

Fiber Line

Four Corners Weavers Guild

January 2017
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January Meeting

Location:
First Presbyterian Church
Address: 865 N. Dustin Ave
Farmington, NM

Chat Time: 9:30 am

Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Program: Anna Kinney on
Triangle Weaving

Potluck Lunch

- ▶ Our next meeting will be at First Presbyterian Church, 865 N. Dustin Avenue in Farmington, NM on Saturday January 21, 2017 from 9:30 am to around 3. January's program is Anna Kinney on Triangle Weaving, \$5 materials fee.
- ▶ 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 numbers 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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- ▶ *We (Anne Worthington and Cherie Pitman) are the new co-editors of the newsletter. We would like to introduce some new features. In addition to modifying the layout we plan to feature a short bio of our members, a current news story, and a tips and techniques section, as well as keeping the past essential sections. Please help us by providing information for the current events/announcements section, as well as sharing a short bio (with photo) of yourself and any tips/techniques you think relevant to fiber artists (that way we won't have to keep nagging you). Many of you know each other quite well, but we have new members who don't know you, and vice versa. Cherie and I'll start off by telling you about ourselves...see page 4.*

❖ President's Message

Here we are again at the beginning of another new year. One of the things that "everyone" seems to do this time of year is to make new year's resolutions. I must admit that I make a list and hope to accomplish at least one item on that list. Looking back on last year I think that I was successful in a few areas. That gives me hope for this year!

So once again I make my list of resolutions. One of my goals is to continue to build my spinning and weaving business in the shop and with more shows. I am also challenging myself to excellence in weaving. Even though I have been weaving for years, there is still a lot to learn. I will still, however, be willing to look at my mistakes and say that they are design elements!! It's good to be able to look critically at our work but be willing to accept our humanness and be able to smile at ourselves.

What are some of your goals for the coming year? Perhaps we can share them with the guild at the next meeting in January.

I would like some feedback on how you feel about our guild. Are you enjoying our meetings and programs? Are there any areas that you would like to address? How can we help you become a better weaver, spinner and fiber artist? Please feel free to contact me with your comments at krdearing@yahoo.com.

We want to thank Sue Johnson for putting out our newsletter for more than 30 years! We really appreciate your time and dedication to the guild. Anne Worthington and Cherie Pitman volunteered to be the new editors! Also, a big thankyou to Sharon Sichi for taking care of the hospitality detail for the past few years. Lana Schwellenbach has agreed to take over for Sharon. Thank you all so much for your willingness to contribute to the guild. You are greatly appreciated!

❖ Membership Chairman's Report

There were no new members at the November Guild meeting.

❖ Treasurer's Report

The balance for September was \$3402.97 there was no income, \$50 in prizes and \$50 for judges stipends for the fair were expended, and a \$43.63 refund, bringing the balance for November to \$3259.34, which does not reflect finalizing the Liz Gipson accounts.

❖ Current News and Upcoming Events

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is enjoying time with loved ones for the holidays. Just a short note about our workshop with Bobbie Irwin. We have set the dates for August 12 & 13, 2017. We will hold the workshop at the Hesperus Camp. It was such a nice facility for the last workshop that we figured why not. We need to have a minimum of 10 people and can have a maximum of 20. Applications will be e mailed to each member in the near future. If you would rather have a hard copy, we will have one available for you at our January meeting. We will have more information for you at our meeting. Enjoy the holidays and we will see you in January.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Valerie Hopper

Intermountain Weavers Conference is coming up on July 27 - 30, 2017. There are some wonderful one day and three day workshops, and the website has application forms if anyone would like to be a vendor.

<http://www.intermountainweavers.org>

I will be teaching a three day class in watercolor felting at the conference this year and my husband will be taking care of our booth.
Linda Smith

[The Handweavers Guild of America, Inc.](#) will present Convergence®, our international fiber arts conference, in Reno, NV, July 6-12, 2018 at the [Peppermill Resort](#).

❖ Announcements

Annual Donations

Annual handouts were successfully distributed to A Women's Shelter in Durango via Stanna before she left for Thailand. Shirley and her husband split the balance between Masada house, a family crisis center, and Grace Place in Farmington.

Bag Lady Christmas 2017!

At our last guild meeting we decided that for our Christmas gift exchange for 2017 we would do a "bag lady" gift exchange. We did this a few years ago and it was a lot of fun. How this works is that if you want to participate in this, you would bring a bag of yarn, fibers, threads or perhaps even fabric with your name attached to the January 21st guild meeting. Then we will exchange bags. We have till the November meeting to make something out of the contents of the bag. We are not limited to the fibers in that bag. We can add to it out our own stash. Then at the November Christmas party we give the bag along with the completed project back to the person who we got the bag from. It will be a lot of fun to see what someone has made for us out of our own stash!

❖ Member: Anne Worthington

A native Utahn I lived most of my adult life in Alaska where I learned to knit and weave, whiling away those long winter nights. During the long summer days I worked as an archeologist for the National Park Service.



I learned to spin and dye later in life. After retirement I started my business *woollylizard* to financially support my fiber addiction. I currently live in Cortez. Unable to stop myself I accepted a job as the yarn department manager at Cortez Quilt Company (and Yarn Shop). I'm always learning something new about fiber, but consider myself primarily a weaver. My 3 floor looms (2 of which are older than I am) are usually kept warped with items for sale, but I would like to find time to spend on overshot, an earlier passion, or to learn deflected doubleweave. Website: <http://www.woollylizard.com>

❖ Member: Cherie Pitman

Three years ago I moved from a small mountain town outside of Denver to Hesperus . This just seemed like the perfect place to settle into for the rest of our lives.



My husband Joe and I purchased the Cactus Flower Loom business from Caroline Spurgeon over a year ago and have taken over building the looms and making other weaving tools. I also enjoy weaving, spinning, knitting and felting. We have six fiber alpaca that I make products from in addition to using other fiber. I recently moved my shop, Cherry Creek Valley Farms from downtown Mancos to my home / farm store in Hesperus. Come by for a visit!

Website: <https://cherry-creek-valley-farms.myshopify.com>

❖ Tips and Techniques:

Heddlecraft is a new digital weaving magazine. It is published six times a year and includes weaving techniques for weavers with with four- and eight-shaft (or more) looms. **Heddlecraft** is published by *Spady Studios* and edited by Robyn Spady. www.heddlecraft.com

❖ Of Interest:

Coton jaune: Acadian Brown Cotton—A Cajun Love Story is a documentary film about French-Canadian women and the brown cotton which helped them settle and adjust to a new life in Louisiana. Acadian women had vast textile experience in Canada, but when ousted by the English government there, they settled in Louisiana, a part of the country not overly hospitable to their familiar sheep and wool. Brown cotton was more easily processed at home than the more common white cotton which required ginning at a mill. These women planted the brown cotton, then harvested, carded, spun and wove blankets, towels and sheets, part of a daughter's dowry, and as a cottage industry that supported their families. This story was first reported in 1983 in a 95 page book published by the Louisiana State Museum entitled *L'Amour de Maman: Acadian Textile Heritage*. For more information see *Acadian Brown Cotton A Love Story for Generations*, by Debbie Held; *SpinOff Magazine*, Winter 2017; and www.acadianbrown cotton.com

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❖ 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, 505.860.7735.

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❖ Links: Weaver's Conferences / Fiber Festivals/ Magazines and Newsletters

Intermountain Weavers Conference: <http://www.intermountainweavers.org>
Complex Weavers: <https://www.complex-weavers.org>
Conference of Northern California Handweavers: <http://www.cnch.org>

Flag Wool and Fiber Festival: <http://www.flagwool.com>
Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta: <http://www.fiberartsfiesta.org>
Salida Fiber Festival: <http://www.salidafiberfestival.com>
Estes Park Wool Market: <http://www.visitestespark.com/events-calendar/special-events/wool-market/>
Taos Wool Festival: <http://taoswoolfestival.org>
Sneffels Fiber Festival: <http://www.sneffelsfiberfest.com>
Interweave Yarn Fest: <http://www.interweaveyarnfest.com>

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

Minutes

November 19, 2016

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The meeting was held at Christ the King Church in Durango, CO.

The business portion of the meeting was called to order by the president at 10:02.

There were no guests. Debbie Wyckoff joined us today.

The minutes were approved as written in the newsletter.

The treasurers' report was read, A motion was made and seconded and the report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Programs: *January* – Anna Kinney on Triangle Weaving, Presbyterian Church, Farmington. *March*- Elaine Bakkenson, Weaving a Necklace, Presbyterian Church, Farmington. *May*- Caroline Spurgeon, Cinch weaving, Cortez. *August*- Bobbie Irwin a 2 day workshop on Shimmering Colors: the Magic of Iridescence will be at the Baptist Camp in Hesperus. Bobbie charges \$400/day plus expenses. There is a \$15- 30 material fee; she will provide the warp/weft. This project cannot be done on a RH loom. The project width is weaver's choice from 9/12/15 inches and you can make 2 runners. The guild will help with costs. The final cost for members and more information will be at the January meeting. *September*- the Melody Usher workshop on the Perfect Warp at the Presbyterian Church in Farmington. *November* - Christmas Party, Durango or Mancos?

Membership: We have new name tags (thank you) and a membership list is available.

Service Project: many items were brought in for the shelters around the area; there are approximately 5 shelters that we donate items to. These items are always appreciated.

Hospitality: Lana volunteered to take over and bring the supplies to meetings. The IWC basket is a spinning theme, please donate items such as natural dyed yarn, roving, books. Any items to donate please bring to the next meeting.

Library: donations are requested and the list of items for check out is available on the website.

Bessie shared photos of quilts she and others made and donated to a vet group in Wheatfield, AZ. Twenty two quilts were donated; guild members supported this fine effort. Many thanks from Bessie and the Vets.

Old Business: no old business

New Business: The newsletter will now be done by Anne W. and Cherie P.

Announcement: The Cortez Yarn Shop offers many classes for knitters recently mittens made from thrums and a Mobius cowl by Carolyn Greenwood of Greenwood Fiberworks. Check the shops website for upcoming classes.

Stanna asked if anyone wanted the woven fibers cloth she brings back from Thailand, it supports a women's coop. A list was passed to place an order.

Show and tell had many lovely items as usual.

At the January meeting, if you wish to participate, for the Christmas party there will be a Bag Lady gift exchange. Bring a bag of yarn with your name on it and the person, who receives the bag, makes an item for that person.

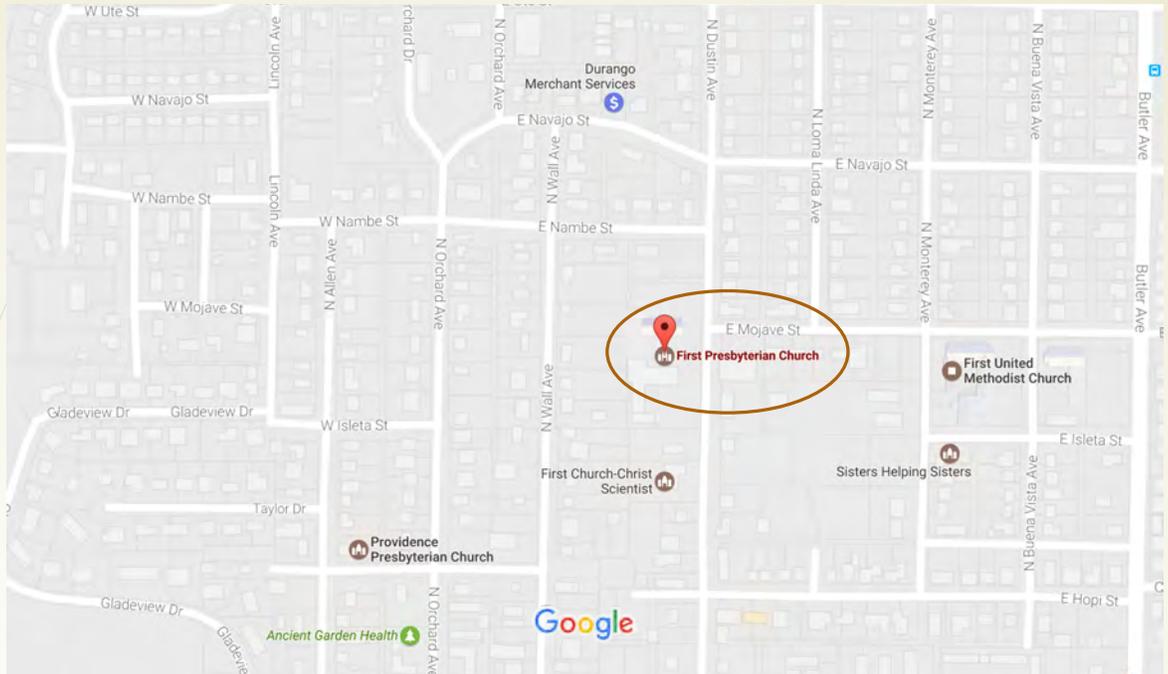
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Morningstar

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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 Marianne Hurley, P.O. Box 1344, Mancos, CO 81328.