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Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Meeting Date:
March 18, 2023

Location: Dolores Public Library

Address: 1002 Railroad Ave.
Dolores, CO 81323

Social Time: 9:30

Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Bring your lunch

Program: 1:00

A demonstration by Anne Worthington on Fiberworks, a computer design software for weaving.

- ▶ Our next meeting is Saturday, March 18, at Dolores Public Library, 1002 Railroad Ave. Dolores, CO 81323
- ▶ 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 Anne Worthington, 23647 Rd G.2, Cortez, Co 81321.

Creativity is nothing but a mind set free.

-- Torri T. Asai

❖ President's Message

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My dear weavers,

Snow, snow and more snow; this is a winter for the record books. The reservoirs should be full this spring. Hallelujah! The snow blower and I have spent plenty of time together! And the basketball season is not yet over. So there's very little time for weaving –darn!.

In an effort to reorganize my craft room, I dismantled my big Gilmakra loom and moved it to the adjoining room; the frame is reassembled but it's not ready for weaving. In the meantime my just 3 year old granddaughter decided it's her "store" – an ice cream store! How do you argue with that! Needless to say; I will use my twining loom for a while.

It was great to spend time with weaving friends at our January meeting and nice to be back at our usual Farmington venue. I so look forward to our Guild meetings; it's as much a reunion of good friends as it is a celebration of the talents in our weaving community. If you weren't at the meeting, check out the FCWG Facebook page for a look at Karinne's big blanket and Sherry's baskets.

Sherry arranged a program that hit home. Incorporating exercise and movement breaks when we weave is good for our weaving as well as good for our bodies! We learned some helpful techniques that have more benefits than just stretching. I need to do that.

If you ever have an idea for a program or workshop, be sure to share it with Sherry; as the program person, she wants to organize things that are of real interest. That brings up a topic that we touched on at the last meeting. It's rumored that several members have an interest in Tablet or Card Weaving. Years ago we had a demo on the craft using the back strap method; it was nice to know about it, but I was a little negative toward it. At Sherry's suggestion of the topic, I was not enthusiastic, but later I thought it only fair that I revisit the craft. Did you know that Tablet weaving is one of the oldest forms of weaving? I've found so many fascinating and informative YouTube videos that I've become much more interested and have challenged myself to do at least one tablet woven band. The current approach to Tablet Weaving uses an Inkle loom, or other devices to hold the tension. At our next meeting, perhaps we can find out if others would like to "stretch their boundaries" and try a "learning together" mini workshop. Maybe someday you'll want an interesting decorative touch to a project, a unique belt, or special dog leash and then you'll know where to start.

The Dolores Library will be the venue for our next meeting. It will be the first time to be there, so we are not sure if the facility will lend itself to a potluck lunch. Therefore, don't forget your sack lunch for the next meeting!

I hope it will be a clear, sunny day for our gathering in Dolores! Travel safely and I'll see you there.

Happy Weaving,

President, Kathy S

❖ Programs and Workshops Report

March: Anne Worthington will demonstrate Fiberworks, a weaving software program that works on both PC and Mac computers. This program is invaluable for designing your own weavings, or for just experimenting with color for existing "recipes". If there is enough time, she will also demonstrate the Color Editor found on handweaving.net.

May: Basket weaving.

July: Annual picnic at San Juan Lavender Farms. We'll weave a mini-wand or lavender basket. Bring a sack lunch.

September: Learn to sew a small bag with your handwoven fabric.

November: Holiday party and service item donations.

- Sherry H, Vice President

❖ Educational Opportunities

During the pandemic many well known weavers started their own online schools and we shared some of those resources with you. Now that most people are comfortable going back to an in-person life this will be our last article on the subject. *Heddlecraft*, an online weaving magazine (and an excellent source for many things weaving) has a list of well-recommended online educational sources which we wanted to share.

<https://heddlecraft.com/on-line-weaving-education.html>

❖ **Treasurer's Report**

Previous newsletter reported an Unreconciled balance: \$6129.17

Check #1112 \$100 for projector rental from Jere's church for November workshop

Check #1118 \$300 to Kathy Sehnert for gift card/store credit for Melodie Usher

Check #1115 \$29.40 Sherry Hawkins - Hospitality supplies

Current bank balance, as of 1/31/23: \$5699.77

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, 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:**

Here is a link for warping front to back with two layers. Janney Simpson demonstrates the method she uses when warping different fibers, such as wool and tencel, in weave structures such as deflected doubleweave. Her method keeps her warp ends contained and results in a smoother and more consistently wound warp.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GHSJ0ON63BA>

❖ January Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2023

Meeting held at Fellowship of Spirit Church in Farmington. We started at 10 am and 14 members attended. We had introductions and answered the question “is there some weaving technique or something you want to learn?”

Anne and Sherry motioned to approve last meeting’s minutes, and minutes were approved.

Treasurers report – for workshop with Melody, \$612 were the total expenses and then a gift certificate for \$300 to Red Fish Dyeworks was given to Melody in lieu of payment (her preference). Elaine and Lana motioned to approve the report and it was approved.

Committees

Membership – no new membership or changes.

Library – no updates.

Hospitality – good for now.

Service Project – Lana and others distributed all the donations over the holidays; Durango women’s shelter sent a thank you note.

Caroline let Kathy know that our website expired before renewal, she paid a penalty fee plus renewed the website for \$150, which will last for 3 years. Motion passed and approved to repay her for the whole fee.

Old Business

Discussed the flyer created in the past to post in various locations to attract more members. Agreed that we don’t want to use the current flyer and may come up with a new one. Talked about posting on social media, Facebook and Instagram; Sherry will work w/Caroline to see who can take on posting and monitoring of sites.

New Business

Also talked briefly about website, would be beneficial to update it, more user friendly. Reminder to send photos to Caroline to post. Anne W. can also post to Facebook. We agreed that new members would be good.

It was pointed out that the newsletter doesn’t actually say exact date of meeting and it would be helpful to make it clear for new and current members.

- Karinne K, Secretary

❖ Announcements

COE (Certificate of Excellence) Meeting

The HGA Certificate of Excellence (COE) study group will have a short meeting after the March guild business meeting and lunch. We are attempting to get the “Sett samples” finished to show the group. Bring what you have finished for us all to see.

The “sett samples” are a series of examples of how the same warp, weft and pattern changes when you change the sett of the piece. Each sample will consist of half of it being woven in tabby and the other half in either a twill or overshot pattern. Each sample needs to have finished edges in a hem, fringe or some other finished edge.

I know that I would like some feedback on what I did right and some suggestions on how to improve what I have done. This is a study group so constructive comments are needed. We of course will be kind.

In our comments and suggestions! How can we get better if we are not challenged?

Anyone is welcome to participate in our discussion. You do not have to be actively involved in the work to join us. Maybe you will be inspired to join us!

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Karen Dearing at krdearing@yahoo.com or 505-860-7735.

Plastic Shopping Bags Needed

Karen and Valerie are making plastic sleeping mats for the homeless. Please save your plastic shopping bags from Safeway, City Market, 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, contact Karen at 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, 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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