

# Fiber line

## Four Corners Weavers Guild

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### Meeting Time:

9:30

Chat Time:

9:00

### Program:

This meeting's program will be "Finishing Your Project" by Anne Worthington.

**Snacks provided, No lunch**

- ▶ Our September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Kathy Sehnert's deck/patio at 527 N. Willow Street in Mancos
- ▶ 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.

*Just a reminder to work on our service projects that are normally collected and given out in December. Machine wash and dry are always convenient for those receiving these gifts. Items do not have to be handmade. Other items we have collected in the past have been small toiletries. All have been greatly appreciated. Hopefully, we can continue this tradition this year.*

- Thanks, Lana

## ❖ President's Message

September, the beginning of fall, children are back (in many forms) in school – it's always been my favorite season! I like the cooler weather and I love fall colors. From my window I see rabbit brush in its splendid yellow and trees about to take on the reds and oranges of autumn. With my teenage grandchildren back in classes I have a more regular schedule, too. Yes, even grandmothers get caught up in children's activities when they live so close and use "Granny's" house as their hub of activities, spare bedroom, refreshment center and meeting place for friends. But, alas, now the sports events will begin!

You'll notice that we are attempting a modest gathering of FCWG weavers. Please see the notes about the scheduled meeting. I have been in other small social gatherings and believe if we take appropriate precautions this will be safe and successful. I'm excited to have the opportunity to see friends, even if it is with very controlled and limited interactions.

It will be exciting to see what you all have been doing during these past months of isolation. No doubt many of you have woven some beautiful and detailed projects. And then there's me! The rag lady! I have accumulated a huge basket of scraps from the hundreds of face masks that I've made, so I'm compelled to warp the loom for more placemats. I have finally come to the realization and acceptance that my weaving talents have hit a dead end. I will always admire the beautiful, detailed, and challenging projects that many of you weave. You are so very talented. I am one of those that dabble in many crafts; learns the basics, and then is satisfied to carry on at the beginner level. Sewing may be the exception; however, I'll admit to regression from tailoring back to simple quilts and small craft items. Bless you all for accepting me as a "weaver" when tabby weave is my only skill.

May you all stay safe and well. Covid has given us some challenges, and I expect that we'll find a new "normal" in the months to come.

Virtual hugs, and hope to see you soon.

- Kathy Sehnert, President

## ❖ Membership Chairman's Report

I'm still collecting dues and am hoping that all will renew. I'll have an up to date membership list ready for the September meeting.

- Carol van der Harten  
Membership

### Send Dues To:

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

## ❖ Programs and Workshops Report

This meeting's program will be Finishing Techniques. I'll bring examples of different finishing techniques for handwovens, such as seams and fringes, as well as samples of different interfacings to show how they can be useful when augmenting handwoven fabric. Many of you have used different finishing techniques on your handwovens, and it would be beneficial if you could bring some to share with the group. My knowledge is limited to just a few techniques.

- Anne Worthington, Vice President

## ❖ Treasurer's Report

6/1/20 balance = \$2204.23

6/15/20 - deposited \$400 in membership renewals - no expenses paid

Balance as of 7/31/20 = \$2604.23

- Ann Kennedy, Treasurer

## ❖ Of Interest

Did you know *Handwoven* magazine has a WIF library? A WIF is a weaving information file created by a weaving software program that holds drafts for weaving projects, in text file format. If you have a subscription to *Handwoven* you can download these files to your computer. If you don't have a weaving software program, there are several that allow you to download a free trial program, but you may not be able to print or save your files. Several programs available include ArahWeave, Fiberworks PCW, Patternland, PixeLoom, ProWeave, WeaveDesign, WeaveDraft, Weaveit, WeavePoint, and Wif2Tiff.

<https://handwovenmagazine.com/wif-library/>

## ❖ Current News and Upcoming Events

- Several folks from Cortez and Mancos got together at Kathy's on Saturday, July 18 for some snacks, show & tell and sharing of our lives under Covid. We sat outside on her porch wearing masks and social-distanced. Everyone had been busy creating beautiful things.



### ❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:

- Have you ever woven something where the colors were not great?
- Would you like to be able to see what a draft would look like with yarns you already have?
- Do you want to try out different colors entirely or just on certain threads for a draft?
- Have you ever wanted to create fabric that conveys the essence of a photo by using some of its colors?

*Handweaving.net* has a new tool called the Draft Color Editor, which can help you do these things and more. They even have a pre-loaded draft you can experiment on, as well as a 6 minute video demo.

<https://handweaving.net/draft-editor-introduction>

## ❖ 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

<http://www.intermountainweavers.org>

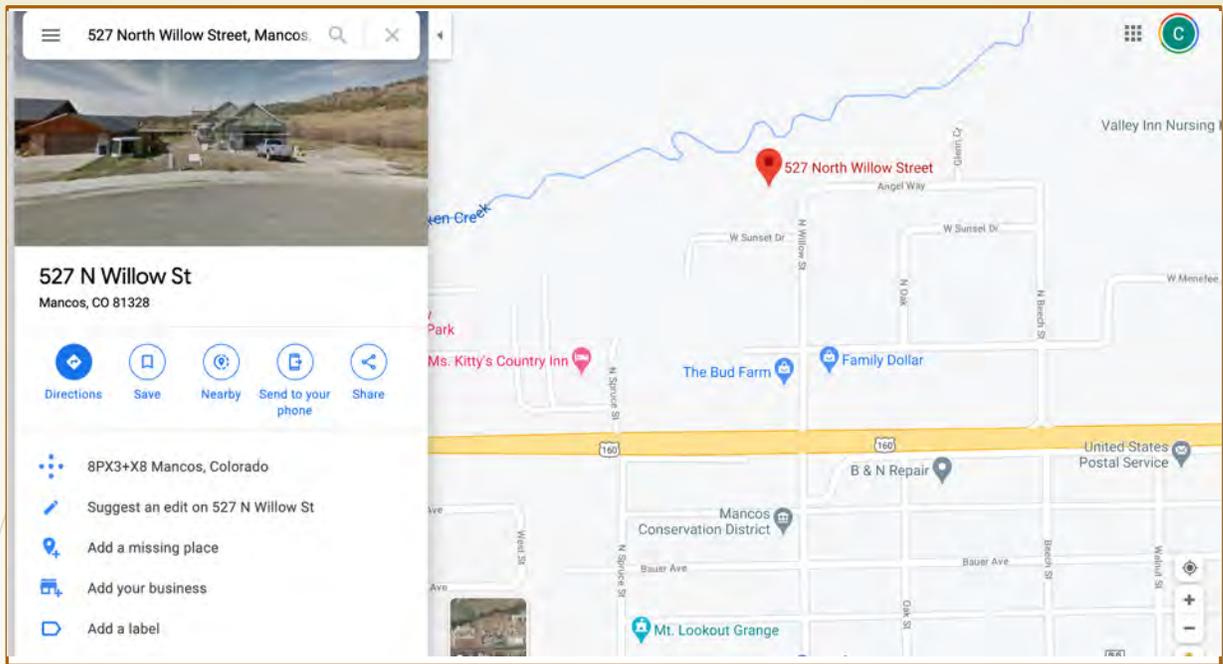
Handweaver's Guild of America (Convergence): July 2020

<https://weavespindye.org/>

Handwoven Magazine: <https://handwovenmagazine.com/>

## Kathy Sehnert's Deck/Patio, 527 N. Willow Street

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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.

## Loom for Sale!

My name is Gretchen Wilson and I live in Durango. I honestly don't know any local weavers, but thought perhaps while people are at home, my loom might be more appealing. I'm not looking to make a lot of money but would love for the loom to "go to a good family."

I believe the loom is a Glimakra Victoria. I have had it covered and hanging in my garage for 20 years. I have all of the components and booklets, plus a few extra things Mom added.

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