

Fiber Line

Four Corners Weavers' Guild

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November 21, 2015

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

Mount Lookout Grange
680 Grand Ave.
Mancos, CO

Our November meeting is traditionally our Christmas party so there will be no formal workshop. We do have a voluntary gift exchange that is great fun. Please bring a handmade gift to exchange, bundled with a homemade goodie. The goodie can be candy, jelly, breads, cookies or whatever your imagination cooks up, your homemade item can be something that showcases your special fiber skill, but does not need to be something elaborate. Best part is Potluck lunch and we always have a huge layout of luscious foods. It's a great time to visit and catch up. Feel free to bring spinning or knitting or anything you like to work on.

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.

Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly.
G.K. Chesterton

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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
12014 Rd 42
Mancos, CO 81328

*****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

Minutes for the July meeting were not available when the September newsletter was sent, so those are included before the September minutes:

July 18, 2015

The annual FCWG picnic was held at the home of Kathy Sehnert. A brief business meeting was called to order by Kathy at 10:22am.

Our “get acquainted” question was to discuss our immediate families.

Jeri then distributed information on the upcoming San Juan County Fair, and called for weaving and spinning entries. She also requested that anyone interested in judging the felting entries let her know of their interest.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved without corrections.

Treasurer’s Report: (see separate report) A motion was made, seconded and passed by acclamation to accept the treasurer’s report. Jeri requested checks for the judges stipends and awards for the SJ County Fair. Pam will take charge of the checks for the La Plata County Fair.

Jeanne suggested that we set aside some money for a retreat or all day workshop. She feels that we could spend as much as \$1000-1500 to help with individuals' costs for a workshop. Pam recommended that we have a meeting to decide what sort of workshop to hold. Some suggestions included having “color” as a major topic. Jean Patrick could teach rigid heddle loom (a former editor of Handwoven magazine). It was decided that we would discuss at Septembers meeting. Jeri volunteered to check with Bible Baptist and Blue Lake for prices on holding retreats at those venues.

Programs report: Pam announced that the next meeting (September) will be held at the Presbyterian Church in Farmington. Betty will be teaching Viking Weaving. We were all asked to sign up for the class at Betty’s website or call her in advance of the class.

Kathy filled members in on other current and former members' statuses.

Caroline announced that the Cortez weavers group will be meeting at her house for soap felting on August 15.

Anne Kinney graduated with honors and is looking for studio space.

Hospitality: no report

Service Project: Shirley reminded us to keep working on items for the Christmas drive.

IWC: Jeanne announced that she was able to sign up a few members for volunteering at IWC meeting at Fort Lewis College to be held next weekend. She asked if anyone had clothing racks that they could lend to IWC for the weekend.

Caroline announced that she will be teaching a 4 day Navajo Weaving class at her home September 15-18. The last loom from Zelpha has been sold through the guild website. Others are selling items on the website. Debbie would like guild members to know that she will sell the Cranbrook loom for 1/2 price to members.

Members were treated to a lively show-and-tell with many beautiful items.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am, followed by a wonderful potluck picnic lunch and a white elephant sale.

September 19, 2015

The meeting of the Four Corners Weavers Guild was called to order by Kathy at 10:10am on September 16, 2015. The “get acquainted “question was to discuss personal bucket lists of things we would like someday to do.

Treasurer’s report: Jeanne reported that the starting balance is \$2840.13, dues collected of \$175.00 (7 members), total expenses of \$285.00 (this includes awards, stipends paid for judging, July picnic expenses, etc) and current ending balance of \$2730.13. The report was accepted by attendees.

Service Project: Shirley asked that we bring our service projects to the November meeting, and she will distribute items to area shelters as she did last year. Pam Ramsey suggested that socks be considered as a needed item.

The November meeting is the traditional Christmas meeting for the guild, and it was decided that we hold a gift exchange as in the past. Possible venues for the meeting were discussed, including Empire Electric bldg in Cortez, the Grange Hall in Mancos, or the new weaving store in Mancos.

The most current membership list was distributed to attendees.

Hospitality: No report.

Web site: No report.

Library: Karen Dearing brought books to check out that will be due at the next meeting.

Potential workshops were discussed, including Chris Conrad to give a Shibori workshop, schedule still to be determined, and Bobbi Erwin, perhaps in May 2016.

New Business: There will be Colorado Weavers Day held in Colorado Springs in May 2016.

Pam Dyer announced that she is holding an open house for her daughter on September 20.

The Cortez fiber group will meet the 3rd Saturday in October at Caroline Spurgeon’s house where she will hold a workshop on making twined bags. It was requested that we let her know ahead off time who will be attending and whether we wish to purchase a twining loom for \$15.00. It was also requested that we bring our own lunches.

Show and Tell: Many beautiful items were shown and passed around.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, followed by a pot luck lunch.

Notes for these minutes were provided by Lana.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer’s report for the July meeting was not available when the September newsletter was sent, so that is included before the September treasurer’s report:

FOUR CORNERS WEAVERS GUILD

Treasurer’s Report

Date: **July 17, 2015**
Period Covered: May 15, 2015 through July 17, 2015
Prepared by: Jeanne Becker, Treasurer

Balance at end of last reporting period: \$2,485.13

Income: Member dues \$ 350.00

Newsletter Ad	\$ 5.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 355.00

Expenses:

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 0.00
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Current balance in Vectra Bank Account: \$ 2,840.13

Treasurer's Report

Date: **September 19, 2015**
 Period Covered: July 18, 2015 through September 19, 2015
 Prepared by: Jeanne Becker, Treasurer

Balance at end of last reporting period: \$2,840.13

Income:	Member dues	\$ 175.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 175.00

Expenses:

May workshop presenter	\$ 35.00
San Juan County Fair prizes and judging stipend	\$ 125.00
LaPlata County Fair prize and judging stipend	\$ 100.00
Meat for July member picnic	\$ 25.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 285.00

Current balance in Vectra Bank Account: \$ 2,730.13

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After such a warm fall, it was a bit startling to finally turn up the heat this morning. Get out your woolies, winter is just around the corner.

I am looking forward to our Christmas Party meeting! It's fun to begin the holiday season with my good friends from the Guild. As before, we will collect the donations for our service project at this meeting, the members have always been so generous with fiber gifts for the women's shelters. It was mentioned at the last meeting that one of the shelters said that they especially like to get socks -- any kind! So if you haven't had time to knit a scarf or a hat, go get some socks.

Our gift exchange is bound to bring some laughs; especially when there's a lot of gift "stealing." Participation is voluntary, but you'd hate to miss the fun. Remember to bring a gift that is a handmade item (from you or somewhere else) AND an edible treat (also, homemade if you like; doesn't have to be a sweet treat).

Pot luck lunch is just that -- pot luck. Try to think of "variety" instead of just your favorite holiday dessert. Last year the desserts were delicious and abundant.

I had a nice phone visit with Debbie, the other day. She seems to be holding her own; a doctor visit is scheduled soon and she is hoping for a good report. Her son, Ben, is with her now as he has had knee surgery; ironically, she has become the caregiver. She says that she believes her strength has improved with the extra activity.

I'm glad to report that two more items in Debbie's stash have been sold. Her Louet spinning wheel was shipped to a woman in Oregon and the small "homemade" loom will travel back to a woman in Ohio via her husband who

was in Colorado with a hunting party. That still leaves the old "war" loom, the warping mill, and the fantastic Cranbrook loom. Information is on the Guild website. If you hear of any interest send them to fourcornersweaversguild.com. There is a little bit of yarn left and LOTS of chenille.

If you are unable to make it to the meeting, I'll take this opportunity to wish you a very warm and wonderful holiday season.

Kathy

MEMBERSHIP:

Vicki Morningstar, Bayfield. tgrmoms51@gmail.com

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I'm sorry to report that we have lost 8 members in the last year. Anne Hanson and Glennyth Heyer moved out of our area. Kathryn Evans and Joni Geiger both have health issues that limit their participation. Only two members decided to not renew their memberships, Judy Newton and Patty Loun. Perhaps their fiber interests will bring them back to us.

Membership lists were distributed at the last meeting. I will have them available at future meeting, please ask for one or I will mail a list to anyone by request.

Experience is what causes people to make new mistakes instead of old ones.

NEWS FROM AND ABOUT MEMBERS

CORTEZ FIBER GROUP

On the 3rd Saturday of October, the Cortez Fiber Group and guests met at Caroline Spurgeon's for a workshop on twinned bags. We had great fun and learned a new weaving method. Twinning is one of the oldest forms of weaving. Members will bring their finished bags to show & tell.



The Cortez area fiber artists met for a day of twining. Caroline made the looms and gave simple instructions and away the group went!

COMING EVENTS

November 12 & 13 – Hospice Charity Bowl Sale – San Juan College, Farmington, NM – Thursday 9:30am – 6pm, Friday 9:30am – 4pm – pottery students and faculty from the college make ~ 1000 bowls to sell for \$10 each – with each purchased bowl, the buyer gets a bowl of soup (3-4 choices). All proceeds from bowl sales go to hospice. The advanced students and faculty have tables set up displaying and selling their work, with a portion of the proceeds going to hospice and the remainder to the artists.

Do not put in more warp than you can weave.

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 www.nmfiberartists.org
Sneffels Fiber Festival fiber artists in NM

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