

# Fiber line

## Four Corners Weavers' Guild

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### ANNUAL PICNIC AND WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

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| July Meeting          | Zelpha Gentry's house     |
| Chat Time: 9:30am     | 14241 Rd. 36.75           |
| Meeting Time: 10:00am | Mancos, CO - 970 882-4847 |

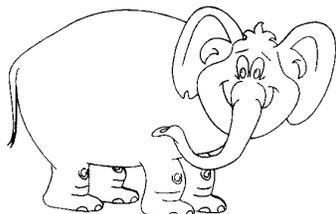
Our July 16 guild picnic will be at Zelpha's home in Mancos. Starting time is 9:30. Make sure to bring a lawn chair. We will have a potluck lunch. The guild will be providing sliced turkey breast for sandwiches, to put on you salad or to just eat as-is. Zelpha is making iced tea. So if everyone else will bring salads and deserts we should be set for a good picnic.

Zelpha lives by a lake so bring walking shoes if you would like to take a hike. Remember to bring what you have been working on for show-and-tell. And as always, bring something to work on!! See you there. Karen

*For directions to Zelpha's house, see map at end of newsletter*

**Our July picnic is also our white elephant sale – bring anything you'd like to sell, trade or give away. It wouldn't hurt to bring a card table to set it up on... And we'll have an area that will be designated as a fund-raiser for the guild – anything that sells from that area will add to the guild's coffers.**

**In the past, members have brought fiber-related items, plants, misc. household items, or anything else they wanted to share or find a new home for.... Use your imagination and join the fun.**



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### Contacts for the Four Corners Weavers' Guild

#### Current Officers

|                                    |              |  |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| President – Kris Dixon             | 505-860-0349 | <a href="mailto:kdix@aol.com">kdix@aol.com</a>                 |
| Vice-president – Karen Dearing     | 505-334-2669 | <a href="mailto:krdearing@yahoo.com">krdearing@yahoo.com</a>   |
| Secretary – Debbie Wyckoff         | 970-247-7726 | <a href="mailto:wyckoff@bresnan.net">wyckoff@bresnan.net</a>   |
| Treasurer – Caroline Spurgeon      | 970 562-6501 | <a href="mailto:cspurgeon@FtiTel.net">cspurgeon@FtiTel.net</a> |
| Membership Chairman--Kathy Sehnert |              | <a href="mailto:kssehnert@gmail.com">kssehnert@gmail.com</a>   |

The FCWG meets 6 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 the FCWG are \$25.00 (payable in May for established members). Payments should be made to FCWG and sent to:

**Kathy Sehnert**  
**12014 Rd 42**  
**Mancos, CO 81328**

**\*\*\*\*Note new address for dues\*\*\*\***

Please send newsletter information to Sue Johnson, PO Box 6576, Farmington, NM 87499 or email to [fcwgnews@hotmail.com](mailto:fcwgnews@hotmail.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 Caroline Spurgeon, PO Box 359, Yellow Jacket, CO 81335.

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

July 2011

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our picnic. Remember this is the white elephant meeting to share and swap and sell. Also, it has been suggested that items can be designated to sell (or take a donation) to raise funds for the Guild. So bring your stuff!

We all enjoyed Pam's felting workshop at the last meeting. Some have finished their felted nametags I think. We shall see! Thanks, Pam, for a nice day. The IWC Board came out to the farm and enjoyed that, too. IWC felt that their meeting with us in the afternoon was very beneficial and I think we all benefited by having a planning look at IWC before actually arriving there to volunteer.

This meeting will be right before IWC and we haven't talked about the raffle basket(s) that we usually donate, so we will try to coordinate that at the meeting. If you have things that you would want to donate for the basket(s), those can also be brought to this meeting.

This month is a good time to say a special thanks to Carolyn Oatley. Carolyn has been opening her home in Aztec to interested fiber friends including Guild members for an evening each month now since October last year. It is a nice time for talking and sharing. We are looking forward to this group expanding to bring in other local fiber enthusiasts. Thank you Carolyn. Also, my thanks go to Kathy Sehnert who has stepped in big time to be Membership Chair. I have asked a lot of her these last few months and it has been wonderful to work with her. These two are two of our newest members and they have really stepped up and become participating members right away!

Kris Dixon

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Note from Kris:

If anyone has an appropriate basket for the raffle basket that they can donate, please bring it too the meeting.

## MINUTES

Guild minutes for May 21, 2011

At Pam Ramsey's Home, La Plata Farms

Our meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 am. Carolyn Oatley introduced her guest Evelyn Graham. The loss of member Paul Pierce was announced and a sympathy card was passed around. It was also mentioned that Paul's wife Nancy wished to give the Guild Paul's display screens. We only had 10 guild members present so there was not a quorum present to vote on guild business. The Treasurer's report was presented with a beginning balance of \$733.37 and with spending and dues paid our ending balance was \$855.29. Minutes and Treasurers reports were approved and passed, then we realized we did not have a quorum so the meeting proceeded without moving/seconding Guild business.

Kathy Sehnert was introduced as our new Membership Chairman. She created these clever name tags on a board for our membership. Kathy has created a master list of our membership in Googledocs to keep an accurate list of our members. Kathy discussed keeping a list of who and how many members attend each meeting. She also asked how we can encourage past members to return. Kathy offered a copy of our membership for each of us to check for accuracy during lunch.

Teec Nos Pos was discussed. There is a slow down in Teec during the summer. Debbie Wyckoff felt there would be more later. The Intermountain Weavers Conference was shelved because Chairperson Elaine Bakkenson wasn't present. The basket to collect those goods for the Christmas service projects was available and many members brought beautiful items for the basket. Sheep is Life was mentioned. President Kris Dixon talked about our recent survey including doing demos locally, teaching at Jr. colleges, going to schools and having a presence at our fiberfests ( Bayfield and Pagosa).

Pam Ramsey announced Pagosa Fiber Fest for Memorial Weekend. Pam and Mary Walls will have booths there. Estes Park Wool Market is coming up. La Plata County Fair guidelines will be available from Pam Ramsey at the July picnic meeting. The Pagosa retreat was discussed. Mary Walls offered the possibility of a house that could be available in Pagosa to help keep the cost down for our spring retreat. This could be an option as the prices have doubled at The Springs Inn Resort.

We adjourned for lunch in Doug Ramsey's fabulous garage and that afternoon had fun felting bags and name tags. We had an afternoon gathering with the IWC Board to continue to prepare for the July Conference .

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Wyckoff

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Report for July 2011 newsletter

Hi from your membership chairman. If you haven't been at a recent meeting, you may not have realized that the position of "Membership Chairman" has been reinstated. Your Board determined that the

membership records should be maintained by one person rather than the treasurer, web mistress and newsletter chair all trying to keep their own lists. I will do my best to fulfill the duties charged to me.

The May meeting had only 10 members present.

We have a new member! Evelyn Graham from Aztec has joined us. Welcome, Evelyn!!

Remember, DUES ARE DUE NOW! Twenty-three of thirty-eight members from 2010 have paid. If you can't remember if you've paid for this year, check the member list on the website, or email me, [kssehnert@gmail.com](mailto:kssehnert@gmail.com). Dues were payable in May. The current membership list is printed in September, so don't wait too long and miss this year's list. You can bring a check to the July meeting or mail your dues check to:

Kathy Sehnert  
12014 Rd 42  
Mancos, CO 81328

Since we only meet 6 times a year, President Kris has requested that we all wear name tags at the meetings to help us all remember names (I, for one, sometimes need a name tag just to know my own name!) To that end I have made "generic" printed name tags for everyone and will bring them to every meeting. If you would like to make a name tag of your own design, use your creativity and "go for it." The generic tags are in a plastic pocket that is approximately 3 ½ "x 4" and is worn around the neck rather than pinned on. Your personal tag can be placed in the pocket, if you wish, or made to be worn on its own. Just remember that your first name should be readable by the president from across the room. At the May meeting we had a felting workshop and some members made the base for their name tags; we look forward to seeing the finished products!

In looking at the past membership lists, I noticed that we did not have a compiled list of all members to date. I have attempted to make a historical list and it has been an interesting project. There are some membership lists that are missing and others that may not be complete due to late payment of dues. Interesting stats are:

- Helen Kuenzler, Sue Johnson and Susan Kuenzler were charter members and are still members!
- The historical list that I have assembled lists 267 member names since the incorporation of the Four Corners Weavers Guild in 1979.
- 75% of the total members have been from Colorado; 20% from New Mexico, 3% list addresses from Utah, Arizona, Kansas, Texas and Alaska , 2% did not have an address listed.
- 27% of the historical membership were or are currently in the guild for 5 years or more
- the following current members, in addition to Helen, Sue and Susan, have given 10 years or more to the Guild:

|                  | Member since: |
|------------------|---------------|
| Pud Crawford     | 2001          |
| Chris Erikson    | 1994          |
| Zelpha Gentry    | 2002          |
| Shirley Haisman  | 2002          |
| Anne Hanson      | 1993          |
| Carolyn Klinnert | 1985          |

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| Val LeRoy      | 1996 |
| Jere Lard      | 1991 |
| Kate Malone    | 1994 |
| Kathy Morey    | 1991 |
| Pam Ramsey     | 1991 |
| Betty Reed     | 2001 |
| Sharon Sichi   | 1991 |
| Debbie Wyckoff | 1991 |

See you at the July picnic!  
Kathy Sehnert, Membership Chair

## NOTES FROM MEMBERS

### From Jere:

The county fairs are approaching... if you would like to enter items in the San Juan County, NM fair and don't want to make the trip down to bring your entries, you may bring them to the July meeting. Jere will pick them up and enter them in the fair after you have filled out the paperwork (she'll bring it to the meeting)

## CLASSIFIED ADS

\*\*Macomber Ad-A-Harness Loom for sale. Foldable for storage, 48" weaving width, 4 harnesses, stainless steel reeds, friction brake. Price includes books and other tools for weaving. The loom is located in Hermosa, 7 miles north of Durango. \$1500. Call Jack at 970-759-2377.



\*\*See Attached PDF file for an ad from Linda Heltzel. (when I tried to copy it into the newsletter, the illustrations wouldn't transfer.....) She has a Baby Wolf loom, a Schacht loom bench, a warping reel and misc accessories and yarns.... It's definitely worth opening the .pdf attachment!

**Caroline has added a "For Sale" page on our website – be sure to check it out – LOTS of shopping!!**

## MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS & CHANGES

### New:

Evelyn Graham  
705 Sagebrush Dr.  
Aztec, NM 87410  
505 334-0133

## COMING EVENTS

**July 21 - 24, 2011 - IWC** - A Conference for Fiber Artists - Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado  
WORKSHOPS led by nationally-renowned instructors: Weaving (rug, fabric, tapestry), Basketry,  
Dyeing, Shibori, Surface Design and Embellishments, Felting, Sewing, Knitting  
Membership in IWC entitles you to reduced conference rates and early registration notification.  
VENDOR MARKET EXHIBITS AND FIBER CELEBRATED 2011 - Registration begins in January.  
Join now at: [www.intermountainweavers.org](http://www.intermountainweavers.org)

**August 12, 2011 – 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary celebration for TRWC Art Center and In Cahoots! Gallery** – come join us to  
celebrate our first year – 109 N. Allen St., Farmington, NM – a non profit organization that supports the arts  
in San Juan County, NM – classes and workshops available, classroom space available for rent – contact Sue  
Johnson at [fcwgnews@hotmail.com](mailto:fcwgnews@hotmail.com) or call the art center at 505 716-7660.

**August 13, 2011 – PMC Class** – all day PMC workshop at TRWC Art Center – for more information, contact  
Sue Johnson at [fcwgnews@hotmail.com](mailto:fcwgnews@hotmail.com) or call the art center at 505 716-7660.

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### FOR YOUR INFO, HERE ARE SOME CONTACTS FOR DIFFERENT FIBER-RELATED THINGS

#### \*WEAVERS CONFERENCES/MAGAZINES:

[weavespindye@compuserve.com](mailto:weavespindye@compuserve.com)  
<http://www.weavespindye.org>

[www.fiberartsfiesta.org](http://www.fiberartsfiesta.org)  
Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta

[www.complex-weavers.org](http://www.complex-weavers.org)  
Complex Weavers

<http://www.intermountainweavers.org>  
Intermountain Weavers Conference

<http://www.midwestweavers.org>  
Midwest Weavers Conference

<http://www.interweave.com>  
Interweave Press

[http://www.interweave.com/weave/handwoven\\_magazine](http://www.interweave.com/weave/handwoven_magazine)  
Handwoven *Weaving Weekly* newsletter (subscribe at link above)

<http://www.cnch.org/cnchnet/>  
e-journal of the Conference of Northern California Handweavers (CNCH)

**\*WOOL MARKET/WOOL FESTIVAL**

[events@estes.org](mailto:events@estes.org)

<http://www.estesnet.com/events/woolmarket.htm>

Estes Park Wool Market

[questions@taoswoolfestival.org](mailto:questions@taoswoolfestival.org)

<http://www.taoswoolfestival.org>

Taos Wool Festival

<http://www.pagosafiberfestival.com/>

Pagosa Fiber Festival

<http://www.woolfestivalsw.meridian1.net>

Wool Festival of the Southwest

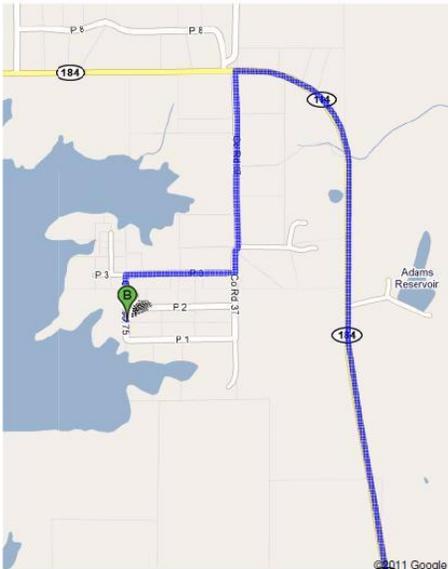
**Directions to Zelpha Gentry's house**

**14241 County Road 36.75**

**Mancos, CO**

**970 882-4847**

From Highway 184 between Delores and Mancos, turn left (south) on CR37. Travel about ¼ mile until you see a long row of mailboxes – turn right (west) on P.3. Turn left (south) on 36.75. Zelpha's house is a large one on right that can be seen from the road – turn in at the first gate and park in the meadow below the house.



**FROM MANCOS:**

**A** Mancos, CO

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|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Head north on S Main St toward E Grand Ave<br>About 3 mins                                   | go 0.5 mi<br>total 0.5 mi |
| <b>184</b> 2. Continue onto CO-184 W/Co Rd K 1/2<br>Continue to follow CO-184 W<br>About 8 mins | go 7.9 mi<br>total 8.4 mi |
| <b>↙</b> 3. Turn left onto Co Rd 37<br>About 3 mins   | go 0.5 mi<br>total 8.8 mi |
| <b>↘</b> 4. Take the 1st right onto P 3<br>About 1 min  | go 0.3 mi<br>total 9.1 mi |
| <b>↙</b> 5. Take the 1st left onto Co Rd 36.75<br>Destination will be on the right              | go 0.1 mi<br>total 9.2 mi |
| <b>B</b> 14241 County Road 36.75, Mancos, CO 81328  |                           |