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FOUR CORNERS WEAVER'S GUILD

January 15, 2011

January Meeting
Chat Time: 9:30am
Meeting Time: 10:00am

First Presbyterian Church
865 N. Dustin Ave. (see map at end of newsletter)
Farmington, NM

Please come early (9:30am) to visit. Our business meeting will be at 10:00 followed by a potluck lunch. Farmington, Kirtland, Aztec, and Bloomfield will bring main dishes, Durango salad & bread, and everyone else deserts. In fact, extra deserts would be great – we will have them to share with the community in the afternoon.

Our program will be a show & tell & demos for the community, so bring things you have completed & are working on. Some spinning wheels & looms would be great to have. If you are sewing, quilting, beading, knitting... bring that too.

Contacts for the Four Corners Weavers' Guild

Current Officers

President – Kris Dixon 505-860-0349 kdix@aol.com
Vice-president – Karen Dearing 505-334-2669 krdearing@yahoo.com
Secretary – Debbie Wyckoff 970-247-7726 wyckoff@bresnan.net
Treasurer – Caroline Spurgeon 970 562-6501 cspurgeon@FtiTel.net

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:

Caroline Spurgeon
PO Box 359
Yellow Jacket, CO 81335

Please send newsletter information to Sue Johnson, PO Box 6576, Farmington, NM 87499 or email to fcwgnews@hotmail.com (note email address). 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 Caroline Spurgeon, PO Box 359, Yellow Jacket, CO 81335.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome to a new and interesting year, everyone!

Here are the results of the preference questionnaire (15 turned in) we filled out at the November meeting:

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Order of importance: ("Average position" is in parentheses)

1. (2.1) Learning about weaving and fiber arts
2. (3.1) Socializing with others
3. and 4. (tied at 4.1) Having regular full membership meetings
(and) Helping each other with personal projects
5. (4.7) Reaching out/educating others at schools/other opportunities
6. (4.8) Attending smaller local groups
7. (5.1) Participating in demonstrations at local events

Interest and willingness to participate:

- 100% Social time at meetings
- 100% Attending meeting workshops to learn about fiber arts
- 80.0% Demonstrating at local events
- 73.3% Reaching out/educating others at schools and other opportunities
- 66.7% Attending in-depth fee-based workshops by outside artists
- 66.7% Helping with personal projects of others
- 46.7% Holding an office in the Guild

Looks like the meeting workshops and social time are still mainly what everyone would like. Pretty consistent. It is notable that of the 15 questionnaires turned in, 4 are from the four of us current officers; and there were only 3 other people out of the remaining 11 that are willing to hold office. Also, it is interesting to see that a 70-80% is willing and interested in demonstrating and reaching out. One person suggested we need to shake things up a bit. Thanks for all the input.

Karen and I put our heads together after looking at the survey results and think that as part of our upcoming January meeting, an early afternoon of socializing and sharing would be a good way to start 2011. And we will be doing something a little different. We will still meet at 9:30 AM and have our meeting at 10 AM as usual. Then we will plan to have an early lunch around 11AM and save dessert for later. Starting at noon we are extending an invitation to the interested public to join us from Noon to 3PM to visit and learn about who we are and what we do, beginning with our Show and Tell session. We can then move on with one-on-one-visiting and demonstrating for our guests with our own projects, And the more the merrier, so plan to bring your own projects of spinning, weaving, knitting, beading, etc., to share. If anyone wants to bring extra coffeecake, fruit, or dessert to have with afternoon coffee, that would be great, too.

In this newsletter, lots of "thank you" go to all of you who put your efforts into our 2010 service project. The hats and scarves made a great hit at both the Southwest Safehouse in Durango, and the Home for Women and Children in Shiprock. The need is surely there and our efforts are appreciated. We had nearly 120 items to divide between the two locations. Also, a special thank you from me to Debbie Wyckoff who made the delivery with me in Durango and to Sharon Sichi and her mother, Gloria Officer, who went with me to Shiprock. Check the web site for pictures.

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Kris Dixon

PS Reminder: You can deliver your San Juan College Gallery show items to Sue at this January meeting (with documentation attached – your name, phone, address, title of piece, fiber description, and sale price or NFS). *(another PS from Sue – anyone planning to put work in the show will need to sign a contract with the college... I'll bring those with me to the meeting)*

MINUTES

The minutes of the November meeting will be available at the January meeting.

NOTES FROM MEMBERS

From Paul - Here is a picture of the double wide blanket I've been working on for 13 months (I did have about 6 months of interruptions). This was a double wide done using 8 harnesses and with my countermarch loom and an unbalanced harness tie-up. I still have to press the crease where it turned on the loom.



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The size is 6.5 feet wide and 8.75 feet long.

From Sue – Val Leroy had back surgery on Dec. 27th – she hoped to be able to make it to our next meeting, but in case she can't, she has items for our SJC exhibit... could someone in her area pick them up from her so she doesn't have to worry about it?

ACTIVITIES:



Christmas Party 2010 at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Durango

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And here is the much requested recipe from Kathy Sehnert for her Pineapple Date Nut Pudding that she brought to the party:

PINEAPPLE DATE NUT PUDDING

3 eggs, beaten ¾ cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla 2 ½ cups chunk pineapple
1 cup dates, chopped 1 cup walnuts, chopped
½ cup flour ½ tsp salt
1 tsp baking powder

Beat eggs, mix together with sugar and vanilla. Add pineapple, nuts and dates. Blend in flour, baking powder and salt. Bake at 350 degrees, in 9x13-inch pan for 30 minutes. Serve with whipped cream.

SERVICE PROJECT



Delivering the hats and scarves to Durango and Shiprock
(Be sure to start on your items for next year's project)

COMING EVENTS

February, 2011 – Four Corners Weavers' Guild Show – San Juan College, Farmington, NM – drop off date – Feb 7, 12-4pm; reception Feb 11, 6-8pm; last day of exhibit – March 11; pickup date – March 14, 10-12noon

The deadline is creeping up on us! I hope everyone is planning to put at least 3 items in the exhibit... more is better; we can always hold some back if there are too many, but an empty gallery won't be good publicity for our guild. And don't forget we'll have an area for items made from Mignon Kirkpatrick's yarn that she shared with us before her death.... let's make her proud.

July 21 - 24, 2011 - **IWC** - A Conference For Fiber Artists - Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado
WORKSHOPS led by nationally-renowned instructors: Weaving (rug, fabric, tapestry), Basketry, Dyeing, Shibori, Surface Design and Embellishments, Felting, Sewing, Knitting

Membership in IWC entitles you to reduced conference rates and early registration notification.

VENDOR MARKET EXHIBITS AND FIBER CELEBRATED 2011 - Registration begins in January.

Join now at: www.intermountainweavers.org

www.fourcornersweaversguild.com

Call for Fiber Entries

IWC – A Conference for Fiber Artist sponsors Fiber Celebrated 2011 in conjunction with the conference July 21-24, 2011. There are categories for everyone: decorative functional, functional wearable's, nonfunctional 2-dimensional functional, 3-dimensional, and nonfunctional 3-dimensional. This year, the juror is Juanita Girardin, a fiber artist who has a studio in Velarde, New Mexico. Check out the website to download the entry form. <http://www.intermountainweavers.org> (more complete entry form attached in newsletter email)

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

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<http://www.interweave.com>
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Taos Wool Festival

<http://www.pagosafiberfestival.com/>
Pagosa Fiber Festival

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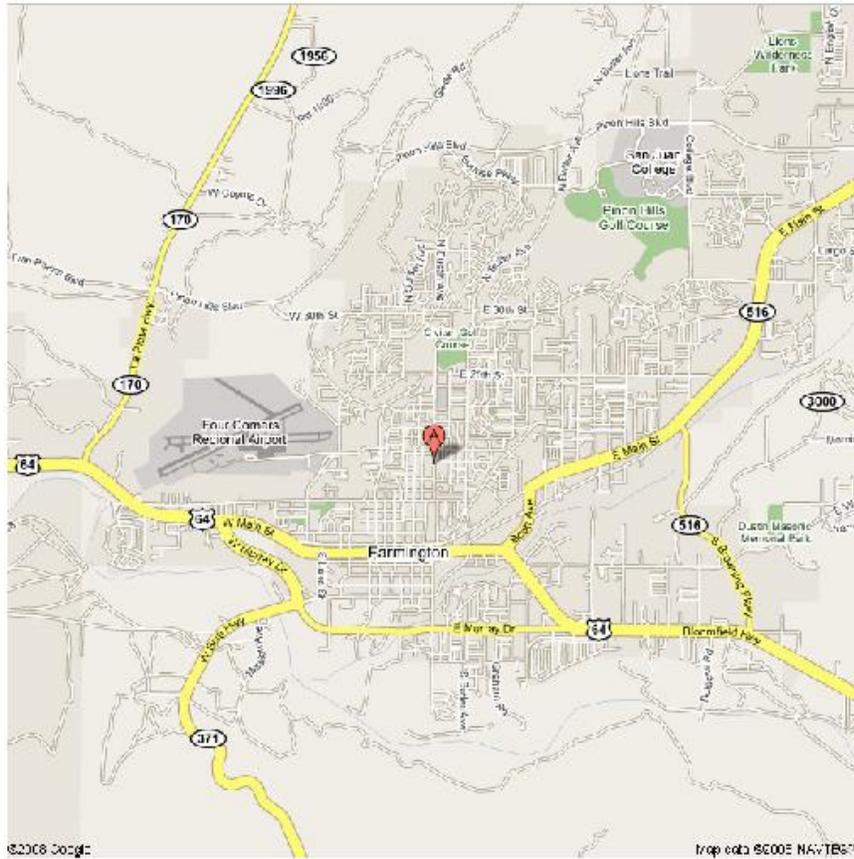
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