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## Four Corners Weavers' Guild

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March Meeting

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Chat Time: 9:30am

495 Florida Road

Meeting Time: 10:00am

Durango, CO

After a business meeting and an early lunch (potluck – bring whatever you'd like to share), Betty will share a method of fabric weaving that she has used on some of her quilts. Everyone participating will make a credit card holder or a cell phone holder to take home. Betty will need a few pieces of equipment brought to be shared by the people taking the class – she will provide the fabric and thread. If you can bring any of the following, please let Betty know before the meeting weekend:

3 sewing machines

2 ironing boards & irons

3 cutting mats & rotary cutters – the mats can be smaller sized since we will be doing small projects

*Betty Reed – 505 801-0047 or 505 598-6361*

We will also be having an open house for the community - see the President's Letter following our guild contact info. If you are not planning to participate in Betty's workshop, bring something to work on that you could talk about with visitors (spinning wheels, small looms, needle felting, etc).

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### Contacts for the Four Corners Weavers' Guild

#### Current Officers

President – Kris Dixon

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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:

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](mailto: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

Hello everyone! We are looking forward to our March meeting at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Durango. It is the planned workshop meeting with Betty Reed who will be showing us how to do interesting fabric weaving. This will also be our Open House opportunity for the Durango area and public notices have been sent out. The day's schedule will be much as it was for our January meeting in Farmington: first the business meeting, then early lunch at 11AM, then from noon until 2PM we will enjoy Betty's workshop and also welcome the public as they come in to visit. I have talked to Betty about this and she is ok with flowing with the afternoon as it develops. If it gets really lively, we can stretch the open house until 3PM. In addition to the public notices, we have specifically contacted the church membership there and also are advertising it in the Durango Art Center. You are also again encouraged to bring things to work on that you will enjoy talking to visitors about if/when they come in to visit. This is all an experiment as far as reaching out to the communities so we will have to see how this one works out. Bring spinning wheels or other fiber activities anyway!

A special thank you to Pam Ramsey, Jere Lard, and Caroline Spurgeon for putting out the Open House notices in their areas. It is appreciated.

The San Juan College show was well received. We had a nice opening reception and good full page publicity including pictures in the local paper. Thanks to everyone for their participation. We need to thank Sue Johnson for all of her hard work on it. She goes far and beyond her job there at the gallery to make sure our show is the best it can be. Note: as you know this time we had planned to feature some items made from fiber we received from Mignon's collection but only a couple of pieces appeared so there wasn't a special spot set aside for those... in case you thought you missed seeing it.

By now, some of you have been contacted by Phyllenore Howard from IWC asking for help with the Fiber Celebrated show in July. She thanks the Guild very much for our help and said that IWC realizes that they rely heavily on our Guild for help. Because of budget restraints at the college, there is even more need for volunteers this time. Here is the IWC website if you haven't checked it out yet: <http://www.intermountainweavers.org/index.php>

Also the IWC newsletter link is at: <http://www.intermountainweavers.org/newsletter.php>

The newsletter has extensive bios of all of the workshop teachers.

See you on the 19<sup>th</sup>!

Kris Dixon

*The notice that was placed in area newspapers about the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting follows:*

***Interested in weaving and spinning and other fiber arts?*** Come join us for an early afternoon of one-on-one learning, visiting, and demonstrating of various fiber art activities. ***The Four Corners Weavers' Guild*** invites you to visit with us between Noon and 2 PM on Saturday, March 19, 2011, at the Christ the King Lutheran Church, 495 Florida Road, Durango.

Info contact: [kdix@aol.com](mailto:kdix@aol.com) 505-860-0349

## MINUTES

Guild Minutes for January 15, 2011  
First Presbyterian Church, Farmington, New Mexico

Kris Dixon called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. Guests were introduced from Farmington as follows: Louise Myller and Ruth Troutner. Our treasurer presented our opening balance of \$1037.37 and after expenses our closing balance was \$928.95. Communications were passed around. The minutes were read by Debbie Wyckoff and approved with changes as follows: Carolyn Oatley and guest Bessie Dick were written up incorrectly. There was a motion to have newsletters from other guilds distributed by e-mail. Motion approved.

Under old business – The San Juan College Gallery Show check in is after 12:00 noon on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. Sue Johnson distributed contracts that are required to be in the show. The college gets 30% of sale price. All pieces must be ready to hang. Wall pieces have to be wired unless it has dowels. Kris Dixon discussed the policy for the guild screens.

Under new business Elaine Bakkenson wanted the guild to be listed in the Farmington papers organization section. Karen Dearing volunteered to get us on their list. We discussed the service project from Christmas and it was agreed that we would do it again next year. We had 120 items – 60 to each shelter. It was moved and seconded to continue this project. Nice job folks! Our Pagosa Springs retreat was discussed. Possible dates are April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. An e-mail will be sent by Sue Johnson to notify of the best dates for our group. Vice President Karen Dearing discussed this year's schedule as follows: March – Durango – Betty Reed will show us fabric weaving

May – Pam Ramsey will present a felting project including silk at her farm

July – picnic at Zelpha Gentry's

Sept. – Farmington - A speaker from The Handweaver's Guild of America

Nov. – Cortez – Our Holiday/gift exchange party

Our meeting was adjourned and we had Show & Tell and as always an excellent lunch. The group worked on demos and individual handwork for the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Wyckoff

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*You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.*

## NOTES FROM MEMBERS

### From Phyllis Hollenbeck:

News bit: My husband, Dion, and I went to Teec Nos Pos Chapter on Sunday Feb. 27th to deliver large amounts of donated alpaca and Suffolk wool. The two large burlap bags of Suffolk came from Rusty and Laurie Hall of Seven Meadows Farm in Mancos and the alpaca fiber was from Linda Maul of the Shadow Ranch Fiber Hut in Cortez. What big smiles there were from everyone at the new Fiber Arts Center in "Teec".

The new Fiber Arts Center has improved by leaps and bounds since just a few weeks ago. They have a cozy seating area with a futon couch, nice chairs, throw rug, and coffee table. Also, the first of what we hope will be many book cases is in the reading area. There are tables near the south wall with hand drum carders and finished rolls of fiber. Running along the north side are long tables and chairs for classes. And, a good sized TV for watching movies. . The Teec Nos Pos Trading Post now has lovely new bathrooms; both men's and women's! They have running water now and outside the west door a shade structure. Really a warm and friendly space.

The new library can use general interest books from how-to, to International cook books, children's books, crafts of all kinds, green building etc., books about the world, anything on Tibet, of course weaving and other fiber arts, and movies. No murder or mayhem books or movies please. Anyone with items to donate of any kind please give me a call.970-564-9677 I may be able to pick up and deliver.

Betsan Corkhill of <http://www.stitchlinks.com/> in Britain, is interested in making connections around sheep raising, food, fiber, and her passion of knitting and cross stitching as a way to help with pain relief, depression, and more. She's been sent information on the happenings at Teec Nos Pos for a few years now. Some of the new members to the Four Corner's Guild may not know that British chef,

Jamie Oliver, filmed an episode of his British TV Mini-series, Jamie's America, mostly, at "Teec". Hopefully more of these connections will be taking place. Perhaps 10 years ago some British sheep ranchers and fiber producers came to the Navajo "Sheep is Life" at Dine' College in Tsaille, AZ. They came to be inspired by what the Navajo/Dine" were doing to revive their sheep and wool culture. So, all of this is of interest across "The Pond."

**More from Phyllis:** a link to an article about Teec Now Pos Trading Post:  
<http://www.navajotimes.com/entertainment/2011/0111/012811teec.php>

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## COMING EVENTS

**February, 2011 – Four Corners Weavers’ Guild Show – San Juan College, Farmington, NM**  
**Our exhibit runs through March 11<sup>th</sup>. Pick up is March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 12noon.** I will be out of town on the pickup day, but will be sure there are at least 2 members present to help sort and group members’ items for pickup. If you can’t be there to pickup that day, PLEASE make arrangements for someone else to get your items – they can’t be stored at the college.

**April 8-10 – FCWG retreat – Pagosa Springs – contact Jere Lard for details 505 716-7106**

**April 22-26, 2011 - Land & Watershed Restoration in Native Country - (Navajo/Dine) - practical training - Five-day permaculture workshop on land remediation includes working with forest, grazing- and farmland on the Navajo Reservation near Window Rock, Arizona. Students learn about, design and work on various restoration techniques suitable for drylands.**

click on site below:

[[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=bblelrcab&et=1104527971271&s=2804&e=001uT8qbemwzfifSDon8H5yEk89xDgLEGsW4OPM9GKK3Sskx11d9XRbpRbaw8jZikkPnGUwTaO11H3TbCVoifRHg\\_v4MLIYgvMp5AAgW6z04p\\_A8rWUkblaGPCUbs9EOcrQnK2KJeBVtDN8V341sqLTKfdT5edIOc\\_cdZj92-B29w=](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=bblelrcab&et=1104527971271&s=2804&e=001uT8qbemwzfifSDon8H5yEk89xDgLEGsW4OPM9GKK3Sskx11d9XRbpRbaw8jZikkPnGUwTaO11H3TbCVoifRHg_v4MLIYgvMp5AAgW6z04p_A8rWUkblaGPCUbs9EOcrQnK2KJeBVtDN8V341sqLTKfdT5edIOc_cdZj92-B29w=)]

**May 26, 27 and 28, 2011 – Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta! [www.fiberartsfiesta.org](http://www.fiberartsfiesta.org)**

**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](http://www.intermountainweavers.org)

### ***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)

**Spin Offs** are informal groups of sheep herders and fiber enthusiasts who meet monthly to share knowledge about sheep herding, fiber arts, and the latest news. Hands-on learning of new techniques and reinforcing traditional methods are the focus of each community Spin Off.

Everyone is invited to attend, learn, and share. Regular meetings are held at members' homes and ranches. For current meeting schedules, contact TahNibaa Naataanii DBI/RMA Project Director at (505) 406-7428 or Alyssa Harrison DBI/RMA Program Assistant at (505) 368-3975 for more information.

Besides spinning and weaving, participants experiment with different techniques to create products from wearable art to ornaments to felted saddle pads. The groups have found innovative ways for creating artistic, durable products using large quantities of low-quality wool which would otherwise be worth about five cents per pound. Risk Management training and technical assistance for the Spin Off participants will help them derive a better income from their work with wool.

The Dibã© Nit'saa Spin Off focuses on innovation will :

- \* Develop prototypes of marketable products that can become the foundation for value-added businesses and marketing participate in peer-to-peer mentoring and knowledge sharing with family and community members
- \* Utilize the RMA partnership to assess prototypes for technical needs, manufacturing time, resource requirements, and production costs

The Dibã© Nitsaa Group meets the second Wednesday of each month at Chapter House/Fiber Arts Center for intensive Fiber Arts Workshops/Presentations, from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. and twice a month for our Spin Offs.

**WHERE:**

Teec Nos Pos Chapter House/Fiber Arts Center(old pre- school/headstartl building), Arizona Hwy 160, BIA Road N5114  
Teec Nos Pos, AZ

**WHEN:**

Fiber Wednesdays, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Spin Offs, from 10am to 4pm.
Jan 12, 2011	Sunday Spin Offs;
Feb 9, 2011	Jan 9 and 23, 2011
Mar 9, 2011	Feb 13 and 27, 2011
Apr 13, 2011	March 13 and 27, 2011
May 11, 2011	April 3 and 17, 2011
Dec 19, 2011	May 01 and 15, 2011

May 20, 21, 22, Mini Sheep Is Life

PLEASE JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND AND A "POT-LUCK" LUNCH TO SHARE!

For more information please contact us at [roykady@dinewoven.com](mailto:roykady@dinewoven.com), or call (928) 656-3498.

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*There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.*

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

**\*WEAVERS CONFERENCES/MAGAZINES:**

[weavespindye@compuserve.com](mailto:weavespindye@compuserve.com)  
<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* enewsletter (subscribe at link above)

**\*WOOL MARKET/WOOL FESTIVAL**

[events@estes.org](mailto:events@estes.org)  
<http://www.estesnet.com/events/woolmarket.htm>  
Estes Park Wool Market

[questions@taoswoolfestival.org](mailto:questions@taoswoolfestival.org)  
<http://www.taoswoolfestival.org>  
Taos Wool Festival

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

<http://www.woolfestivalsw.meridian1.net>  
Wool Festival of the Southwest

**Directions to Christ the King Lutheran Church**

