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Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Location: Pine River Library
Address: 395 Bayfield
Center Drive,
Bayfield, CO

Social Time: 9:30

Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Potluck Lunch

There is a microwave
available across the hall
from the meeting room

Program 12:30: Weave a
Tumbling Block Square

- ▶ Our next meeting is at 395 Bayfield Center Drive, Bayfield, CO
- ▶ The FCWG meets six 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 FCWG are \$25.00 (payable in May for established members). Payments should be made out to FCWG and sent to Anne Worthington, 23647 Rd G.2, Cortez, Co 81321.

If you think about the vastness of space, and how enormous our galaxy is, and how big our planet is, and how small we are, I'm not really buying that much yarn.

-- cococrochetlee.com-- Patti Graver

❖ President's Message

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Dear Weavers,

It has been a hot summer, so I'm so glad to feel that nip in the night air that promises fall – my favorite season.

As you will notice, the September meeting will be in a new venue. Sherry has checked out the community room at the Bayfield library and it appears to be well suited to our needs and budget. It will be nice to have an option that gives our “eastern” members a break on the travel distance. Thanks Sherry and Karinne.

The workshop on “Multiple Tabby Weaves” with Melodie Usher is coming together very nicely, so far there are 12 participants, and we have a good handle on the details; more of that at the September meeting.

Thinking ahead to our “Holiday” meeting in November, which will preface the workshop, we do want to make it as fun as always, but conserve on time. I'm thinking that the business meeting will be very brief so that we can include our usual gift exchange and a leisurely potluck lunch. There is also an interest in another towel exchange. It's a little late for adding it, but if you want to participate, there still may be time for you to get a towel or two ready by November 19, so join in if you like. Don't forget the donations for our charity project. As you know, in previous years we have supported shelters in Farmington, Cortez, and Durango with gifts of scarfs, hats, mittens, socks (purchased or handmade) and numerous toiletries. Let's keep up the good work, ladies.

The Cortez group likes to meet occasionally in the “off months.” In August we had our usual day in the park – socializing while working on our own projects under the shade of the trees. This is always a nice few hours with friends. I hope many of you connect with your weaving friends in a similar manner outside of the regular meetings; it's a great encouragement to keep weaving.

See you soon in Bayfield!

President, Kathy S

❖ **Programs and Workshops Report**

I am looking forward to a year of weaving and getting programs lined up.

The plans to have a yearlong schedule planned out ... is still in the planning stages.

Any suggestions anyone has will be welcome. I have enjoyed reading the old newsletters to see what has been done. The Web Mistress has told me they are also electronic, but I must be old school enough to turn the pages and enjoy the woven samples that are attached.

A Color Challenge

At the Sept meeting If anyone would like to participate, the rules are simple.

- Three crayons will be selected at random.
- The objective is to use your colors and make something...
- It doesn't have to be a big or complicated item and could be made with any medium as long as you are the Maker.
- We are a diverse and creative group.
- We will share at the November meeting.

After the meeting we are going to weave a Tumbling Block Square.

It will be about the size of a chair cushion.

The items to bring are:

- T pins
- Bias tape ½ yard of 3 contrasting colors. Or material that has been folded and has 2 crisp edges

Any width you choose. Don't worry if you forget materials, I will have extra. See also this YouTube video. . [How to make a Tumbling Blocks cushion, Fabric Weaving project](#)

If you are needing a portable loom for our November workshop with Melody Usher, please contact Karen Dearing at krdearing@yahoo.com. She has both floor and table looms to lend. Or contact Anne Worthington at woollylizard49@gmail.com

- Sherry H, Vice President

❖ **Treasurer's Report**

Balance 5/31/22 = \$5523.82

Deposits (memberships & website ads) +\$315.00

Supply reimbursement to member -\$73.70

Balance 6/30/22 = \$5765.12

Deposits (memberships & workshop fees) \$540.00

County Fair participation (Prizes & judge fee) -\$75.00

Balance 7/31/22 = \$6230.12- *Ann K, Treasurer*

❖ **Membership Chairman's Report**

We have one new member, Lucia N. Welcome Lucia!

If you are sending dues or have any changes in your contact information, please contact Anne W, woollylizard49@gmail.com , 907.355.6398.

- *Anne W, Membership*

Send Dues To:

Anne Worthington, FCWG Membership, 23647 Road G2, Cortez, CO 81321 Make check out to **Four Corners Weaver's Guild**.

❖ **Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:**

If you've wanted to use hand-painted skeins of yarn for your warp *Handwoven* has quick directions to wind your warp in order to pool the colors. When winding a warp in the usual fashion the colors will mix and become mottled. To keep the colors pooled, the warp must make a circular path, beginning and ending at the same peg and the circular path must be a multiple of the skein length. See this link for directions:

<https://handwovenmagazine.com/warping-with-handpainted-skeins>

❖ July Meeting Minutes, July 16, 2022

Attendance :10. The meeting was opened at 10:00 with introductions and sharing favorite memorable picnics.

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The minutes of the May meeting were approved with the correction that the card blanks, to create the cards like Sharon demonstrated, are available from Karen D. not Sharon S. Motion to approve by Val L., seconded by Ann K. It was also noted that the 3 motions presented at the May meeting, budget approval, presentation policy, establishment of a scholarship, which did not have a sitting quorum were passed through email participation in the days following the meeting. Notice of that fact had previously been emailed to all guild members.

The Treasurer, Ann K., reported the current balance of \$5815.12, with an expense of \$73.70 to Karen D. for the card blanks, and additions of \$300 for dues and \$5 for web ad.

The next meeting will be in Bayfield. The program is to be announced later as the planned program had to be cancelled due to the presenters illness.

There was a discussion about the November 19 & 20th workshop. Melodie will give a presentation to all the members during our business meeting and the workshop will continue after the meeting closes. It was announced that the participants' charge for the workshop is \$50 and the supply fee is \$20. There was more discussion on housing for Melodie, and how we will reimburse her since she is not charging the normal workshop fee. No final decision was made. There are looms available from Karen D. for participants that do not have a portable loom. A question that needs to be cleared with Melodie is if the workshop can be "audited" by a member who does not want to do the weaving.

The relevance of having potluck lunches at our meetings was discussed of different diet requirements among our members; the general consent was to continue as is, those with dietary requirements can bring a potluck item that suits their needs.

County fairs were discussed. The guild is open to supporting fairs in all counties, but the San Juan Co Fair seems to be the only one that solicits our support. Anna Kinney, a courtesy member, has been involved for years, but more recently Jere L. has been an active participant.

We were reminded that we will continue with our usual service project; so, get started making hats, scarfs, and mittens! Collection will be at the November meeting.

Caroline S. updated the group on our web page and Facebook. Caroline also gave a report on 3 children's weaving classes that have received our support through donated supplies; especially of note was the Zephyr Cove school in Nevada.

New business was a discussion of ideas for future programs. We agreed that a Color Challenge project would be launched at the September meeting. (i.e. participants draw 3 crayon colors from a bag and are challenged to weave (or knit/crochet?) a project using those colors.

Even though some confessed to having no current projects, we did have an interesting show and tell. The meeting was adjourned, and a picnic lunch was enjoyed both on the deck and in the much cooler kitchen.

In the absence of our secretary, Karinne, Sherry H. took notes, typed by Kathy S.

❖ Announcements

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If you are looking for a challenge Handweaver's Guild of America is having a Scarf and a Bookmark Exchange. Register at <https://weavespindye.org/textileexchangesandrentals> to join this opportunity to challenge yourself, and to receive a scarf (or bookmark) from another weaver. The deadline for the scarf registration is October 23, and for the bookmark is Sept through February 20.

The 19th Annual Santa Fe Fiesta de los Niños

Join us for an immersive adventure through New Mexico's past and get your hands-on history with traditional demonstrations and activities like tin stamping, rope and tortilla making, play old timey school house games, and make your own mini adobe house. Meet our resident goats, burros and churro sheep, and partake in wool spinning, weaving and dyeing! Food trucks, live entertainment, and local artisans make this event fun for the whole family. Be our guest where history comes to life

September 3 & 4, 2022

Time: 10am to 4pm

Adult Admission: \$8

Seniors (62+), teens (13-18): \$6

12 and under: FREE!

❖ Educational Opportunities

The next installment in our review of online educational opportunities is **Jane Stafford's School of Weaving** which was launched in 2017. There are currently 6 seasons of lessons beginning with the fundamentals of weaving (how to warp your loom, etc.). Each season includes several online episodes that build on previous knowledge, from plain weave through twills, lace, and unit weaves. A subscription lasts for a year, and you can work at your own pace. The School of Weaving also has its own forum which allows members to share ideas, projects and to ask questions.

<https://janestaffordtextiles.com/school-of-weaving/>

❖ Library

We have been gifted with several books from some of our members. We thank you for your gifts. If you have any books or related sewing, weaving, spinning or knitting books that need to find a new home, why not donate them to the guild library? If you would like to know what we already have in our library, you can go into the guild website to see the list. I will bring a selection of books to the next meeting for members to check out. This is a good source of information that needs to be used! Karen Dearing at krdearing@yahoo.com, 505.334.2669 or 505.860.7735 (cell).

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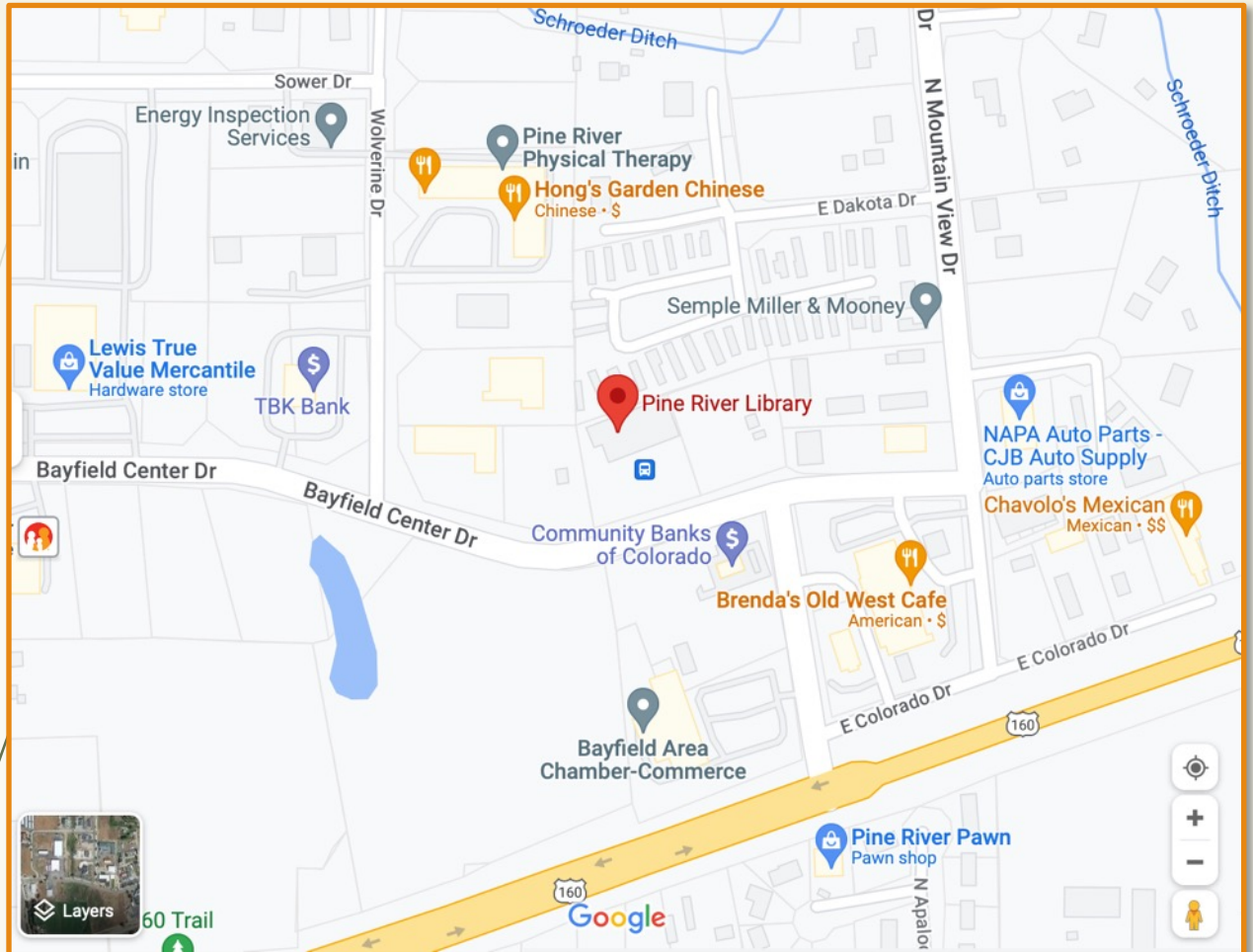
Intermountain Weavers Conference
<http://www.intermountainweavers.org>: July 27-30, 2023

Handweaver's Guild of America (Convergence in Wichita, KS):
July 2024 <https://weavespindye.org/>

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Salida Fiber Festival
<https://www.salidafiberfestival.com>: September 10-11, 2022

Sneffels Fiber Arts Festival
<https://www.sneffelsfiberfest.com>: September 24-25, 2022

Mountain and Valley Wool Festival **In Santa Fe instead of Taos**
<http://www.mavwawoolfest.org/index.html>: October 1-2, 2022

Handwoven Magazine: <https://handwovenmagazine.com/>