

# Fiber Line

## Four Corners Weavers' Guild

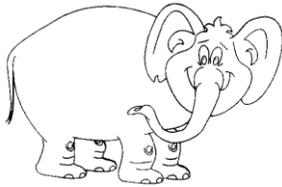
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July Picnic  
Time: 10-2ish  
Annual Picnic & Flea Market

Karen Dearing's place  
59 CR 3235  
Aztec, NM

The July meeting, the annual picnic, will be held at Karen Dearing's home. Families are invited. The Guild will supply meat-chicken and beef, and members can bring sides, salads and desserts. Karne has plenty of chairs - bring your own if you have one you'd prefer.



**White Elephant Sale** (bring items to sell, trade or donate to the Guild for sale). These can be weaving related or not – just remember you have to take home anything you bring that doesn't sell! In the past, lamps and other household items have found new homes, along with plant cuttings, bulbs, walking onions, yarn, fiber, books, magazines, etc. Tables will be set up for your treasures. Be sure to tag your items with name, price and who to pay. If items are to be given away, be sure to mark that.

*DIRECTIONS TO KAREN'S HOUSE: See instructions & map toward end of newsletter*

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*At the heart of every friendship one will find these three:  
respect, trust, and understanding.*

Old Celtic saying (from The Book of Celtic Wisdom - compiled by Michael Scott)

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### Contacts for the Four Corners Weavers' Guild

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

**Kathy Sehnert**  
**PO Box 253**  
**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 Marianne Hurley, PO Box 1344, Mancos, CO 81328.

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## MINUTES

May 21, 2016

The meeting was held at the Grange Hall in Mancos, Colorado.

The business portion of the meeting was called to order by Kathy at 10:06 AM. Guest Ginger Snip from Telluride was introduced to the membership.

In light of the tragic loss of our treasured member Pam Ramsey two weeks ago, those in attendance in turn shared memories of Pam, highlighting her tremendous knowledge of weaving, spinning, knitting and her wonderful generosity for sharing that knowledge with all who sought her help. She will be missed greatly. We love you Pam!

Jere made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was seconded and minutes were approved as written.

As Jeanne was away in Washington DC, the treasurer's report was given by Kathy, who noted a balance of \$2807.75 to which dues of \$125 are added and \$100 deducted for March workshop and venue fees. The current balance is \$2832.75. Jere moved and Corey seconded to accept the report. The motion passed.

### **Committee reports:**

**Programs:** Karen reported that the July meeting, the annual picnic, will be held at her home.

Guild will supply meat-chicken and beef, and members can bring sides, salads and desserts. There will be the usual white elephant sale. Families are invited, and there will be a possible short business meeting. Carol will give the wire wrapped pendant workshop at the September meeting.

**Membership:** Kathy announced that Karrine from Monticello and Eileen Music are new members. Dues, \$25 per year, were due in May. Kathy has a PO box now. The new updated membership list will be out in September.

**Service Project:** Shirley noted that headbands, baby blankets, socks, mittens, are all appreciated. Stanna noted that the shelter in Durango was very appreciative of the beautiful items donated last year. The items for this year should be brought to the November meeting so that they can be distributed before the holidays.

**Library:** Karen brought books and magazines for checkout, due at next meeting. A member must have attended 3 meetings in the past before allowed to check out items. Caroline reminded members that [fourcornersweaversguild.com](http://fourcornersweaversguild.com) has an updated members list and library list, past newsletters, handouts, recipes, items for sale. Please go on line and share. We also have a Facebook page. The for sale items are \$5 for a 6 month posting. One may also post for sale items in the fiber line newsletter for \$5.

**Old Business:** Debbie's Cranbrook loom will need to be moved back to Debbie's house. Debbie is willing to donate the old war loom to a school in Northern Nevada. Lana may consider delivering the loom. Jere will help break it down, will also check on shipping costs. Corey suggested Craig's list for drivers willing to take to Reno. The display racks will also need to find a new home for storage. Kathy is also willing to loan out a table loom for a year, until she is settled in her new home. Kathy will donate a large basket for the IWC gift basket in July.

**Workshop-Saturday, August 20, rigid heddle weaving with Liz Gipson.** One spot left which was taken by Vicki Morningstar. The class will last 6 hrs. The prewarped looms will cost \$5 more than originally thought, and the guild will make up the difference. Participants must pick up the non-prewarped looms the day before the workshop. Liz will send out warping instructions one month ahead of time. Participants need to be available

well in advance of the start time (9am to 3:30pm) with 1 1/2 hr for lunch. Contact Jere for questions relating to lodging.

**New Business:** The nominating committee presented to the membership the proposed slate of new officers as follows:

**President: Karen Dearing**

**Vice President: Val Hopper**

**Treasurer: Marianne Hurley**

**Secretary: Vicki Morningstar**

There were no additional nominations from the floor, with 15 members in attendance. Stanna made a motion to accept the slate as the new officers for FCWG, and Lana seconded the motion, which carried by acclamation.

Doug Ramsey asked that charitable donations on behalf of Pam be given to Sheep is Life organization. The family would also like to arrange a workshop in Pam's honor for the guild, at a later date.

Karen announced that Amy Fred, a past member of the guild, passed away in March.

Bessie is seeking donations for a quilt project for reservation veteran quilts. Jere moved that the guild make a donation of \$100. The motion was seconded by Elaine, and passed by acclamation.

Fairs: San Juan County Fair will be held the second week of August. Jere asked that we bring items for display to the picnic in July and she will see that they are entered. She will also have a volunteer sign up sheet at the picnic.

Show and Tell revealed beautiful hand made items, dyed yarns, and textiles from Thailand.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38, followed by a pot luck. Guild members then joined Pam Ramsey's family and friends at Old Fort Lewis College Library to honor her memory.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

Period Covered: January 14, 2016 through March 17, 2016

Prepared by: Jeanne Becker, Treasurer

Balance at end of last reporting period: \$2,757.75

Income: Member dues \$ 100.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 100.00

Expenses:

January meeting venue \$ 50.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 50.00

Current balance in Vectra Bank Account: \$2,807.75

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We want to thank Kathy, Jeanne, Carol and Pam for all the work they have done as guild officers in the past 2 years. We really appreciate all your hard work.

I am Karen Dearing and I will be your new president. I'm really looking forward to a great year with the guild. Not only are the meetings good but the friendships that we establish are ones to cherish! If you have any questions, concerns or ideas for the guild, make sure to let me know and we will address these things. For those who do not know me, I am a farm girl! I have a small place where I live with my husband and our 4-legged friends. We raise Corriedale and cross bred sheep along with 2 alpacas. I spin, weave, dye, knit and felt with their wool. I also enjoy gardening. If you come to my place you will find me either in the barn, garden or studio. I have been using my studio as a workplace and am expanding to be able to give spinning, weaving and dyeing classes. I am also in the process of carrying spinning wheels and spinning and weaving equipment for sale. This year I will be at the Taos Wool Festival and the Salida Fiber Festival as a vendor. I really love what I am doing and love sharing it with others. Have a question or need some help with something? I'd love to give you a hand!

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*Creative minds have always been known to survive any kind of bad training.*  
*Anna Freud*  
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## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

May was "payday". Dues are now past due!

Thanks to all that have sent in your dues! I still have a few of you with outstanding dues, please remit as soon as possible. It would be helpful if I could close the books on membership and prepare the membership list by early August as I will be living out of boxes the end of August and probably wouldn't get re-organized until well into September, the required time to distribute membership lists. So I'd like to do it early. Thank you.

Send dues to:

Kathy Sehnert, PO Box 253, Mancos, CO, 81328

## LIBRARY

If you have any books or materials that you would like to donate to the library, contact Karen Dearing 505-334-2669 [krdearing@yahoo.com](mailto:krdearing@yahoo.com)

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*Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration,  
I don't think you can go wrong.*  
*Ella Fitzgerald*  
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## FROM AND ABOUT MEMBERS

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From Linda Smith:  
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**July 20: Dye Party at DeGoatsnsheep Ranch.** This is timed so that the indigo leaves will be at their peak for making wonderful indigo blue dye. We will also have pots of osage orange, rose madder, cochineal, and perhaps some black walnut. Probably a calendula and marigold pot as well if we can find enough pots and burners. There will also be some Greener Shades dyes available for hand painting and steaming.

This will be for protein fibers (all animal fibers and silk). If interested, please RSVP ahead. It is open to 12 friends who are interested in dyeing. You must bring your own wool as either roving or yarn. or possibly a not-too-large completed piece (hat, mittens, socks).

It is possible to overdye if you are using a natural fiber other than white or a previously dyed piece. Each person will be able to dye approximately 8 oz. of wool, perhaps more.

We are asking \$12 per person for use of water, electricity, and dyes, and intend to give half the proceeds to LPFA as a donation. We will be dyeing from 8:30 a.m. through late afternoon. Please bring a sack lunch and something to work on while your goods are cooking in the dye pots.

Please note that many of the dye plants require your wool to be mordanted which helps the wool absorb and keep the dye in the fiber.

Workshop will be given by Pam Weld and Linda Smith. You must get on our list in order to participate. Reply either by email to [smjam9@aol.com](mailto:smjam9@aol.com) or by calling 970-884-0502

**From Jere Lard:**

Please remember to bring anything you would like entered in the San Juan County Fair to the July picnic and I will enter it for you and return it at the Sept meeting. Please help keep these fair booths alive for our next generations.

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**From Anna Kinney:**

It's county fair time again in Farmington.

The dates are

Aug 7; Check-in; between 9 am and 6 pm

Aug 14; Check-out; between 9 am and 4 pm

The booth will be open from 10 am till 10 pm Monday thru Thursday, and 10 am till 11 pm Friday and Saturday.

Any and all spinning, weaving and felting items are welcome. Items for display are welcome also. And if you just want to sit in a cool building and spin, card, weave, needle felt or do any other fiber art, you're more than welcome. There will be plenty of chairs, and the more the merrier!

I like to have someone at the booth whenever the building is open. Not just to keep an eye on the equipment but to talk to people as they walk by. If anyone is interested in spending some time doing this, please call me at 505.330.8531 so I can put you on the schedule. Thank you!

**COMING EVENTS:**

**July 30-August 6, 2016 – Convergence**, Milwaukee, WI – [www.weavespindye.org](http://www.weavespindye.org)

**August 8-12, 2016 – Beginning Navajo Weaving** with Ilene Naegle – see application attached to newsletter email

**August 20, 2016 – Rigid Heddle Weaving** with Liz Gipson – FCWG sponsored workshop – the workshop is full and should provide a wonderful time for the participants

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**FOR YOUR INFO, HERE ARE SOME CONTACTS FOR VARIOUS 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)

<http://www.spinningdaily.com/Spinning-Wheels/>  
free ebook on spinning wheels

<http://www.weavingtoday.com/weaving-projects/>  
free ebook from Weaving Today on weaving projects

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<http://www.taoswoolfestival.org>  
Taos Wool Festival

[www.weehawkenarts.org/news/sneffels-fiber-festival](http://www.weehawkenarts.org/news/sneffels-fiber-festival)  
Sneffels Fiber Festival

[www.nmfiberartists.org](http://www.nmfiberartists.org)  
fiber artists in NM

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*A mistake is simply another way of doing things*  
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**Map & Directions to Karen Dearing's House**

*From Farmington – Take 550 east toward Aztec. When you get to the light in Flora Vista (there is a Farmer's Market on your left and a gas station on your right), measure off about 1 ½ miles. On your right you will see some small wooden sheds for sale. Right past that is CR 3235. There will be a sign 'FCWG' and balloons in the median of the road to mark the turn. Turn right onto CR 3235. Go about ½ mile and Karen's place is on the right. The guild sign will be on the fence with lots of balloons.*

*From Aztec – Take 550 west toward Farmington. At the edge of Aztec there is a light (restaurant on your right and court house on left). Measure off about 2 mile. Turn left onto CR 3235. There will be a sign in the median 'FCWG' with lots of balloons. Go about ½ mile and Karen's place is on the right. The guild sign will be on the fence with lots of balloons.*

