

Fiber & Lino

Four Corners Weavers' Guild

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November Meeting

Chat Time: 9:30

Meeting & Show & Tell: 10am

Potluck Lunch

Christmas Party

Christ the King Lutheran Church

425 Florida Rd.

Durango, CO

Three members will be bringing meat and everyone else is asked to bring a side dish or desert for the potluck.

*Christmas Party:

There will be a grab bag gift exchange for those who want to participate. The gift should be a craft item (perhaps something you have made) and a treat from the kitchen. It should be wrapped and it's nice to include a card with your name so the recipient can thank you. Our method of exchange is "surprise or choice." I.E., in turn, you may pick a wrapped **surprise** gift or take one of your **choice** that has already been opened by another person. That person then repeats the "surprise or choice." Each "choice" continues the turn, but a "surprise" ends the turn and the next person in number order takes her turn.

Part of our Christmas Party routine is to collect the items for our service project. Be sure to see Shirley Haisman's note under 'News From and About Members' for more details.

A map for directions to Christ the King Lutheran Church is at the end of the newsletter.

Remember what is important to you.

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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. 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 9/20/14

The meeting convened at 9:30 am at the Mount Lookout Grange Hall on Saturday, 9/20/14. Member Linda Smith held a workshop on needle felting and we began working on doll parts immediately on arrival. While getting started with our projects, we shared with each other, in a fun, lively, round table discussion, all of the places we have lived.

The business meeting was called to order by president Kathy Sehnert at 11:05 am. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last meeting by Marianne, seconded by Elaine, and passed unanimously, without corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanne reported that the FCWG account has been transferred from Farmington to Vectra Bank in Cortez, as a convenience for the guild, as there are branches in Cortez, Farmington and Durango. The Treasurer's report, including July 1 through September 10, was discussed (full report included with the minutes**). The proposed budget for June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015 was distributed (copy included with the minutes), for discussion and approval at next meeting. Karen suggested that the guild provide a \$25 payment for members who volunteer to judge at the county fairs (San Juan and La Plata). Kathy asked that Fair organizers be queried about how they would feel if the Guild were to supplement their judges fees before we make a final! decision.

Kathy brought up for discussion the Presenters Policy, set up approximately 18 months ago. The current policy sets out how much the Guild pays presenters for speaking, supplies, etc. \$10 is added to nonmembers' fees for workshops, but the policy does not lay out where the extra money goes. Joni made a motion for this money to go to the Guild. Elaine seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Karen discussed the Christmas party meeting in November. She asked that those interested make something from the kitchen and something from a craft for the party. Three volunteers will be needed to bring chicken, turkey or ham, while the others will bring pot luck sides and desserts. The meeting will be held at the Durango Lutheran church. Leesa volunteered to arrange for getting the key code to open the facility for the meeting. Karen will give Leesa the contact info for the church.

Shirley spoke about the Guild service project. The members are to bring knitted caps,

scarves, mittens, bra inserts to the November meeting, and Shirley will distribute to battered women and children shelters. She will provide instructions and yarn. She suggested using rayon and cotton for the breast items.

Kathy distributed a current list of paid members. As additional members join, their contact info will be published in the next newsletter. Kris reminded members to notify Kathy of any change in addresses and emails as needed.

Kathy requested that members willing to share their expertise, skills, and talents fill out the cards provided so that a mentoring list can be compiled.

Old Business: none

New Business: Elaine provided details of the October Batik Workshop given at her home on the second and fourth weekends. She asked that those participating bring four to five ideas, along with previously washed cotton, muslin, silk, etc material, children's designs and wooden picture frames for drying items. She will provide wax and dyes. Bring your own lunches. She has places to spend the night, if needed. Wear old clothes. A sign up sheet was circulated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55am. A pot luck lunch followed, and the continuation of a very fun-filled felting workshop. Linda requested we bring our finished projects to the next meeting for show and tell.

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Treasurer's Report

Date: September 20, 2014
 Period Covered: July 1 through September 10, 2014
 Prepared by: Jeanne Becker, Treasurer

Balance at end of last reporting period:	\$2,552.80
Income:	
memberships (9)	\$225.00
White Elephant sale	\$ 48.85
TOTAL INCOME	\$273.85
Expenses:	
LaPlata County Fair prizes	\$ 50.00
Meat for July picnic	\$120.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$170.00

Current balance in Vectra Bank Account: \$2,656.65

Notes:

1. Jeanne opened a new checking account at the Vectra bank in Cortez (with branches in Durango and Farmington).
2. Elaine closed the Bank Account in Farmington and transferred the balance to the Vectra Account.

Unexpected changes are opportunities in disguise.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a beautiful fall we've had! As the leaves fall and the color vanishes, we know that winter is coming! Likely the first "holiday season" event for you is our November meeting and holiday celebration. The meeting is always a fun time and is basically a social meeting. Pull out that Christmas sweater and dress for the occasion!

Shirley will collect the scarves, hats, etc. for our service project. She will deliver them to the woman's shelter or other charity that we designate. Please remember to tag them with the fiber content and/or washing instructions; tags will be available at the meeting or you can print your own onto white business cards from the FCWG website/news or a PDF form that I can send you. If you won't be at the meeting, send your donations via a member from your area.

I'm sure you'll want to participate in our grab bag gift exchange; however it is voluntary. The gift should be 2 items; a craft that you've made (woven, sewn, crafted, etc.) and an edible item from your kitchen (or someone else's kitchen). Wrap them together so it's a surprise. For fun, we have an exchange method where a gift can be "stolen" and you may have multiple times that you can choose another gift. This can create lots of laughs.

Our potluck lunch will be a holiday celebration, too. There are 2 members offering to bring ham and turkey, so the meat should be covered. Please bring the rest of the holiday dinner trimmings.

Jeanne Becker, Treasurer, presented a budget at the last meeting. It is part of this newsletter. Please review it so your questions can be addressed and the budget voted on.

For those that attended Elaine's Batik workshop, bring your project to show. It was lots of fun, we learned a new dye technique, and many finished items were remarkable. Thanks Elaine.

The felted critter that I worked on at Linda's workshop in September is VERY odd. Linda's talent at needle felting is an artistic gift, as well as a patiently acquired skill. I certainly didn't learn it in a few hours! Nevertheless, we should all bring our critters and show them off.

Looking forward to seeing a big crowd at the next meeting. If you can't be there, best wishes for a joyful holiday season.

Kathy Sehnert

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FOR SALE

Debbie is selling her lovely wheels and several of her looms. The wheels include a Schacht Matchless single treadle. It includes a Lazy Kate and extra bobbins. This wheel is priced at \$600. The Louet is a S90 with attached Lazy Kate. It folds for traveling convenience. The price on that wheel is \$500. Both are in excellent condition and include a tune-up by Doug Ramsey. Pam has offered a free lesson to anyone buying either of the wheels. More information may be found on our website: www.FourCornersWeaversGuild.com on the "For Sale" page.

The looms include this popular 15" table loom by Schacht. It is a 4-harness workhorse! It has a couple age cracks but has been meticulously repaired by Woods Canyon Woodworks. It is priced at \$150. There is also a Harrisville floor loom available. Debbie says all prices are open to negotiation. The equipment may be picked up in the Four Corners area or can be delivered to Taos Wool Festival in October.

NEWS FROM AND ABOUT MEMBERS**From Shirley Haisman:**

A quick reminder that we will be collecting our "Annual Giving Project" of, scarves, hats, & even falsies, for Mastectomy patients, which will be delivered in time for the chill in the air that is fast approaching. Tags will be available to indicate fiber content & cleaning instructions. If you want more time to fill in tags for your contributions you can contact Kathryn Sehnert at kssehnert@gmail.com & she will email you a PDF file for you to print out your own before the meeting. I am so excited to hear that some of you have finished several items & are already tagging your donations. We will gather them at the November meeting and I will deliver them to the Masada House & Cancer Center in Farmington the following week. If we have a large "gathering" please bring names of organizations for our consideration, if you so desire. See you at the Nov. meeting.

From Linda Smith:

I hope those of you who took my needle felting workshop will bring your completed person to the next meeting. Let's do a photo shoot of them all!
The addi quick hand held needle felting machine has come in. It is a time saver, but takes some time to get used to. I have just a few left in stock after Taos, but will be ordering more. Please email me if you want one. They are expensive; \$149.50.

From Jeanne Becker:

I've taken the plunge and opened an online Etsy shop to showcase some of my woven textiles. Please check out *River Valley Weaver* on Facebook and Etsy. com. If you like the page or an item shown, please "like" and "share" it. I'd like to build my audience. Here are the links. Thanks! Jeanne Becker

<https://www.facebook.com/RiverValleyWeaver>

https://www.etsy.com/shop/RiverValleyWeaver?ref=hdr_shop_menu

From Leesa Gawlik:

Leesa Zarinelli Gawlik's work, entitled STREAM, is included in the Durango Arts Center's annual members exhibition, **An Enduring Wilderness - Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act**. STREAM is made of silk, *shibori* (stitch-resist), dyeing with indigo. Leaves floating in the stream were created using an old silk scarf, placed in compost to decay, then machine stitched. The show runs through November 15.

Also, I'll be giving a slide presentation @ the January meeting on Laotian weaving and dyeing.

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

Dalai Lama

COMING EVENTS

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). Deadline for entry, March 1, 2015.

<http://www.fortnet.org/NCWG/FiberCelebration.htm>

IWC – July 23-26, 2015 – Ft. Lewis College, Durango, CO – a sneak preview of workshops offered:

3 day workshops:

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:

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

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

Fiber Line

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*WOOL MARKET/WOOL FESTIVAL/FIBERARTISTS

events@estes.org

<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

*'Who knows most, says least.
- Traditional proverb*

Map to Christ the King Lutheran Church

