

Fiberline

Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Location: Fellowship of the
Spirit Church

Address: 2009 E. 13th Street,
Farmington, NM

Chat Time: 9:30

Meeting Time:
10:00 am

Program:
TahNibaa Naataanii

Potluck Lunch

- ▶ Our September meeting will be on September 15th at Fellowship of the Spirit Church in 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: Kathy Sehnert, P.O. Box 253, Mancos, CO 81328.

"There exists in the knitting world, a concept called 'The Yarn Diet'. The theory is the same as a regular diet. You purchase no new yarn and use only the yarn you have until you have 'lost' the predetermined number of yarn pounds from the stash. Sadly, the result of a yarn diet is often much the same as a regular diet: a crazy woman feeling guilty as she packs on the cashmere in a yarn shop while nobody is looking."

- Stephanie Pearl McPhee

"This concept also applies to weavers..."

- Anne Worthington

❖ President's Message

The other day I was thinking about our guild and the different things that we have done as a group. We have had several wonderful workshops this past year. I think that we all enjoy doing things together and learning new techniques.

Looking ahead to this next year I was thinking of what we could do as a group. A fellow guild member suggested that maybe we could form some study groups such as learning about overshot, color combining, twill variations, felting, knitting techniques and so on. I thought that was a great idea.

Then the September/October issue of Handwoven magazine came out and what was featured in it? Study groups, of course!!! There are a number of wonderful studies that people did. Napkins and towels were the main finished product. However, color and weave structure changed. If you have not seen that issue I will bring an extra copy to the September guild meeting for you to check it out.

A study group is a good way to explore new techniques with other people. It can be done many ways. There could be an exchange of study items within the group or simply working on your own project and then discussing the results with team members. However it is accomplished, I believe that a study group is a great way to expand our knowledge and have fun doing it.

I would like to propose that we begin discussing this idea at our next guild meeting in September. So bring some ideas of things that you would like to explore and we can see if there is enough interest in forming several groups.

We want to remember Bessie Dick's family at this time. Bessie passed away on August 19th. She was a wonderful person and friend. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Karen Dearing 505-334-2669

❖ Of Interest

"One of the most important eighteenth-century trade fairs was at Saltillo in Mexico. Each September, textiles from Europe and Asia as well as from Mexico were offered in trade to New Mexican and Texan buyers. Each autumn the Taos Fair in northern New Mexico attracted southern buyers from Chihuahua and Saltillo. The Chihuahua Fair was held in July, and the fair at San Juan de los Lagos in December.

By 1777 New Mexico Governor Mendinueta noted a scarcity of livestock, including sheep in New Mexico and blamed this trade for the shortage. Noting that looms were idle for lack of wool, he prohibited the export of livestock and wool."

- from *A Brief History of Spanish Textile Production in the Southwest*, by Dorothy Boyd Bowen, 1979

❖ Membership Chairman's Report

As of the end of August we have 36 members in the Four Corners Weavers Guild. We've lost some and gained some.

New Members in the last year are Deb Bacon, Laurie Thom, Abbie Wiler, Twila Moore, and Janet Herbert. One member, Marian Howarth has returned after a year's break. We've been saddened by the deaths of Bessie Dick and Lora Davis. Personal issues have caused the non-renewal of 8 members; Amy Newton, Linda Smith, Jeanne Becker, Karinne Knutson, Patty Loun, Leeza Gawlik, Lynn Hughes and Eileen Music.

In the last year attendance has ranged from 11 to 19. But, no matter how many come to meetings we always have a good time!

Send Dues:

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

❖ Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was passed around at the July meeting, there is a balance of \$2,552.42 in the bank.

❖ Programs and Workshops Report

September Workshop: Tahnibaa Naataani is from Table Mesa near Ship Rock, NM. She is a very accomplished weaver and will be giving a presentation on her life as a Navajo weaver.

❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:

Does your back hurt after you've been weaving? You are not alone. In fact many Americans have back pain or back problems, whether they weave or not. Not only do we sit more and do less physical work than people in many other cultures, but we sit *differently*. Think how you sit at your loom, and then look at this man from India sitting at his loom. His spine is elongated, his shoulders are rolled back, and his muscles look relaxed and flexible. Our parents and teachers have told us for years to "sit up straight", and so we stick our chest out. That's the last thing you want to do. Instead of focusing on the chest and shoulders we should be paying attention to our butts. We should be emulating our canine friends and situating our pelvis so we can wag those tails we don't have. If you are intrigued and want to learn more check out this article:



<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2018/08/13/636025077/to-fix-that-pain-in-your-back-you-might-have-to-change-the-way-you-sit>

❖ Current News and Upcoming Events

- **Salida Fiber Festival**
- September 8-9, 2108 <http://www.salidafiberfestival.com>
- **Taos Wool Festival**
- October 6-7,2018 <http://taoswoolfestival.org>
- **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

- This year, Polly Barton is coming to Durango. She is a renowned weaver and instructor from Santa Fe. Excited that she is coming to Durango. unfortunately, the opening and lecture falls on the same weekend as the Salida Fiber Festival.

Polly Barton -

Exhibit Title: The Silver Thread

Exhibit Dates: Sept 7 ~ October 27, 2018

Opening Reception: Friday Sept 7, 5 ~ 7 p.m.

Free Lecture: Durango Arts Center

Saturday, Sept 8 - 10:30 ~ 11:30

DAC website with info:

<http://www.pollybarton.com>

-- Leesa Zarinelli Gawlik (former FCWG member)

- Please remember hats, gloves, scarves and socks. Also baby things for our women's shelters and pregnancy center. We will collect these things at November meeting for distributing before holidays. These items can be handmade and/or purchased.

Thank you ladies. Such fun as it's cooling off to start these projects to knit, crochet, etc.

-- 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

❖ Remembering Guild Member Bessie Dick

It is with great sadness that we recognize the passing of a guild member, Bessie Dick. She was born in Rock Point, Arizona on April 7, 1936. She has 3 daughters, 1 son, and a number of grandchildren. She and her husband Leroy recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April.

She was a devoted mother, grandmother and friend. Whenever she would see someone she would ask about their life and what they were doing. I experienced that first hand when we went to visit her at the nursing home. Even though she was not well she asked us what we had been doing and how everyone was.

Many times Bessie would bring her latest project to the guild meeting. We have seen her quilts, weavings and crocheting. She was quite accomplished in all that she did. She was part of a quilting group at her church. They most recently made quilts for veterans.

Bessie learned how to weave about 45 years ago. She enjoyed spinning the wool then weaving it into rugs of all sizes. We have gotten to see some of them at the guild meetings. Her husband says that she never went anywhere without her spindle and bag of wool. Her hands were always busy!

Bessie passed away on August 19th. She had a beautiful service at her church celebrating her life. She was a devout Christian who loved her Lord. She will always be remembered as quite an artistic, beautiful woman with a good sense of humor who loved all those around her.



❖ Cathlena Burr Workshop – Temari Balls

Fifteen Guild members enjoyed a one-day workshop on TEMARI or Japanese "handball." Taught by Cathlena Burr, participants learned the basics including pinning and gridding the ball. During the morning session we all did a checkerboard design.

After a delicious pot luck lunch, we wrapped our own ball and did a sunflower design. Temari makes an ornament of beautiful embroidery given as gifts of good luck and well wishes. Temari is also a wonderful way to play with and experiment with color.

Watch for finished examples at our next meeting

-- Caroline Spurgeon



❖ March Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2018

The annual July guild picnic was held at president Karen Dearing's home in Aztec, NM.

First order of business was to pass around cards to be sent to member Bessie Dicks who is in Good Samaritan home after a stay in the hospital.

Treasurer's report was passed as read and there is a balance of \$2,552.42 in the bank. Minutes of the May meeting were approved as written in the newsletter. Extensive discussion of the Anita Mayer workshop and how well organized it was and everyone enjoyed it. Anita sent a thank you note to Kathy Sehnert thanking her for the great hospitality. Some members have started to use some of the techniques she taught. We shared the scarves we did at the workshop and some of the items done since. Beautiful scarves were done by the Mancos/Cortez group.

The Temari Ball workshop to be held on August 18th has 4 openings available.

White elephant items were on display and available for sale or free.

VP Valerie asked for any suggestions for programs for next year. Some ideas were pattern drafting, natural dyeing, warp painting and indigo dyeing.

Caroline Spurgeon asked for single ply yarn to donate to Ganado High School. Any yarn is appreciated for the group in Wickenburg where she teaches fiber arts in the winter. Dues are past due. Kathy Sehnert had a lovely letter from Lois Hoffman, our Montana member that she read to us.

Caroline Spurgeon talked about the web page. It gets traffic and be sure to "like" the page so it will get more views. She has added a page of projects suitable for children. Items listed on the equipment for sale page gets many looks so if you have something send it in for a small fee.

County fair in Farmington was discussed. Karen has taken care of the awards from the guild and given them to Anna. The rules have been changed to allow 3 items per category instead of just one per category. No information about the La Plata County Fair.

Show and Tell followed the meeting followed by a delicious lunch.

-- Respectfully submitted, Sharon Sichi (acting secretary)

❖ 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).

❖ Contacts for the Four Corners Weavers' Guild

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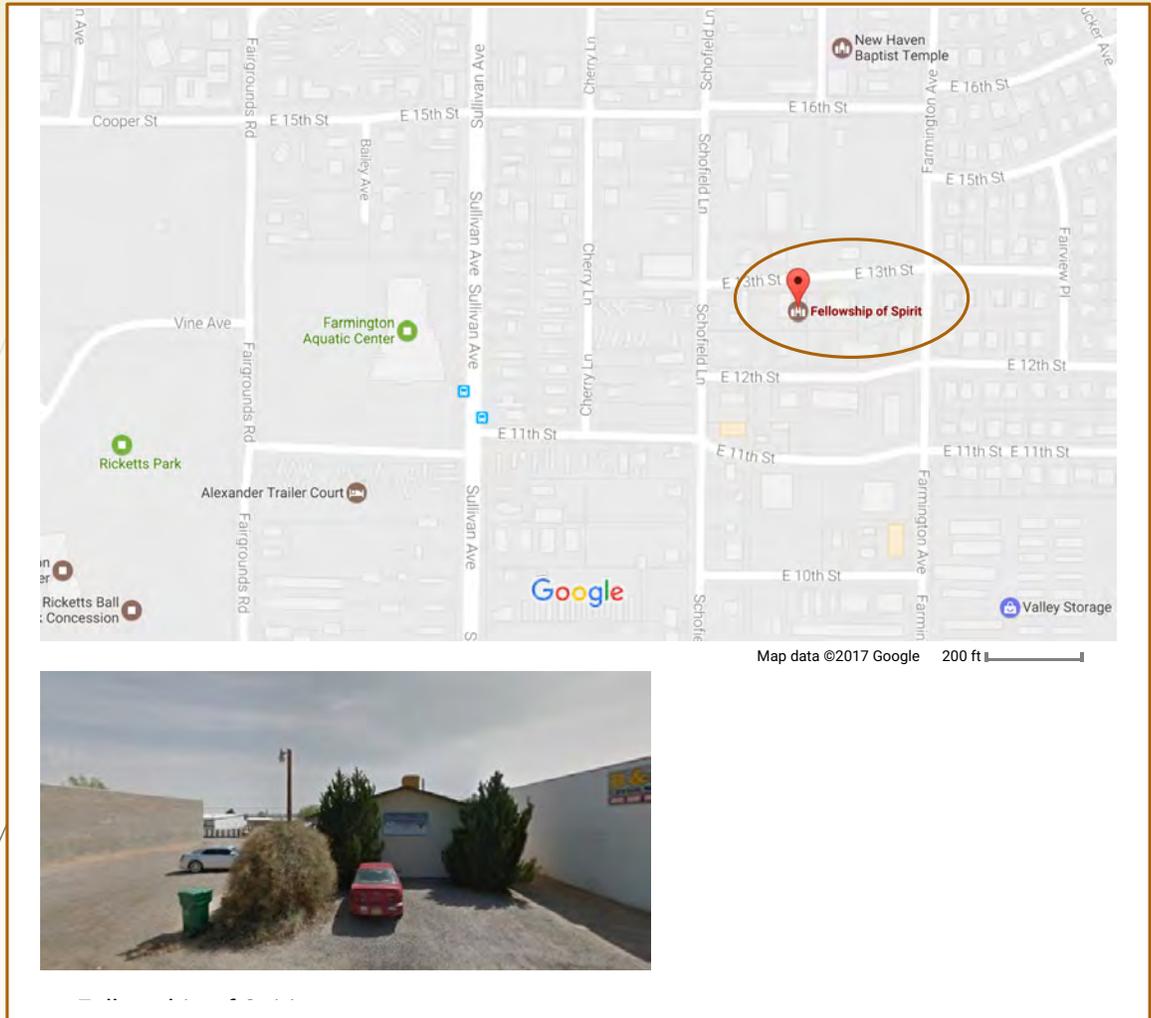
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 Taos Wool Festival: [October 6-7, 2018](http://taoswoolfestival.org) <http://taoswoolfestival.org>
 Conference of Northern California Handweavers: <http://www.cnch.org>
 Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta: [2019](http://www.fiberartsfiesta.org) <http://www.fiberartsfiesta.org>
 Intermountain Weavers Conference: [July 26-28, 2019](http://www.intermountainweavers.org)
<http://www.intermountainweavers.org>
 Handweavers Guild of America: [July, 2020](http://www.weavespindye.org) <http://www.weavespindye.org>
 Complex Weavers: [July, 2020](https://www.complex-weavers.org) <https://www.complex-weavers.org>

Weaving Today: <http://www.interweave.com/store/weaving/weaving-books/weaving-books-ebooks>

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Heading west on Main Street, turn right onto Schofield and then right onto 13th Street. Church will be on the right. 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.

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.