

# Fiber line

## Four Corners Weavers Guild

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**Location:** Kathy Sehnert's

**Address:** 527 N. Willow  
Mancos, CO

**Social Time:** 9:30

**Meeting Time:** 10:00 am

**Potluck Picnic:** Meat will  
be provided by the Guild

**Program:** Annual "Yard  
Sale" for your weaving /  
crafting cleanout

- ▶ Our next meeting is at 527 N. Willow, Mancos, CO
- ▶ 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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*One of the greatest discoveries a man makes, one of his great surprises, is to find he can do what he was afraid he couldn't do.*

- Henry Ford

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## ❖ President's Message

Dear Weaving Friends,

RAIN! I'm enjoying it! Hope you are, too. My trees and bushes love it.

I was sorry when Lynn H. decided to vacate the Vice Presidents position; it's the hardest job in the guild. Sherry Hawkins (previously Woodbridge) has graciously volunteered to be our VP. She has already fielded some program ideas. As you will remember we have \$1800 that was anonymously donate to the guild with the intent that it will aid in funding some workshops in the near future.

Again, I am glad to welcome you to my back yard for our annual picnic. Sherry, our VP, has been finding some new venues for us, but they weren't great picnic spots. In September she is hoping to have the meeting on the "other side" of our "territory," or at least more central, so the easterners won't have to drive so far!

I will have tables available for any yard sale items that you may have. There will be a "free" table and a table "for sale" items. Please mark those that require payment. If you are selling items, the guild should get a small percentage. This is an opportunity to find new homes for some unused yarn, extra weaving tools, any craft supplies, or even finished projects.

The presentation policy was approved via the on-sight and email voting. It was an effective way of completing guild business given the fact that we are so spread out. Did you realize that it's 118 miles from the most western member to the most eastern member?

At the last meeting Sharon S. gave us a demo on how she makes her lovely weaving cards. Essential to the project are the card blanks. Sharon special orders them from her local printer, so it's not an "off the shelf" item. To accommodate those that want to make some cards, the guild purchased 200 hundred cards with envelopes; they are available from Sharon at \$.50 apiece payable to the guild. Just let her know so they can be available at the next meeting. You can find "aperture card blanks" online, but they are mostly smaller, don't have a third fold to cover the back of your weaving, and generally are about a dollar apiece.

While the weaving programs are the focus of the guild, I also like the times when we can just enjoy each other's company, share out weaving stories and have a relaxing day. Directions to Kathy's: Willow St. is west of the stop lights. Turn north at the Family Dollar Store (Willow), go to the end of Willow St., my house is the gray stucco on the left with the basketball hoop.

See you at the picnic! (: Kathy S

### ❖ Updated Programs and Workshops Report

If you are needing a portable loom for our November workshop with Melody Usher, please contact Karen Dearing at [krdearing@yahoo.com](mailto:krdearing@yahoo.com). She has both floor and table looms to lend. Or contact Anne Worthington at [woollylizard49@gmail.com](mailto:woollylizard49@gmail.com).

- Sherry H, Vice President

### ❖ Educational Opportunities

Since Covid there has been a steady increase in the number and quality of online classes available, and we're not just talking "You Tube videos". Each newsletter your editors will research and provide a brief synopsis, with links, to another online educational opportunity.

Beginning in the fall of 2022 Janet Dawson and Tien Chu will launch their **Handweaving Academy**, *a place where weavers can achieve their learning goals in a fun, active, and inclusive community*. Hands-on, project -based classes will teach theory while helping you practice the process of designing and making your own cloth through live lectures, live question and answer sessions, discussion forums, and study groups.

The 6 month "semesters" will have a theme and topical focus. Each month there will be 2-4 "bite-sized" classes that cover one or more aspects of the topics, building on each other, and resulting in a project the student designs and creates using what they learned in class. The theme for Semester One is **Foundations**, and will include classes on visual design, physical design, the design process, and weaving techniques.

Tien specializes in color and visual design, while Janet teaches drafting and the physical aspects of weaving, like yarn selection, sett, and technique. Their website is currently "under construction", but if you are interested the link is:

<https://handweavingacademy.com/>

### ❖ Treasurer's Report

Balance 4/29/22	\$5374.54
Membership dues	+200.00
Zoom fee	- 15.72
Fellowship Hall	- 35.00
Balanced 5/31/22	\$5523.82

- Ann K, Treasurer

### ❖ Membership Chairman's Report

Anne W. will be out of town for the next meeting (at Convergence!), so I have the membership bag. If you still need to pay your dues, please send them to: Kathy Sehnert, PO Box 253, Mancos 81328

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:

**Handweaving.net** added new features to their website. The Draft Editor lets you create new drafts from scratch or edit an existing draft on the site, including the tie-up, treadling, colors, adding borders and more. This tool works on any computer or device. They have an introduction and tutorial video on the site. For those of you unfamiliar with **handweaving.net** it is a site that has thousands of weaving drafts available to subscribers. Now it has even more tools useful for weavers.

For a quick overview see: <https://youtu.be/qYTB2EPmRkA>

## ❖ May Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2022

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The meeting started at 10am, located at Fellowship of Spirit in Farmington and 11 members attended. We had introductions and shared who first inspired us to weave.

Past minutes approved.

**Treasurers Report** – the balance is \$5,523.82 as of the May meeting.

Kathy S handed out a budget proposal and we talked at some length about it. She sent it out after the meeting to have it approved by a quorum and was passed. If you didn't receive a copy via email, she can send you one.

It is recommended to have it part of our policy to audit bank account periodically.

**Old Business** – we talked about the workshop on multiple tabby weaves with Melodie Usher on November 19 and 20. The plan is to still have the workshop and have it start after the November meeting. Looking to meet at the Empire Electric building in Cortez.

Discussed other possible locations for meetings. Bayfield library is an option and wondering if Durango Recreation Center has a room.

**New Business** – We talked extensively about the presentation policy and made some changes. The new updated presentation policy was passed, Kathy S sent out a copy and can send you one if you don't have it.

Lynn H resigned as Vice President; Sherry H offered to fill in the position. Sherry is following up on the creation of the education committee, looking for 3 or more committee members to help with all the logistics associated with setting up workshops.

Noted that there are only 4 guild meetings a year that would have an associated program. 3 of these programs need to relate to weaving or spinning and 1 can be something else.

Agreed to establish a scholarship fund of \$100/year and have this available to one person per year. We talked about what the application process would entail, and agreed that there will not be an application, a person in need would send a request to the board. Any request would be kept confidential.

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## ❖ **May Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2022** *(continued)*

Brought up idea of having a survey, potentially through email, to solicit ideas about future workshops, instructors and ideas about the guild in general.

**Announcements** – wool workshop held in Cheyenne, WY.

Los Pinos Fiber Alliance is a non-profit and looking (again) to get a wool mill built in our area. In general, trying to help grow the local fiber economy and connect people.

Pine River Library in Bayfield is soliciting artists to hang their work in the library, could be weavings.

### **Show and Tell.**

Meeting ended at 12:40pm

After lunch Sharon S demonstrated how to make cards with small weavings inserted onto the cover. Materials to make these cards were available to buy and she or Karen D may have more if you want them.

- *Karrine K, Secretary*

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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](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

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/>

❖ **Kathy Sehnert's House**  
**Address: 527 N. Willow, Mancos, CO**

