

# Fiber Line

## Four Corners Weavers Guild

January 1, 2023  
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**Location:** Fellowship of Spirit church, also known as Jere's Church

**Address:** 2009 E. 13<sup>th</sup>,  
Farmington, NM

**Social Time:** 9:30

**Meeting Time:** 10:00 am

**Potluck:** 11:30

**Program:** 12:30

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- ▶ Our next meeting is at Fellowship of Spirit Church, 2009 E. 13<sup>th</sup>, Farmington, NM.
- ▶ 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 Anne Worthington, 23647 Rd G.2, Cortez, Co 81321.

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*Nothing is as simple as we hope it will be.*

-- Jim Horning

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## ❖ President's Message

Dear Weavers,

As I write this, the Holidays are nearly over. What a whirlwind of days this has been for me. My life seems to be running on high speed with the older grandson home from college and jobs.

I can't believe that it's been over a month since our meeting and workshop in November. Although I did not participate in the workshop, I heard some very positive reports about it. After the original planning started pre-Covid, it was rewarding to bring it to reality. As you may know this was the very last workshop that Melodie Usher would do. This was the 3rd workshop / presentation that she taught for FCWG, so it was our honor to be her "swan song."

Our VP Sherry has been busy looking for the next workshop. She may have information on that in this newsletter, otherwise it will follow soon.

As you know, our dear member Betty Reed passed recently. Our charter member, Sue Johnson, was a good friend of hers and now has found herself responsible for liquidating Betty's large stash of weaving and craft items. Even though Betty's looms are not part of that stash; there is other weaving equipment and a large amount of YARN. Sue is planning a sale for May and is asking for our help. We have participated in this kind of sale several times in the past and it's a BIG job. The dates of May 6th or May 13th have been suggested. If anyone knows of a major conflict for either of these dates, please let me know. The venue has not been determined, but it will be in the Farmington area. We will need volunteers to set up the sale as well as help on the sale day. Please keep this in mind and on your schedule for May!

See you at the meeting!  
President, Kathy S

### ❖ **Programs and Workshops Report**

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Color Challenge show and tell.

- Sherry H, Vice President

### ❖ **Educational Opportunities**

*Vermont Weaving Online* offers online weaving courses, projects, and a supportive community of fellow weavers. They offer learning opportunities through projects that focus on a central theme that includes patterns for rigid heddle and multishift looms, as well as units on warping, ergonomics, weaving theory, reading drafts and understanding weave structures.

<https://vermontweavingsupplies.podia.com/>

### ❖ **Treasurer's Report**

Sept 30 2022 Balance: \$6636.06

Debits: \$100.00 2 yr membership to Handweavers Guild of America  
100.00 donation/Betty Reed Scholarship Fund @ Three Rivers  
Art Center

Deposit: \$5.00 website ad

October 31, 2022 Balance: \$6441.06

Debit: \$273.25 Melodie Usher/workshop expenses

Balance November 30, 2022: \$6167.81

Pending debit: \$38.64 reimburse Kathy Sehnert for  
workshop food expenses

Unreconciled balance: \$6129.17

*Ann K, Treasurer*

### ❖ **Membership Chairman's Report**

If you are sending dues or have any changes in your contact information, please contact Anne W, [woollylizard49@gmail.com](mailto:woollylizard49@gmail.com), 907.355.6398.

*- Anne W, Membership*

#### **Send Dues To:**

Anne Worthington, FCWG Membership, 23647 Road G2,  
Cortez, CO 81321 Make check out to **Four Corners Weaver's Guild**.

### ❖ **Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:**

If your floor loom doesn't have enough treadles for the pattern you have been itching to weave there are options. The obvious solutions are switching to a loom with more treadles, or to a table loom using a lift plan, retying your treadles during treadling, and using a skeleton tie up. *Tim's Treadle Reducer* converts a treadling plan into a skeleton tie-up that uses multiple treadles per pick.

<https://www.cs.earlham.edu/~timm/treadle/>



## ❖ November Meeting Minutes, November 19, 2022

This was our holiday meeting at Empire Electric in Cortez. We started at 9:45am and 14 members attended the meeting (3 more showed up for the presentation just before lunch). We had introductions and quickly conducted business.

Ann and Sherry motioned to approve last meetings minutes, and minutes were approved.

**Treasurers report** – the balance is \$6235.12. Corey and Elaine motioned to approve the report and it was approved.

Membership – No new membership or changes.

Hospitality – 2 receipts to turn in.

**Library** – no updates.

**Old Business** – mention of the donation to the Betty Reed scholarship fund.

**New Business** – reminder of crayon color challenge, we'll show these at January meeting.

Lori and Ann motioned to end business meeting; this was approved at 9:55am.

**Announcements** – Intermountain Weavers Conference in Logan UT July 27-30, 2023.

Towel exchange was first – 5 entries (all beautiful!).

Then the gift exchange with 11 participants.

At 11:00am Melodie Usher gave a slideshow presentation on Multiple Tabby Weaves (17 attendees). We heard about the history of this technique started by Dr. Bateman, who was a chemist and then started exploring weaving. He wove an astonishing number of samples starting in the 1960's, playing around with the many ways to create a warp.

Take home message: be a what if? weaver - play around with different treadling patterns and weaves.

Presentation ended at noon, followed by lunch then the workshop started and continued Sunday.

- Karinne K, Secretary

## ❖ Announcements

### **COE (Certificate of Excellence) Meeting**

Our next meeting will be over lunch at the January 21st guild meeting. Anyone interested in participating at any level is welcome to join us. There are those that are pursuing the certificate as well as some that want to join for just certain projects. We will be discussing the progress we each have made so far and try to address any questions that we may have. We will also set up a timetable for the course.

If you are interested in joining the study group, you might want to become a member of HGA (Handweavers Guild of America) and order the handbook. Again, any level of participation is welcome.

This program is not just for experienced weavers. HGA recommends it also for new weavers as well as study groups like ours. It is a great way to learn new techniques and to build friendships as we learn together more about weaving.

For further information contact Karen at [krdearing@yahoo.com](mailto:krdearing@yahoo.com)

### **Plastic Shopping Bags Needed**

Karen and Valerie are making plastic sleeping mats for the homeless. Please save your plastic shopping bags from Safeway, City Markey, Walmart, etc. It takes about 500 bags to make one mat.

So far they have delivered 7 mats to "Street Medicine", a group of doctors and healthcare people who travel the four corners taking medical help directly to the homeless. This group has asked us to make as many mats as we can for them to give to those in need.

We will gather bags for this worthwhile project at each of the guild meetings. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

For more information, please contact Karen at [krdearing@yahoo.com](mailto:krdearing@yahoo.com)

## ❖ 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).

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

Intermountain Weavers Conference

<http://www.intermountainweavers.org>: July 27-30, 2023

Handweaver's Guild of America (Convergence in Wichita, KS):

July 2024 <https://weavespindye.org/>

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



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