

# Fiber line

## Four Corners Weavers' Guild

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March Meeting  
Chat Time: 9:30am  
Meeting Time: 10am  
Potluck Lunch  
Program: Weaving on Simple Looms

First Presbyterian Church  
865 N. Dustin Ave.  
Farmington, NM

### Weaving on Simple Looms

For those who want to learn, or do a tune up on a number of simple weaving looms, or challenged for space, this is for you. We will be exploring Rigid Heddle, Inkle Looms, Peg Looms and Twining Looms. All of these are very portable, small, and easy to warp and weave on and produce beautiful weavings. We will have several examples of these types of looms, one warped and ready to go and an extra to learn warping. Please bring your own yarns if you want to weave on one of these. Rigid Heddle does well with anything up to a solid sport weight and some finer rug yarns. You don't get a strong packing, so I tend to stay away from rug yarns unless I intend to felt it later. Peg looms are great for rug yarns, roving, or any kind of bulkier yarns. They make very soft, cushy, thick floor coverings using wool roving and a great way to use up some of those stashes of roving. Again, not a strong packing, but lovely for loosely woven rugs, chair pads, table runners etc. Pam will have a few extras if someone wants to check one out to explore further. We will also have some items woven on these looms for show and tell.

Pam Ramsey- Peg and Rigid Heddle  
Karen Dearing – Rigid Heddle  
Elaine Bakkensen – Inkle Loom  
Kathy Sehnert - Twining

*Directions to First Presbyterian Church at end of newsletter.*

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*Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open*  
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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

January 17, 2015

The meeting, held at the Mancos Library, was called to order by Kathy at 10:05 am. She welcomed guests Ellie Kline of Durango, Ann Kennedy of Mancos, and Terry Schaaf of Pagosa Springs. Members and guests were asked to, in turn, introduce ourselves and answer the question "What is my fiber related new year's resolution".

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2014 were approved by acclamation following two corrections, as follows: The FCWG will pay a stipend to the judges of the San Juan and La Plata fairs of \$25.00 (previously reported as \$50.00). A typographical error was noted regarding the deposit fee for rental of the looms. The rate should have been reported as \$100.00 rather than \$10.00.

Treasurer's report: The report, given by Marianne, in Jeanne's absence, (see accompanying report) was approved by acclamation following a motion made by Leesa and seconded by Jere.  
Committee Reports:

Program committee: Pam reported that our next meeting, in March, will be held at the Presbyterian Church in Farmington. Demonstrations will be set up for Inkle, rigid heddle, and peg looms. We will walk through the warping process. Stations will be set up so that members can try, hands on, various weaving styles. Kathy will bring her twining loom as well. Consideration is being given to holding a bead looming workshop as a future program. May's meeting will be hosted by Pam and will feature painting warp yarns. The annual picnic will be held in July, and in September Betty will hold a workshop on Viking Knitting. There are some off month workshops in the planning stages as well.

Membership Committee: Kathy reported that we have a new member, Judith Rimes. She has also received some inquiries. Yearly dues will be collected in May. Jere reminded membership that if one joins in the time between January and May, the dues paid will include the whole of next year until May 2016.

Service Project: Shirley again thanked members for the wonderful assortment of caps, shawls, mittens, etc that were given during the holidays to the Women's Shelter in Farmington, the Women's Shelter in Shiprock, and Grace Place. Stanna will distribute also next year to the Durango shelters. Shirley asked that we begin thinking about making items for next year, and consider baby blankets in the mix.

Hospitality committee: No report.

Old Business: Kathy passed around the spreadsheet for the mentors list, and asked that we check mark that the information is correct and add/delete as necessary. She plans to put the completed document on Google Docs where it will be kept current and available to all. She will also email it to members.

The display racks available for rent were put together for members to see. Kathy made tote bags for easy transport. We were reminded that one set of racks is held by Jere in Farmington and the other set in Mancos by Kathy. There is a listing on FCWG website of all the items available for renting to our membership. Karen has a 4 harness floor loom and Kathy an 8 harness table loom. A draft document of the rental policy was distributed. Each loom is rented separately and rental is available for up to 6 months, A reservation fee of \$20 is required in advance. A Google calendar embedded in our website will help keep track of the rented items. The reservation fee will apply towards the rental fee unless one cancels within 2 weeks of rental date ( in which case the reservation fee will be forfeited). The rental fee for the looms (to be paid up front), will be \$ 20 per month for 3 months (\$60 total). If the loom is only used for one month and returned, the other two months fees will be refunded to the renter. If only renting for a weekend (or less than a month), renter will be charged for one month only. The loom custodians will let the renters know at time of initial pick-up whether the loom has been promised to another renter at the end of the rental period. Guild sanctioned rentals may not require a deposit, but will be decided by the board. Rental deposit will be \$100. Checklists addressing the condition of the equipment will be filled out by the custodians both going out and coming back. There will be an official contract signed by the renter that he/she is responsible for any damages that occur beyond what the \$100 deposit will cover. Deposit checks will be held until rental return. Rental fees will be deposited. Late fees will apply. A final draft of the rental policy will be written and submitted for final approval. Karen called for donations to make up a kit of items to go along with the loom at rental, i.e., shuttles, hooks, etc.

New Business: Terry Shaaf spoke to the members about participating in the Archuleta County Fair Fiber Festival to be held on Sunday, August 2, 2015. The fair organizers will provide for us a tent, tables, chairs, electricity. We will be invited to demonstrate, sell, exhibit our fiber related items/activities. If we would like to exhibit, the items will be needed by July 29 for judging. Terry asked that we contact Lisa Jensen or herself that we will be participating. There will be no fee. Leesa reported that she held a class on repeat design for quilters at the Durango Arts Center. Kathy received an email from IWC that classes are now available for sign up for the upcoming IWC conference at Fort Lewis College in July. Linda and Pam will be teaching classes. Karen Davis reminded everyone of the Hanging Around Town Quilt exhibition. Quilts from artists in the area are on display in banks and Libraries in Dolores, Mancos and Cortez.

Show and tell revealed many beautiful projects, both completed and in the making that members have been working on. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 and was followed by a pot luck lunch and a delightful and very informative lecture on Laotian weaving and Japanese Shibori, given by Leesa Gawlik.

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*Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want.*  
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**TREASURER’S REPORT**

FOUR CORNERS WEAVERS GUILD

Treasurer’s Report

Date: January 13, 2015  
 Period Covered: November 15, 2014 through January 13, 2015  
 Prepared by: Jeanne Becker, Treasurer

**Balance at end of last reporting period: \$2,628.31**

Income:	Member dues	\$ 25.00
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>

Expenses:	Venue donation (Grange)	\$ 30.00
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>

**Current balance in Vectra Bank Account: \$ 2,623.31**

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Another blast of winter has hit the La Plata Mountains this week and we are grateful for every bit of moisture that we get, be it snow, rain or sleet!

We were fortunate that the January meeting in Mancos had good roads for traveling. It was a good turnout for January! Leesa’s program, of course, was so interesting, who would have wanted to miss it.

How are you doing with your fiber arts New Year’s resolution? I am, at last, putting a new warp on my loom. Had to give it a good dusting as it had been idle too long! I’m sorry to admit that I am warping the loom for more mug rugs. I started a project several years ago of making sets of mug rugs from old ranch curtains, bedspreads and misc. rescued fabrics; then sending them to past staff and guests. I have given more than 200 sets of 4. My list of recipients has gotten so long that even the next 12 sets that I’m putting on the loom are already promised.

Welcome to our 2 new members! Ann Kennedy is now from Mancos, but previously was co-owner of the knitting and yarn shop in Telluride. Ellie Cline is a recent retiree who has chosen Durango for her new adventure.

Thanks to Kris Dixon for getting a loom policy written that will clarify the rental of our two looms. It will be presented in its final form for Guild approval in March. As Karen Dearing mentioned during the discussion of the rental looms, it would seem to be appropriate to have the basic equipment for weaving as part of the rental; specifically, warping board, reed hook, shuttles and bobbins. Perhaps we can collect these from donations or consider purchasing them. Your thoughts? It will be on the March agenda.

Looking forward to a fun day in Farmington for our March meeting; hope to see you there.

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*Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do.*  
 John Wooden  
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**Membership Changes:**

Stanna Galbraith  
Cell phone only now – 970-247-1632

**NEWS FROM AND ABOUT MEMBERS**

**From Jere Lard:**

The SJ Co Fair will be in Aug from 8th to 16th. Please help support this event by showcasing your work. We have redefined the categories and you will find more areas available. Please start now for items to enter and you can bring things to the July meeting and I will be responsible for entries. These items can be things you have made in the past as long as they have not been previously entered. Also, we will need judges for spinning, weaving and felting. There will be stipends and lunch for the job on Sunday Aug 9th.

**From Linda Smith:**

Linda Smith is having a show of her oil, watercolor, and felt paintings at Pine River Valley Bank in Bayfield. The reception is March 13, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Her work will be there for the month of March. Please come see!!

**From Mary Walls:**

Wanted to let you know about a new fiber show this year. It's "Interweave Yarn Fest" in Loveland Co. (It will move around the country after this year.) It's billed as a "celebration of the fiber arts" and is April 16-19, including knitting, crochet, weaving and spinning, etc...with over 90 classes and 50 vendors from various places. The festival is Thurs-Sat, with classes continuing on Sunday...all at the Embassy Suites in Loveland. I know about a third of the vendors from other shows and will be there myself. Should be a great event. Hoping to come back to the guild some day; tell myself all the time...then there's the long drive, and I fink out. Miss all of you! Mary

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*Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.*

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**COMING EVENTS**

**Interweave Yarn Fest** – April 16-19 – Loveland, CO – see note from Mary Wall on this page (p. 5) for more information

**IWC** – July 23-26, 2015 – Ft. Lewis College, Durango, CO: [www.intermountainweavers.org](http://www.intermountainweavers.org)

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

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<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/>  
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*About the only thing that comes to us without effort is old age.*  
*Gloria Pitzer*

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### Map to First Presbyterian Church, Farmington, NM 865 N. Dustin Ave

