime.

FCWG has a Facebook page that is an open page that anyone can look at, and members can post on it too. Caroline still getting inquiries re: membership. She is keeping it up to date and posted photos from San Juan County Fair.

Caroline S. has YouTube videos that can be accessed; a wedge weave coming soon.

Upcoming workshops/conferences: At Farm to Yarn several classes offered in Oct, see website.

Convergence - July 2022 in Knoxville TN; will be able to sign up soon along with vendor applications, as well as classes.

Through Handweavers Guild in Boulder CO, CO Weavers Day a virtual conference offered on May 6 & 7 via Zoom. Will have keynote speakers and presentations.

A lovely show and tell!

Meeting adjourned at 11:36am.

Afternoon workshop on wet felting was fun, taught by Rosie Boone from Moab UT – her yarn store is Desert Thread.

-- Karinne K, Secretary

❖ Announcements

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F2Y will be hosting a trunk show November 12-13, featuring spinning and weaving tools. Karen Dearing, a F2Y and Four Corners Weaver's Guild member, raises Corriedale sheep and owns the Aztec, NM based business **Dancing Hooves Farm and Studio**. Most of our customers are knitters and crocheters but we have seen a recent surge in folks interested in learning to weave. There are also quite a number of weavers in this area already. Karen will have rigid heddle, tapestry and Zoom looms available, and unlike larger looms don't require a lot of extra equipment or training. She will also have extra rigid heddle reeds, warping boards as well as pickup up sticks and a variety of shuttles including rug, ski and boat shuttles.

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.

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Jane Patrick, Coordinator, Colorado Weavers Day 2022

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❖ Of Interest

Reeds are expensive and a valuable loom accessory. Noted weaver and author, Tom Knisely, recommends that long reeds be stored horizontally in order to keep them straight. This is less important for shorter reeds. For more information see his article:

<https://handwovenmagazine.com/notes-from-the-fell-caring-for-your-reeds>

❖ 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/>