

Fiber Line

Four Corners Weavers' Guild

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

Mount Lookout Grange
680 Grand Ave.
Mancos, CO

The May meeting will be held at Mount Lookout Grange in Mancos, CO.



After the business meeting and potluck lunch, Carol van der Harten will present a class that has been requested by some members of the guild.

From Carol: A wire wrapped pendant workshop will be given for those who are interested in learning this technique. I will have the cabochons and wire (copper) and a limited number of tools that we will need to share. If you happen to have and could bring with you square nose, round nose and chain nose pliers, as well as wire cutters, that would be greatly appreciated. The accompanying picture gives an idea of the finished work, but the decorative wires will be your creations!

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING: See map toward end of newsletter

We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own.

Ben Sweetland

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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
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. 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

The FCWG March meeting convened at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Durango Colorado at 10 am on Saturday, March 19, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Kathy at 10:05 am.

Members were asked in turn to introduce ourselves and name our favorite colors.

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 16 were approved without corrections, following a motion made by Jeri, seconded by Linda.

In Jeanne's absence, the Treasurer's Report was given by Kathy, who noted that our current balance is \$2807.75. Full report is available as separate report. A motion was made by Lora, seconded by Lana to accept the treasurer's report, and approved by acclamation.

Committee reports:

Membership: Kathy introduced two new members, Karrine from Monticello, and Eileen Music, from Durango in attendance, and a third new member, unable to make the meeting, Susan Krzymowski from Gallup, NM. Yearly membership dues are to be paid in May.

Service Project: Kathy announced that the project continues and items (slippers, scarves, hats, mittens, etc) are brought by members to the November Holiday meeting and distributed to area shelters.

Hospitality: No Report.

Library: Karen brought a nice collection of books to lend out, that will be due at the next meeting in May.

Program: The May meeting will be a workshop on wire wrapping a pendant, taught by Carol. She will supply the materials, including a stone cabochon and copper wire. She will supply tools to borrow, but asked that anyone having round nose, square nose, chain nose and wire cutting pliers to please bring as well. The meeting will be held at the Grange Hall in Mancos (680 West Grand Ave) on May 19.

Jeri and Karen provided information for the August 20 Rigid Heddle workshop to be held at Hesperus Camp. Applications were distributed. The program fee (one day) is \$50, and a pre-warped loom may be rented for an additional \$20. The fees can be mailed to Pam Ramsey. Fees must be collected in advance of the class. The guild is paying for part of the teaching/travel expenses of the instructor, Liz Gipson. There may be a second workshop the following day if demand dictates. Meals are available, with dinner \$10, lunch \$7 and breakfast \$8. Beverage service is included in the registration fee. Lodging is available at the camp and Jeri/ Karen will need to know who is staying overnight, and which dates. Jeri asked that members call her with any questions about the venue.

New Business: Kathy asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. In addition to Caroline, Linda and Carol agreed to serve. Elections for guild officer positions will be held at the May meeting. The new officers will begin their 2 year terms in July. Current officers will assist new officers with the transition.

Kathy announced that she will be moving from her current home and will need to move Debbie's equipment and materials (for sale) back to Debbie. She will talk to Debbie about giving the antique loom to a school in northern Nevada. The guild may consider buying the loom for the school and figuring out a way to transport it there.

The Cortez fiber group met at Anne Worthington's home in April and had a wonderful day there.

The guild was given a beautiful picture of a historic weaving from Tierra Wools. It was decided that the picture could be passed around to our members to enjoy in turn, and can be displayed at our fairs, and eventually given

in our donated gift basket at the next Interweave Conference in 2017. Jeri offered to take the picture for this first 2 month cycle.

Valerie announced she is giving away a large collection of Handwoven magazine (going back to 1995). She will bring to July meeting. There was interest among members.

Karen announced that Bessie is involved in a project sewing patriotic quilts for veterans living on the reservation. She is taking donations of material or money to complete the project. She is looking for red and blue materials for quilt backings. She will collect at our next meeting.

Anne announced that the Cortez quilt shop is adding a yarn store beginning April 2. They are looking for people to give classes and for suggestions on what yarns, fibers etc to carry. The shop will be open from 9-6 Monday through Saturday. Anne stated she will send out a survey to guild members. She plans to be available in the shop at least one day a week on a designated day.

Linda announced that Los Pinos Fiber Alliance will be meeting on April 2 about the proposed fiber mill in Bayfield. She invited all with an interest in fiber to come and passed around flyers with more information. Kathy informed members about how to access the private guild pages on our website. Go to website and add "/members". For newsletter, recipes and patterns "/news". The other pages on the site are publicly accessible. Show and Tell was again a feast of inspiration for potential additional classes/workshops and was followed by a delicious pot luck. A needle felting workshop, given by Linda, yielded some very creative, interesting frog-like creatures!!

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 am, following a motion made by Valerie, seconded by Elaine

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer's Report

Date: March 18, 2016

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

Dear Weaving Friends,

I chuckle to myself as I use that salutation wondering how many guild members are actually working on weaving projects right now. True there are many who weave regularly and produce beautiful projects that inspire and challenge the rest of us, but, there are others, like me, that are very casual and spasmodic about their weaving.

What I love about our Guild membership is that it doesn't matter that we aren't all expert and prolific weavers, just our interest and appreciation for things "fiber" brings us together in a very congenial and welcoming group. I always look forward to our meeting days; I'm meeting some of my best friends for a day of fun, laughter and sharing. I hope others enjoy the comradery of our time together as much as I.

I do enjoy learning new things, so I'm very excited about the "serious" workshop planned for August. We have filled all the spaces. Thanks to Pam, Karen and Jere (and others, too) the much talked about idea of a Guild sponsored workshop, with certified instructor, has come to fruition. They put a lot of effort into this project for the Guild and it is appreciated. I hope that the seed is planted for other workshops in the not so distant future.

You may be aware that the nominating committee, Caroline Spurgeon, Carol Vander Harten, and Linda Smith, is making calls to present a slate of new officers at the May meeting to serve for the next 2 years. Voting in May, new officers assume duties at July meeting. Please give their requests serious consideration. With only 6 meetings a year, it doesn't require a lot of time. The last two years it has been a pleasure for me to be your president and I have found that all the guild members are helpful and cooperative, so it's been fairly easy. I will say that it was a little hectic at guild meetings as I was reluctant to give up the job as Membership Chairman. Both Membership and President, I found, demand lots of interaction with members and guests at the beginning of each meeting and sometimes I would get very confused about things. I have declined taking another term as President, as I really like the Membership job and would prefer to give it my undivided attention.

Another, reason for cutting back to just the Membership job is that the next year promises to be very unsettled for me. I have sold my home, and my plans for building a new home in Mancos have hit some serious snags. I do not know where I will be living after August. There are several major issues to get settled, so, in the meantime, my life may be functioning out of a storage shed!

Presently, I am storing some things for the Guild. I have one set of display racks, the Guild's table loom, and some historic materials. I'm looking for a temporary, or even permanent, storage for these items. Any offers? I will deliver. I am also working with Debbie to return her Cranbrook loom to her house, along with some of the other items. She has agreed that the "war" loom should go to a new home.

I'd like to remind you that Bessie is working with other women on the reservation to make quilts for Navajo veterans. If you have any fabric, preferably red, white or blue, that you could donate it would be appreciated and put to good use. Monetary donations to purchase fabrics and supplies are accepted, also.

MEMBERSHIP

******* MAY IS PAY DAY *******

Dues are due in May and delinquent as of September 1. The dues are still just \$25.00 and are payable to FCWG. Please send to Kathy Sehnert, PO Box 253, Mancos, CO 81328. If you have sent your dues any time after January 1, you are paid through May of 2017.

Welcome New Members!

Karen Knutsen, PO Box 1043, Monticello, UT 84535, karinne_knutsen@hotmail.com
Weaver, knitter, dyer

Eileen Music, 24 White Cliff Dr., Durango, CO 81301, eileenmusic@yahoo.com
Weaver, knitter

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

FOR SALE:

Handmade Loom For Sale

Gorgeous four harness jack floor loom, built in 1984 by two carpenters and two helpers. Made of solid walnut, cherry, maple and oak. Approximately 40 inch weaving width. Hasn't been used in five years and has been stored in garage, so needs some adjustments, but otherwise in good working condition. Comes with original book of instructions for this and other smaller looms and extra hand tied heddles.

Pick up only.

\$550 or best offer (Cash only)

Call Mary Brown @ 970-731-2391 Pagosa Springs, CO



It's not so much what happens to us, as what happens in us that counts.

Tim Hansel

FROM & ABOUT MEMBERS:

***(note from your crazy newsletter lady – From this point on, this document has decided to randomly add dotted square lines and I'm too tired to fight it – sorry about that. Just ignore them or pretend they aren't really there!)

From Caroline Spurgeon:

I have been teaching twining, twining, twining lately. Too many students, not enough yarn. My next twining class is at Estes Park Wool Market. If any of you have heavy rug yarn you want to get rid of, please let me know. Any colors, any fibers. I will also take that handspun that didn't turn out "quite right." It works great for bags.

Members - remember our web page and our Facebook page. You can post pictures directly to our Facebook page and also any news item of interest. Send me any pictures you want on our web page. I have run into a little problem with posting pictures from cell phones. No matter what I do they revert back to their original alignment. That is, they will revert back to horizontal even if you send them to me vertical. Thanks for your input - our web page and Facebook page are for our members.

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From Linda Smith

The Wool Growers Association is in need of volunteers for the LaPlata County Fair to demonstrate any aspect of working with fleece animals that you might be able to share. We are trying to educate the 4H kids about fleece sheep. At present there isn't even a division for showing a fleece sheep; only meat sheep. My understanding is that a division for fleece sheep is under consideration and can happen, but kids need to both know about and desire to raise this type of animal and it would go a long way to keeping all that we love to do (from raising sheep to spinning to weaving, etc.) going for generations into the future. So if anyone is interested in demonstrating to help educate kids and the public in general, please help with this!!!! I will be facilitating Ilene's weaving class and making lunches for the workshop during the week and can't help out until Saturday. Friday (August 12, 2016) volunteers are needed. If you can help, please do call and let me know. Linda Smith 970-884-0502

The newly formed craft and fiber guild in Bayfield will meet on the second Saturday of each month beginning in June. We are looking for fiber artists and other crafters of all materials to join us for sharing and working together at the Pine River Library from 10 - 1. We are on the library's events calendar. This group was formed by a few of us who also work with the Los Pinos Fiber Alliance and the guild will hopefully one day have a place to work and also sell items, if desired, under the alliance nonprofit umbrella.

The Los Pinos Fiber Alliance meeting on April 2nd was a success. There is a lot of interest in having a fiber processing mill in Bayfield. At present the Alliance is sorting through questions and comments and working on implementing many of the ideas offered at the meeting. We are also working on the grant for the mill. Thank you to all of those that attended the meeting. There will be more information coming as we move forward.

From Anne Worthington:

Heads Up! Well-known knitter Ann Budd will be offering 4 classes at the Cortez Quilt Company (and yarn shop) June 24-25. She will also be doing a book signing and trunk show one evening. Classes she will be teaching are *Intarsia in the Round*, *Shadow Knitting*, *How to Fix Mistakes*, and *Design Your Own Sock*. When we get closer to June specific dates and times can be found on the store's website: <http://cortezquiltcompany.com>

From Pam Ramsey:
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Liz Gipson Update:

The Liz Gipson Rigid Heddle Workshop is officially full with all registrations paid for and confirmed!! We are currently working on lodging and meal requests. A spreadsheet with all info has been sent to registrants and we are getting excited for this workshop.

While our Cortez area Fiber Artists Group met at Cherie Pitman's weaving studio in Mancos (and enjoyed a demo by Caroline Spurgeon on Cinch Weaving, as well as a scrumptious lunch at Absolute Bakery) the topic came up on what to do for a September meeting since we will just have finished up our workshop. Pres Kathy Sehnert as well as several others of our members suggested that it would be a good time to do a show and tell of what we learned in the workshop and maybe help other people get started with Rigid Heddle weaving and we

all agreed that would be a good plan. So if you have a RH loom and want a bit of help or are just interested in how the whole process works, or have some finished items to share (or even items in the process) unless someone comes up with a better idea, that will be the September plan. Although by then we may have a new workshop chairman and they may have a better idea.

The May workshop will be taught by Carol VanderHarten and will be a wire wrapping workshop. Details will be available elsewhere in the newsletter. This is a great workshop that will tie nicely into the Viking knitting that Betty just taught. I have taken this workshop from Carol and can vouch for it being fun and dynamic and opens many possibilities for using stones as jewelry, clasps, even buttons and embellishments.

There is so much going on in fiber in this area right now. I find I can attend something several times a week if I want. We are fortunate to have such a strong fiber arts community in the Four Corners.

Pam Ramsey – VP – Co Workshop Chairman.

COMING EVENTS:

June 12-19, 2016 – 20th Annual Sheep Is Life – Dine' College, Tsaile', 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 – 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
<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
Sneffels Fiber Festival

www.nmfiberartists.org
fiber artists in NM

Stretch out your hand in friendship and it will never be empty.

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING:

*Directions to Mt. Lookout Grange, 680 Grand Ave., Mancos, CO:
From Hwy 160: Exit at the only stop light in Mancos, go South 2 blocks to Grand Ave. turn right, travel 6 blocks;
Grange is on your right.
OR: Exit Hwy 160 at Willow St (the sign may say "post office", go 2 blocks south to Grand Ave., turn right,
Grange is on your right in 1 block.*