

Fiber & Lino

Four Corners Weavers' Guild

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March Meeting
Chat Time: 9:30 am
Meeting Time: 10 am
Potluck Lunch

Christ the King Lutheran Church
425 Florida Rd.
Durango, CO

After the business meeting and potluck lunch, Linda Smith will give another workshop in needle felting.

From Linda:

Hi Weavers,

At our last meeting I volunteered myself to fill in a workshop for our March meeting, thinking that we could build on the needle felting that we did out at Mancos about two years ago. To accommodate new people and "old people" and fit into the time frame more easily, my thought is to make frogs. They are good for Spring, right???? One can learn a bit about arms and legs and facers, but not in such great detail as last time. So it is a kind of a refresher for some and may be new to others. I will bring supplies to sell if you don't have any or need something, and I have colored roving that just need to be used up so everyone can freely use it. If you have needle felting supplies already, do bring them.

This should be more relaxing than last time, but I understand we have to be out of the church by 3pm so we probably won't be able to visit much during the felting time.

Hope this will work for everyone. If you have a needle felt project you are hoping to do in the future and need pointers, I am always glad to help.

Linda

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING: See map toward end of newsletter

Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect. It means you decide to see beyond the imperfections.

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Current Officers

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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 address for dues*****

Please send newsletter information to Sue Johnson, PO Box 6576, Farmington, NM 87499 or email to 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 Jeanne Becker, PO Box 988, Delores, CO 81323.

MINUTES

January 16, 2016

The January meeting of the Four Corners Weavers Guild, held at the First Presbyterian Church in Farmington, New Mexico, was called to order by Pam Ramsey, co-vice president, at 10:07am.

The minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2015 were approved following a motion from Shirley, seconded by Linda.

The treasurer's report, given by Pam, showed a current balance of \$2757.75. Of note, the website fee of \$98.37 was paid, good for the next 3 years.

Pam announced that the March meeting is looking for a presenter. Pam and Karen asked if any members would be interested in giving a workshop. Linda agreed to give a needle felting class and the meeting will be held at a Durango venue. Bessie also volunteered to give a Navajo weaving class down the road, which would involve a full day. Will be discussed with Bessie regarding further details. Carol agreed to give pendant wire wrapping class for the May meeting. The annual picnic in July will be held at Karen's house, in time for an open house of her new fiber studio.

Pam announced and welcomed two new members, Corey Heisler from Mancos, and Anne Worthington of Cortez.

Shirley spoke about the very successful service project. She reported that she distributed items to Safe Place Renew in Cortez, Grace Place in Farmington and several places in Durango. She encouraged members to visit these facilities.

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Hospitality had no report.

Karen mentioned that she brought books from the Guild Library for members and encouraged us to look on the website. If we see something we would like to borrow, let her know and she will bring to the next meeting.

Old Business: Colorado Weavers Day will be held May 21 in Colorado Springs. Yarn Fest from Interweave is also coming up.

New Business: Sue recommended that we join Three Rivers Art Center. The facility will be moving to a new place on Main Street at the end of the month. There will be room for art classes, a gallery, show, and membership allows for rental of the classroom. The membership fee is \$25 per year. Pam recommended that the Guild join, and will email Kathy regarding this.

The fall workshop will be given by internationally known Liz Gibson in early August or September. Pam will be confirming dates in the near future. Jeri had recommended that we use the Hesperus Bible Camp. Liz will provide up to 12 looms and give a one day rigid heddle workshop.

Pam would also like us to consider a weekend retreat, suggesting Desert Rose in Bluff. She will send out an email with details.

Linda announced that a non-profit 503-(C)(4) fiber mill is in the planning stages in Bayfield, and she encouraged members to fill out a survey of potential needs for mill services. The location would be Pine River Shares, near

the library, and the overall plan is to add coffee shop and retail store to the campus. Linda will send the survey to Sue to distribute for all to fill out, noting that the survey information is useful for obtaining a grant.

Karen and Lana both had sons who became engaged over the holidays. Debbie Wyckoff is doing well following a 6 day stay in the hospital.

Sue announced that the gallery at San Juan College will host a show – Crystals and Cracked Earth, opening on February 5.

Pam noted that the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College has a new show – Trapping and Fur Trade between Canada and the U.S.

Sue asked that we send information of general interest to our membership to Sue for publication in the newsletters. Pam thanked Sue for the wonderful job she has done putting together the newsletter for many years.

Show and Tell was again a feast of many beautiful creations.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 11:15, followed by a delicious pot luck lunch and a fun and entertaining workshop on Viking knitting given by Betty.

TREASURERS REPORT

Date: January 13, 2016

Period Covered: November 21, 2015 through January 13, 2016

Prepared by: Jeanne Becker, Treasurer

Balance at end of last reporting period: \$2,985.12

Income: member dues \$ 50.00

Total Income \$ 50.00

Expenses:

November meeting venue \$ 10.00

U.S. Tax Payment for 2016 \$ 144.00

Colorado Tax Payment \$ 25.00

Website for 3 years \$ 98.37

Total Expenses \$ 277.37

Current Balance in Vectra Bank Account: \$2,757.75

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was so sorry to miss the last meeting - I had truly been looking forward to Betty's program on Viking Knitting. I hear it was fun.

Thanks to all of you that expressed your concern after my fall. I fell on the ice the day before the meeting and had to call on Pam to follow through with the business meeting. Thanks, Pam, I knew all would be well taken care of. I did not break any bones, but I gave my back side a might jolt. I put my lower spine out of adjustment and created a lasting inflammation in the piriformis muscles – that's Dr. Internet's diagnosis. After 5 weeks and 7

trips to the chiropractor, the lumbar is back in good shape and the butt muscles don't object to walking, standing and bending. So all is good. Early on I said it felt like plantar fasciitis of the butt, and if you've ever had plantar fasciitis you can relate.

So that put my winter project of trying to weave some towels on the back burner, maybe even in the freezer! As some of you know, I have put my house up for sale with the intent of moving into the town Mancos. This could take time, but it does mean I should not dilly dally around getting stuff sorted out for a move.

The Cortez area fiber group met at Anne Worthington's on Feb 20. It was a great gathering. Anne invited some fiber friends from Utah and a weaving friend from Arizona. We had a very special time visiting with new friends, sharing fiber interests and enjoying Anne's new home. I think Anne gets the prize for having the most looms!

I was sad to learn of the death of one of our charter guild members. Dorothy Moraine passed away on February 19, 2016. From the historic membership records that I have been able to piece together, Dorothy was in the Guild from 1979 to 1994. Her daughter, Carole, was also a member.

May is the month that we elect new officers, so at the next meeting I will appoint a nominating committee. If you'd like to volunteer, please send me an email or call.

Next meeting will be in Durango with another fun workshop with Linda Smith on needle felting. Details elsewhere. We also have a surprise gift from former member Phylliss Hollenbeck, at the meeting we'll need to determine the best use of this item.

See you in Durango.
Kathy

LIBRARY

Are you needing some inspiration for your weaving, knitting, spinning or dying? Look no further! Our guild library has a nice selection of materials to help you out. I know because I use it all the time! Look on the guild website to see what is available or get in touch with me. Every guild meeting I bring a selection of books and magazines for you to see what is available and for you to borrow. If there is something that you would like, I would be glad to bring it to the next meeting. Books may be checked out by members who have been part of the guild for several meetings. Books will be due at the next meeting. I am looking forward to hearing from you!

Karen Dearing 505-334-2669 krdearing@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP:

New member, Susan Krzymowski a long time resident of Gallup, but also spends time in Rico. She was a member in 2003 and did attend last month's meeting. Here's how she answered my question on her fiber interests:

Knitting – have enjoyed making hats, scarves, vests. I am learning some new designs but have not done much complicated clothing.

Weaving – I inherited a bunch of equipment from my mother, I've done rugs, 4 shaft patterns and am spending more time in tapestry recently. The energy and creativity of fiber artists feeds my soul and I look forward to being part of this group.

Please add her to your membership lists.

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Email – suki.krzy@gmail.com

One of the annoying disadvantages of maturity is now you really are old enough to know better.

FROM & ABOUT MEMBERS:

One of our founding members, Dorothy Moraine, died February 19, 2016 at her home in Durango. The first meeting of our guild was held in her living room in 1978 and has continued to thrive since then. Dorothy remained a part of the guild until 1994 and her daughter, Carole, also was a guild member.

From Linda Smith

The Family Center in Bayfield is looking at starting a fiber processing mill in Bayfield. Thanks are in the planning stages right now. The mill is to have a nonprofit board overseeing a cooperative-owned mill, retail shop, and other ventures under the umbrella of the Los Pinos Fiber Alliance Board. It was decided that this would be beneficial to the local economy and a way to keep all those dollars that now go to Michigan and other places for fiber processing right here in our county. There is a plan to have a general meeting of fiber growers, fiber users, and other interested parties in late February or early March. Details of the business plan and mill capabilities will be shared at that meeting.

Before that, we are attempting to get as many 'inventories' back from local people as possible. It doesn't matter if you are a user or grower or both; if you don't mind filling out one of these surveys/inventories and getting it back to me, it would help us tremendously. The inventories are part of the basis for requesting a grant through the Colorado Trust, and will also inform the board of local needs; helping establish what the beginning mill should be equipped with and plan for.

Many thanks to those who have already filled out and returned the inventories; I look forward to those still to come! If you have questions, do call me or email.

Linda Smith 970-884-0502 smjam9@aol.com

***** *Inventory form is at end of newsletter* *****

From Pam Ramsey

The Quilt Store in Cortez is expanding to include a yarn shop. They're going to close for a couple of days in late March, early April for some remodeling to accommodate the new edition. Our own Anne Worthington is going to be working there a few days a week to help with ordering, class set up and general organization, plus will be the expert on duty. Don't worry, it's only part time, so she'll have plenty of time for weaving and spinning too. I don't know that she has officially accepted but they have officially offered and she sounded very positive that she was going to accept.

COMING EVENTS:

June 12-19, 2016 – 20th Annual Sheep Is Life – Dine' College, Tsailé, AZ – www.navajolifeway.org or call 505-406-7428

July 30-August 6, 2016 – Convergence, Milwaukee, WI – 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 – guild members have first chance at enrollment so secure your spot soon

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

***WEAVERS CONFERENCES/MAGAZINES:**

weavespindye@compuserve.com
<http://www.weavespindye.org>

www.fiberartsfiesta.org
Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta

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
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

***WOOL MARKET/WOOL FESTIVAL/FIBERARTISTS**

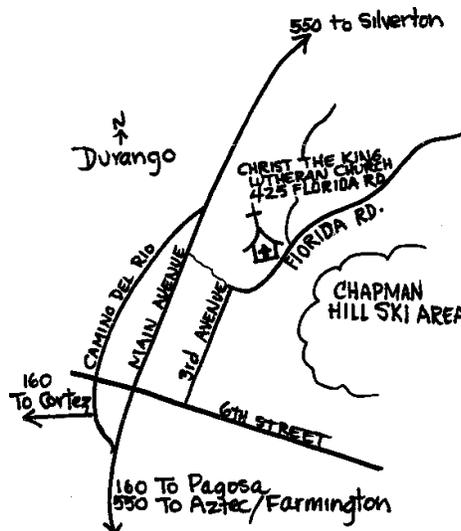
events@estes.org
<http://www.estesnet.com/events/woolmarket.htm>
Estes Park Wool Market

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

www.weehawkenarts.org/news/sneffels-fiber-festival www.nmfiberartists.org
Sneffels Fiber Festival fiber artists in NM

Experience enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.
Franklin P. Jones

Map to Christ the King Lutheran Church



Pine River Shares Resource Mapping Pine River Valley Fiber Inventory



NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/TOWN: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PHYSICAL LOCATION IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: _____

FIBER INTEREST: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

Producer

Maker

Retailer

Provide responses to all relevant questions for each category checked above.

1. What types of wool or fiber products do you produce?
2. How much stock do you maintain? What volume of fiber product do you produce?
3. For wool producers: Where is your fiber milled?
4. What are your end products? What do you do with them?

Are you interested in attending a meeting about establishing a local wool mill?

Yes

No thanks.

Would you be interested in joining the Pine River Valley Fiber Alliance work group to explore the feasibility of a wool mill in the Pine River Valley?

Yes

No thanks.

Who else in the Pine River Valley should we talk to? Interest Area: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Pine River Shares Resource Mapping Project is a community leadership project of the Family Center in Bayfield.