

Fiber line

Four Corners Weavers' Guild

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May Meeting

Chat Time: 9:30am

Meeting Time: 10am

Potluck Lunch

Program: Hand Painted Warps

Pam Ramsey's house (La Plata Farms)

1281 CR 123

Hesperus, CO 81326

970-385-4375

Hand Painted Warps

The next meeting of the Four Corners Weavers Guild will be Saturday, May 16 at La Plata Farms, see attached map. The afternoon workshop will be "Hand painted Warps, (roving and knitting yarns too!)" This fun and lively technique will get you going to paint and dye your own warp yarn. It works great for roving and knitting yarns as well. No previous dyeing experience is needed.

To Bring:

Lawn Chair – potluck dish

White, natural protein fiber yarn (wool, silk, alpaca, mohair, etc.)

A ruler that you don't mind getting dye on, metal rulers work great, 12 inch minimum, tape measures don't work.

Apron or something to cover your clothes - wear old clothes.

Plastic gloves, medical gloves work great, are light and disposable.

Plastic bags to take your dyed yarn home in, it will be wet. Plastic zip lock is good.

Sun Hat

If weather permits, we'll be outside in the yard under the shade tree. If not, we will be in Doug's machine shop.

Supply cost is \$10, which covers a huge array of dye colors, paint brushes, plastic wrap, steamers, vinegar, etc.

Dyes will be premixed.

I do have dye blanks, (white wool yarns already tied for dyeing - approximately 350 yds. per skein) for sale if anyone needs any. The skeins are \$12.00 each.

To prepare your own yarn, please take a little time to calculate how long you want your color runs to be, I've attached some photos from the class I taught in Moab a couple of weeks ago. We can also do an ikat resist if that is your preference, I will have masking tape available. Please do a minimum of 4 figure 8 ties, tied very loosely to keep the yarn from tangling. 6 would be better, keep it loose so we can push the dye underneath the ties. You can do more than one if you want. I'll have plenty of supplies and no extra charges. Cotton warp works great to tie your yarn as it is sturdy and won't absorb dye. Important to tie a tag on your yarn so you know which one is yours. A disc cut out of a plastic gallon milk carton, with a hole punched in it and a string to tie onto your yarn works great. Use a permanent marker to put your name on the plastic disc. Tyvek also works well; it just needs to not disintegrate if it gets wet. It takes about an hour to steam and then at least 30 minutes to cool to a handling point. You'll rinse your yarn at home, so you get to take your soggy, hot yarn home.

When you arrive at the farm, I'll have a number of buckets filled with hot water and vinegar. Drop your yarn in when you arrive and you can just let it soak during the meeting and lunch. Depending on time, we might get to painting prior to lunch and then it can cook while we are eating.

Any questions, contact Pam Ramsey 970-749-5485 or email sales@laplatafarms.com Hope to see you on the 16th

Directions to Pam's house at end of newsletter.

Open your arms to change but don't let go of your values
Dalai Lama

Contacts for the Four Corners Weavers' Guild

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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 *****Note address for dues*****
12014 Rd 42
Mancos, CO 81328

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
 FCWG meeting minutes
 March 21, 2015

The FCWG met on March 21, 2015 at the Presbyterian church in Farmington, New Mexico.

The meeting was called to order by Kathy at 10 am. The "getting acquainted" question was a request to talk about our pets. As members took turns addressing this topic, many entertaining, humorous, and poignant stories were relayed.

A motion was made by Pam to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of January 17, 2015, seconded by Val, and passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's report: (see attached) Jeanne reported that she has set up online transfers which will allow the guild to have income taxes caught up for 2013 and 2014. A motion was made by Jere and seconded by Elaine to approve treasurer's report, which was passed by acclamation.

Program committee: Pam announced that the May meeting will be held at La Plata Farms. We will be painting warp using a gradient and ecot dying skeins that we will bring from our personal stash. She requested that we bring a chair and any animal fibers we would like to dye. She also announced that she is helping Elaine Young's family by holding an estate sale of Elaine's fiber related items at La Plata Farms.

Membership: Kathy reported that Ellie Kline and Ann Kennedy are new members. Kris Dixon has a new email address that Kathy will provide upon request. It will be published in the next newsletter.

Service project: Shirley reminded members to keep thinking about the yearly service project-booties, hats, blankets. Washable product are preferred.

Kathy reported that the mentor list has been further updated. Jere reminded members that the Fairs are coming around again in July and August. It is important for us to participate (bring display items) so that we aren't dropped from the line-up. Jere reported that she will need judges for spinning, weaving and felting this year for the San Juan County Fair. It was announced that Sara McCourt has agree to take over the La Plata County Fair fiber area.

Hospitality: No report

Library: Karen has been sorting out library items and has made a list of all the books, etc. available for borrowing by our members. The list will be available on the website. There is no rental fee for books and magazine, but there will be a \$30 deposit fee for some items. Pam volunteered to help determine which items will require a deposit. The loan period will be meeting to meeting (2 months), but the items can be renewed. Karen noted that we have close to 100 books. There are also videos available that will cost \$5 to borrow, with a \$30 deposit. This amount may be revisited in the future. Jere suggested we convert the videos into DVD's. This will be looked into. Library cards are with the books and will need to be stamped for check out. Valerie helped Karen put the library in order.

Kathy distributed the forth draft of the FCWG loom rental policy. She suggested we adopt, with 2 additions to the policy as follows: 1) to sixth provision after "rent" insert "The rental fee is \$20 per month, \$60 for 3 months, minimum one month". 2) In provision 9 add that if damage is in excess of \$100, the board of directors will determine the amount due. A motion was made by Jere to adopt this most recent version of the loom rental policy with these two additions. The motion was seconded by Elaine and passed by acclamation.

Other Business: Sue announced classes available to take from Three Rivers Art Council in April and passed around a flyer with information. She also noted that a non-juried Peoples Choice Exhibit of artists from a 100 mile radius is currently in progress, and will end on April 10. Many Hands Fiber Arts Festival will be held on July 31- August 2, in Telluride.

Kathy mentioned that there was a nice article recently in the Cortez Journal about Val and her recycled plastic bag totes. Val suggested that when members come across ergonomic tips for weavers that we pass the information along to Sue for publication in the newsletter.

Show and tell provided many inspiring projects to admire by members.

There being no further business, Jeanne made a motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. Pam seconded, and the motion passed by acclamation.

The remainder of the meeting, following pot luck lunch, included demonstrations and practice on a number of different looms, including Inkle, rigid heddle, peg, rag, etc.

Make peace with your past so it won't screw up present.

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
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 25.00

Expenses:	Venue donation (Grange)	\$ 30.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 30.00

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Today is a wet day in Mancos; outside my craft room window the horses are slick with rain and huddled under a group of Ponderosas. Inside I am winding warp to make more rag mug rugs – what else from this rag weaver? This batch of over a hundred little rugs will be for my high school class mates (& spouses) for our 55th class reunion in August. Of course, they will be the school colors, red and black.

We need the rain, yet I'm hoping for a dry day on May 9 when we will be helping Debbie to purge her abundant stash of yarn. Thanks to Sharon & Dalton, Lana, Carol & Arthur, Pam, and Caroline, we moved looms, equipment and yarns from Debbie's storage to my shed. Considering her journey of nearly 40 years in the weaving and art world, this is an emotional time for Debbie, but she wants some of her unused yarns to be re-purposed by her weaving friends. Sharon, Caroline, Ann and I have sorted and arranged things so that we will be ready to give you the best opportunity to find yarns that you can use. So come shop!

Another member added to the FCWG. After several months of my email correspondence, by coincidence Ann Kennedy met Nancy Corbin at an art event and invited her to go with us to the fiber exhibit. Nancy had a check for membership written before we left Mancos! Nancy had attended some FCWG meetings many years ago; before children and life got in the way. Glad to have her back.

Thanks to Karen Dearing and Valerie Hopper, the FCWG library has been sorted and re-cataloged. Caroline has posted the revised list on the website, so check it out. And, check out books! The checkout procedure is as simple as calling or emailing Karen prior to a Guild meeting, she will bring the book to the next meeting. You will have 2 months to read it; the due date is the next meeting date. There really are some great reference books available.

An impromptu gathering of ten FCWG members met at the Studio & in Durango for the Aino Kajaniemi contemporary weaving exhibit. Aino is from Finland and was honored as Finland's 2010 Textile Artist of the Year. As well as viewing her amazing tapestries, we participated in a Skype talk with this the artist. Then, off to lunch! The time to visit with friends was just as grand. Pictures on Facebook.

Pam is an expert on workshops. I hope you'll all plan to be at the next meeting to enjoy the workshop on painted warps. Should be fun!

LIBRARIAN'S MESSAGE

From the librarian: A few books were borrowed from the library at the last guild meeting. Those books will be due at this next meeting. Each meeting I will be bringing books that apply to the workshop that we are doing for that day as well as some others that you may want to borrow. Since we will be dyeing, I will be bringing books about acid and natural dyeing. These books are available to you for 2 months. Please take advantage of this good resource. The books in the library are listed on our website. If there is one there that you would like to borrow, please contact me and I will bring it to the next meeting. Karen Dearing 505-326-6243 krdearing@yahoo.com

However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

MEMBERSHIP:

New Member:

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Member Changes:

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NEWS FROM AND ABOUT MEMBERS

From Kathy Sehnert:

Debbie Wyckoff has asked the FCWG to help her sell most of her stash of yarn.

Yarn sale

Saturday, May 9; 9:00 - 3:00

Kathy's shed, 12014 Road 42, Mancos

Includes all kinds of yarn -- wools, blends, cottons, lots of chenille, and fabrics she had saved for rag weaving
Some rag shuttles and small equipment included

Please bring your own bags to carry it home.

If you can volunteer an hour or two to help at the sale, please let me know.

Samples of yarn are pictured below.





From Jere Lard:

Hi everyone, Please remember to make something for the San Juan County Fair in August and you can bring it to the July picnic. Also, please help us find a judge for weaving, spinning and felting on Aug 10, 2015. It seems that so many of us are here in the Farmington area and it would be wonderful to get someone away from here to judge. Thank you for your continued interest in this project to keep these crafts in the public eye. Jere

From Caroline Spurgeon:

On Saturday, April 18th, members from the Cortez area fiber group met members from Durango for a visit to Studio & to view "Dreams and Memories", an exhibit of contemporary tapestries by Aino Kajaniemi. Aino is a Finnish textile artist whose work is being exhibited at limited galleries in the US. We were treated to a Skype visit with the artist herself and heard her story and were able to ask her questions. The viewing of her work was enjoyed by all! Afterwards, members treated themselves to lunch out before returning home.



I will be conducting a "Weaving The Navajo Way" workshop at my studio May 11-14. If anyone is interested in joining us, I have one place left. Looms may be borrowed or purchased and materials will be supplied for your project. My next scheduled class at home will be in September. Contact me at cspurgeon@cactusflower.com if you are interested.

The other person's load is always lighter.

COMING EVENTS

Yarn Sale From Debbie Wyckoff's stash - May 9, 2015, 9:00 am to 3:00pm - At Kathy Sehnert's, 12014 Road 42, Mancos - Wool yarns, cotton yarns, lots of chenille, some rag shuttles and small equipment, fabrics for rag rugs Some Looms and equipment are posted on the website.

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

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

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

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

www.weehawkenarts.org/news/sneffels-fiber-festival
Sneffels Fiber Festival

www.nmfiberartists.org
fiber artists in NM

Good judgment comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgment
Will Rogers
