

# Fiber Line

## Four Corners Weavers' Guild

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

First Presbyterian Church  
865 N. Dustin  
Farmington, NM 87401

Our scheduled workshop on Viking Knitting has fallen through due to some scheduling issues. Karen polled members at IWC to see about suggestions for putting something together without a lot of notice. Several members expressed interest in having a "Work Day". So that is what we have decided upon. Bring whatever current project you have that is somewhat portable that you can't seem to get to and plan on a day of getting caught up. In the past, we used to have a Work Day each January, more of a social time, but also incentive to get that bit of hand work done, or that edge turned, that pattern cut out, or that last bit of yarn off your wheel. And the "Spin Doctor is in" Pam will be bringing her parts box and tool kit. If your wheel is acting up or just won't work well for you, bring it along and let's see what it needs to get you going again. The meeting will be at the Presbyterian Church in Farmington, so take advantage of having plenty of big tables and good lighting. This could also be a good time to work on service projects. Questions? Contact Pam or Karen.

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

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*What art offers is space - a certain breathing room for the spirit.*  
*John Updike*  
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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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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Another beautiful day in Southwest Colorado; some nice rains have kept us unusually green. However, after an August trip to Iowa, I must say that Colorado green and Iowa green are entirely two different things! The intense green of corn and bean fields in the mass proportion of the Iowa farmlands is a sight that I had forgotten from my childhood. It is truly beautiful. Now, I’m not saying that I want live there again in that high heat and humidity, that’s very intense, too; but a visit with friends and family and an opportunity to eat fresh picked Iowa sweet corn will get me there occasionally. And, yes, the Clarion Class of 1960 was appreciative of their rag mug rugs in our school colors. I was happy to share my bit of weaving with them.

I’ve heard some positive things about member experiences at IWC. I hope everyone had a good time. I’m sorry I did not have time to enjoy it fully.

Again I was honored to be asked to judge the 4-H weaving projects at the Montezuma Co. Fair. Their leader, Kathy Butler, puts a lot of effort into teaching weaving and it shows! Though the number of participants has decreased, there are several accomplished weavers among those young people. The most fun about judging is that we are required to talk to each entrant about their project; the girls and guy were very enthusiastic!

With my grandsons back in school, I’m looking forward to more time for craft projects. You’ll be surprised to know that I have a towel kit sitting by my table loom; I really do want to try something beyond rags! No promises on when I will start that project as I do have a rag project for a friend that does have a deadline.

The Cortez Fiber Group met in August per their usual schedule. We were a very sudsy and fragrant group this time. We made felted soaps; went home with lovely end results and very clean hands! Certainly an outdoor project and Caroline was gracious enough to host us in the shade of her workshop. On October 17 we will be meeting again at Caroline to learn to make twined bags. All members welcome.

See you in Farmington for our September Meeting. May the threads of your daily life weave a beautiful pattern for living.

Hugs to all, Kathy.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

I had a nice visit with Debbie in July. She is holding her own and pleased to have her son, Ben, with her for awhile. Little by little her stash of weaving paraphernalia in my shed is diminishing. Things are now in the works for her spinning wheel to go to Oregon.

We’ve had some new inquiries from prospective members, so it is encouraging that there are more weavers/spinners “out there” that are looking for support and sharing of a common interest. I hope we can get them to meetings.

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*We all have big changes in our lives that are more or less a second chance.*  
Harrison Ford  
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**NEWS FROM AND ABOUT MEMBERS****From Caroline Spurgeon:**

I will be holding a "Weaving The Navajo Way" class September 14-18 at my studio in Yellow Jacket. We meet from 9 to 1. Beginner or advanced, you are welcome. Contact me at [cspurgeon@cactusflower.com](mailto:cspurgeon@cactusflower.com) if you are interested.

The Cortez Fiber Artists met in August and made felted soap. A fun time was had and everyone left with clean hands! The October meeting of the group will be on Twining. Caroline will present a lesson and provide twining looms for those who need them. We will explore the basics of twining and everyone will leave with a project about finished.

All Guild members are invited to attend this fun event, the only request is to let us know beforehand so enough twining looms can be provided. You will need to bring heavy rug yarn if you have any. The rug yarn from Zelpha's or Debbie's yarn stash is great. We will be meeting in Yellow Jacket at Caroline's studio. Carpooling is available if you let us know you wish a ride.

**COMING EVENTS**

*Please Join Us In Memory of Patty McNall*

*An Evening Benefit Reception*

**Celebrating the Launching of Patty's Paradise,  
A Rocky Mountain Fiber Arts Retreat**

**RSVP**

**before September 12 and the first drink is on us!**

In Conjunction with the Sneffels Fiber Festival

**Don't Miss Out on a Fun Evening  
Honoring Navajo Textiles & Traditions**

**Saturday,  
September 26  
5:30pm - 8pm**

**Cottonwood  
Ranch  
78 County Road  
23  
Ridgway,  
Colorado**

**[Click here for  
map](#)  
or call  
970-728-6743  
for directions**

In memory of Patty McNall, we are launching a new venture at Patty and DeGrey's Cottonwood Ranch in Ridgway, Colorado. ***Patty's Paradise*** will offer a variety of fiber arts workshops at Cottonwood Ranch bringing in talented local artists as well as instructors from around the globe.

A portion of the proceeds from each workshop will be donated in Patty's name to charitable projects helping the global textile community. [Read more...](#)

Thank you for your support,  
Cari Sample Malver, DeGrey Phillips and Ginger Snip

Taos Wool Festival – Oct. 3&4, 2015 – Kit Carson Park, Taos, NM – Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-4

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*The one good thing about repeating your mistakes is that you know when to cringe.*

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

**\*WEAVERS CONFERENCES/MAGAZINES:**

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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/>  
free ebook from Weaving Today on weaving projects

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Estes Park Wool Market

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

[www.weehawkenarts.org/news/sneffels-fiber-festival](http://www.weehawkenarts.org/news/sneffels-fiber-festival)  
Sneffels Fiber Festival

[www.nmfiberartists.org](http://www.nmfiberartists.org)  
fiber artists in NM

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*Smile and laugh more. It will keep the energy vampires away*  
*Mercer*

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

