

# Fiber Line

## Four Corners Weavers' Guild

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January Meeting  
Meeting & Show & Tell: 10am  
Potluck Lunch  
Presentations by Leesa Gawlik

Mancos Public Library  
211 1<sup>st</sup> St.  
Mancos, CO

Slide Presentation by Leesa Gawlik:  
**Exploring the Dyeing and Weaving Culture of Laos and Japan**

Hands-on Presentation by Leesa Gawlik:  
**Examples of Woven/Dyed Textiles of Laos and Japan**

Guild Members will have a chance to handle some unique textiles, including some woven from wild grasses and paper.

**Directions to the Mancos Public Library:** From Hwy 160, turn south at the only stop light in Mancos. Go 3 blocks south, (through 1 stop sign and across the river bridge), to E 1st Street, turn right. Library is on the next corner.

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*Success is getting what you want. Happiness is liking what you get.*  
H. Jackson Brown, Sr.  
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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:

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**\*\*\*Note 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 Jeanne Becker, PO Box 988, Delores, CO 81323.

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## MINUTES

November 15, 2014

The meeting/ holiday party, held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, in Durango, Colorado was called to order by our president, Kathy, at 10:10 am on Saturday, November 15, 2014. The first order of business was that of introductions. The question was "what holiday memory involving grandparents or parent would we like to share". As we went around the group, many poignant and humorous stories were enjoyed.

The minutes of the meeting from September 19 were approved by acclamation following a motion by Jere and second by Marianne.

### Treasurer's report:

Jeanne discussed the report for the preceding 2 months (please see attached report). She then moved on to a discussion regarding the budget, announcing that we are committed for \$500 for the rest of the year. The possibility of holding a guild workshop was discussed and Jere spoke of fond memories of past guild workshops/retreats. Kathy suggested that the membership think about having a workshop in the near future using some of our funds. Kris also suggested we consider giving an award of some sort (not related to the fairs). The budget, distributed by Jeanne to the membership at the September meeting, suggests that currently our expenditures and income are evenly matched, but we do currently have a "slush fund" of approximately \$2000. The extra money is felt to have come from a dues increase that was instituted a few years ago. Kathy explained that meeting place fees have increased recently, however. Our fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31. Jere moved to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Linda and approved by acclamation. Kris moved to accept the the Budget (copy attached to minutes of Septembers' meeting). The motion was seconded by Shirley and approved by acclamation.

### Committee Reports:

Karen, programs co-chair, announced that January's meeting would be given by Leesa and held in Mancos. She will discuss dying and weaving techniques in Laos. In March the meeting will be held in Farmington on the subject of rigid heddle weaving and July will be the annual picnic. A call for volunteers to host the event was made. The May meeting is being considered for a hat felting session to be given by Lois, but details are not yet set. Karen suggested that we think about having a basketry workshop with Bobbie Irwin or possibly a color workshop in 2016.

Membership welcomes three new members: Valerie from Aztec, Lora Davis from Cortez, and Cherrie Pitman from Cherry Creek area. We also lost three members: Carolyn Oatley, who moved to Las Vegas, Cindy Borm from Cortez, and Nancy Kastning from Cortez. Kathy mentioned that we continue to extend memberships to Anna Kinney, who is very involved in our fairs, and Susan Kuenzler who prepares the guild taxes.

Service project: Shirley relayed that she was overwhelmed by the wonderful items brought today by our members and she will be distributing them to women's shelters in Farmington, Durango and Shiprock. By acclamation of membership these service projects will continue.

Kathy reminded everyone to fill out the mentors cards and she will prepare a list for distribution by our next meeting.

Elaine reported that she enjoyed giving the Batik workshop at her home in October. Those in attendance thanked her for such a special weekend!

Hospitality Committee: In Sharon’s absence Jere volunteered to talk to Sharon about items that may need re-stocking.

Old Business: Jere suggested that we give an incentive to judges for the fairs in San Juan and La Plata counties as judges have been difficult to find. She suggested we consider increasing the \$25 stipend we pay judges. Following a lively discussion Jere moved that we increase the amount given to each judge (2 for San Juan and 2 for La Plata) to \$50 per judge. The motion was seconded by Marianne and passed by acclamation.

New Business: A discussion regarding where the display screens owned by the guild should reside when not in use was undertaken. The policy for rental was reviewed as follows: the screens are only rentable to guild members after 6 months of membership. There is a checklist and \$10 deposit. The rental fee is \$20 per weekend per set. As there are two sets of three screens, Lana Suggested that we keep one set in Farmington, and one in Colorado. Kathy volunteered to store the Colorado set, and asked for a volunteer to store the New Mexico set. Jeri volunteered to store the New Mexico set. Kris agreed to help with revising the checklists. Karen continues to store the loom that is available for rent to guild members. A motion was made by Jere for the following: A deposit of \$100 is required and rent is \$20 per month. Maximum rental time of 3 months with option to extend. The transaction should go through the treasurer. Leesa seconded the motion which passed by acclamation. Karen will hold the deposit check until the loom is returned and found to be in working order. Stanna volunteered to talk to Debbie about what equipment she still has from the guild.

Announcements: Linda has organized a Navajo weaving course to be given by Ilene Naegle at Linda’s ranch in March.

Elaine will be offering another Batik workshop in the future. She asked for suggestions from participants on how to improve the program.

Leesa announced that she will be giving a 4 hour workshop on January 16 on pattern design repeats for the La Plata and Montezuma quilt guilds at the Durango Arts Center. Additional information is on the DAC website.

Following a break for our holiday lunch, show and tell revealed any beautiful and creative projects members have been busy working on. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm, followed by a very lively and entertaining white elephant gift exchange, enjoyed by all.

## TREASURER’S REPORT

### FOUR CORNERS WEAVERS GUILD

#### Treasurer’s Report

Date: November 14, 2014  
 Period Covered: September 11, 2014 through November 14, 2014  
 Prepared by: Jeanne Becker, Treasurer

**Balance at end of last reporting period: \$2,656.65**

Income:	Member dues	\$ 75.00
	White elephant sale	\$ 40.00
	Non-member workshop fee	\$ 10.00
	Workshop supply charges	\$260.00



### NEWS FROM AND ABOUT MEMBERS

#### From Elaine Bakkenson:

On Tuesday, November 25th, Kris, Jere, Sharon, and Elaine took looms to the San Juan Library to demonstrate weaving to children. We had an inkle loom, ridged heddle loom, Navajo loom, and a 4-harness table loom for them to try out. Sharon had strung 20 cardboard looms and we had the 8 sided key ring looms for the children to use. Kate, her daughter, and Jeri's grand-daughter were also there to help. We had a great time and the Library Staff was very helpful and appreciated our efforts.



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*Share your knowledge. It's a way to achieve immortality.*  
Dalai Lama

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### COMING EVENTS

#### Beginning Navajo Weaving Class to be offered at DeGoatsnsheep Ranch, Bayfield, Colorado -

Ilene Naegle, Navajo Weaver, will be coming to DeGoatsnsheep Ranch, March 9 – 13, 2015, to teach a five day class in beginning Navajo Weaving. She is a very experienced weaver and teacher, who was taught to weave by her mother who raised sheep and created many beautiful weavings in Ganado, Arizona. Ilene presently teaches weaving at Dine College in Window Rock but is taking time from her busy schedule to teach this class in Bayfield.



Those who participate will be taught the process of weaving on an upright Navajo loom from start to finish. Spinning and plying edgecords will be part of the class. Students will create their own design and colors for their rug. Looms, tools, and all materials for the class will be provided. Looms and tools are available for purchase afterward. Lunches will be provided by DeGoatsnsheep Ranch.

DeGoatsnsheep Ranch is located on County Road 502, 18 miles from Durango. Further information and application for the class can be found on the homepage for [www.degoatsnsheepbranch.com](http://www.degoatsnsheepbranch.com) or call **Linda Smith, 970-884-0502** for details and application.

This will be a fairly small class with lots of individual instruction, so if you are interested please call soon! Space is

limited.

Northern Colorado Weavers Guild invites all fiber artists to participate in our 41st annual juried exhibit Fiber Celebration 2015. Original pieces representing fiber media of all types are welcome: weaving, spinning, dyeing, basketry, sculpture, felting, quilting, papermaking, knitting, crocheting, and embroidery. Juror is internationally known handweaver, author, and teacher, Susan Wilson. This year's exhibit will be displayed at the Tointon Gallery in Greeley, Colorado, from May 1 – June 6, 2015. For more information on entering, including the exhibit prospectus, contact Peg MacMorris, chair ([peg.macmorris@gmail.com](mailto:peg.macmorris@gmail.com)). Deadline for entry, March 1, 2015. <http://www.fortnet.org/NCWG/FiberCelebration.htm>

IWC – July 23-26, 2015 – Ft. Lewis College, Durango, CO:

### **Upcoming important dates**

Scholarship applications are **due January 10**. As part of our mission to support fiber arts we are happy to award scholarships to our 2015 conference, but ya gotta apply! Applications are on our web site. [Click here to visit our web site](#).

### New Memberships and Renewals

If you are an active member by **January 31**, then you receive priority registration for the first month of registration. Forms are on the web site.

### Registration begins!

Registration will open on **February 1**. We are planning to send you your registration packet electronically this year, so watch for another email from us very soon.

### **Teacher interviews**

Teacher interviews continue to be posted on Facebook and on our web site. So far fourteen fascinating interviews from our twenty two teachers have been released. I plan to have all interviews available by February 1, 2015, when registration opens.

If you haven't made up your mind which class to attend, take a look at the interviews.

3 day workshops being offered:

- Changing Shapes – Ribbed Basketry** by Linda Lugenbill, Colorado Springs, CO
- Creating a Vest – Make it funky, make it yours** by Leslie Killeen, Durham, North Carolina
- Introduction to Kumihimo** by Carol Franklin, Gainesville, Florida
- Introduction to Sprang** by Carol James, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- It's in the Warp – Rep Weave** by Rosalie Neilson, Milwaukie, Oregon
- Luxury Spinning** by Maggie Casey, Boulder, Colorado
- Mysterious Transformations** by Stephanie Flynn-Sokolov, Boulder, Colorado
- Navajo Rug Weaving** by Lynda Teller Pete, Denver, Colorado
- New Millennium Fibres** by Heather Winslow, Sugar Grove, Illinois
- No Wax Batik – Surface Design** by Ray Pierotti, Shellman, Georgia
- The Many Layers of Woven Shibori** by Dottie Weir, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- The Thrill of the Twill** by Robyn Spady, Bremerton, Washington
- Traces, Layers Narratives and Surfaces (Designing & Weaving Transparencies)** by Shelley Socolofsky, West Linn, Oregon
- Understanding the Design Process: Fabric to Wear** by Sarah Jackson, Santa Ana, California
- Understanding Supplementary Warp** by Barbara Herbster, Manchester by the Sea, Massachusetts

1 day workshops being offered:

### **Chris Conrad, Hesperus, Colorado:**

- 1 -Basic Kakishibu (Persimmon dyeing)
- 2 -Ikkanbari
- 3 -Kakishibu Shibori

### **Valentina Devine, Los Alamos, New Mexico:**

- 1 -Mitered Corners
- 2 -Knitting without Boundaries
- 3 -Color Changes Shells

**Randy and Gary Houtz, Ignacio, Colorado** - Introduction to Tatting

**Anita Luvera Mayer, Anacortes, Washington:**

- 1 -Mudpies for Adults
- 2 -Magic Pouch
- 3 -Vest, Kimono, and Body Coverings (or we don't all wear size 8)

**Jane Patrick, Boulder, Colorado –**

- 1 -Weave a Scarf in a Day,
- 2 -Finger-Controlled Weaves and the Power of the Pick-up Stick on the Rigid Heddle,
- 3 -Beautiful Braids, Terrific Trims: Inkle Weaving from A to Z

**Pam Ramsey, Hesperus, Colorado - Navajo Spinning**

**Linda Smith, Bayfield, Colorado - Sculpting Wool with Felting Needles**

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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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Taos Wool Festival

[www.weehawkenarts.org/news/sneffels-fiber-festival](http://www.weehawkenarts.org/news/sneffels-fiber-festival) [www.nmfiberartists.org](http://www.nmfiberartists.org)  
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*Friends are the family we chose for ourselves.*  
*Edna Buchanan*

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