

Fiber Loom

Four Corners Weavers' Guild

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ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE

May 18, 2013

May Meeting
Chat Time: 9:30am
Workshop: 10:00am
Lunch: potluck approximately noon
Business Meeting: 1:00pm
Workshop: continues 2-3pm

Empire Electric Building
801 N. Broadway
Cortez, CO

Marian Howarth will present a workshop on Kumihimo braiding. She will teach us how to make a bracelet with beads added. Because we will need time to finish the project, we will start the workshop at 10 and have the business meeting after lunch. Marian is convinced that the learning curve will not be too long, but it is a little time consuming, so we can work through the morning, break for lunch, continue through the business meeting and then Marian will instruct us on the finishing steps. Not knowing exactly how many to plan for, Marian has purchased supplies (loom, threads and beads) for 15 people, which is our average attendance at meetings. We would hate to disappoint anyone, so **we are requesting that you "reserve" your supplies in advance.** Please email Kathy Sehnert to put your name on the reserved loom list. In the event that we have more than 15, there may be time enough to acquire a couple more looms. The cost of the workshop will be \$15.00. If you already have a Kumihimo loom, but will only need supplies, let Marian or Kathy know so she can be prepared with enough other supplies. In addition to the supplies that Marian will bring, you will need a shank button, 1 inch to 1 1/2 inch, to use for a closure, Marian has some, but if you have a special one that you'd like to use, please bring it.

Directions to the Empire Electric Building are at the end of the newsletter.

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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 Elaine Bakkenson, 240 Dekalb, Farmington, NM 87401.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here we are, midway through spring with summer closing in before we know it! I hope a lot of you have been able to sign up for a class during IWC to keep those creative juices flowing, or at least take time to visit the market for some inspiration. Also, I know that IWC is always looking for volunteers if anyone has time to help out. Please check the website for details.

I am also going to keep reminding everyone that the fairs are coming up in August and to be thinking of something to submit, no time like the present to be working on an entry! (Maybe I should take my own advice?) Anyway, I am looking forward to the next meeting and seeing you all there!

Anne

MINUTES

March 2013 Four Corners Weavers Guild

The March meeting was held at the Lutheran Church in Durango on March 16. Pres. Anne Hanson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. There were introductions and Julian Fishbeck was a guest and Marion Brasher and Mary Ann Hurley are new members.

Caroline Spurgeon gave the Treasures report and there is \$1,735.46 in the guild account. Susan Kuenzler, once again, kindly did our taxes and the State and Federal taxes have been paid. Dues are due in May, \$25.00 per year and payable any time.

The January minutes were past around for reading and approved as written. Since they missed being in the newsletter they will be added to the web site newsletter page.

Caroline reported as the web site manager urged everyone to look at the site often as he adds new items frequently. The sale page has been very successful and it is only \$5.00 to list an item. If you have an item or want to be a link on the web page that is also possible.

After discussion about room rates at the Spring Inn the retreat was moved to April 28 and 29 to take advantage of lower rates. Anyone going needs to make their own room reservations.

Under new business the next meeting will be May 18th in Cortez and it will be a workshop by Marian Howarth on Kumihimo Braiding. Looms will be available for purchase for \$15.00. Instead of our usual meeting schedule the workshop will begin the meeting at 10:00 followed by the business meeting, show and tell and lunch. This will allow more time to work on the bracelet that will be our workshop project.

Anne reminded everyone to make things for the county fairs and service project of scarves and hats for the women's shelters. Shirley Haisman had some breast forms she knit. The hospital told her

they could us a few pair every month and the pattern is on the web site for those knitters who want to make some.

The “Fiber Odyssey” in Telluride August 8-11 was discussed. Some people expressed interest in forming a sheep to shawl team. Anne, Debbie, Mary Ann, Shirley, Elaine and Caroline are interested. Pam Ramsey was volunteered in her absence.

The “Sneffels Fiber Festival” will be held Sept. 13-14 in Ouray CO. For more information contact www.weehawkenarts.org under special events or call 970-325-4005.

Meeting was followed by show and tell, lunch and a workshop by Debbie Wycoff on weaving skills, how to, tips and general good information for all levels of weavers. Thanks Debbie.

Sharon Sichi,
Secretary

A NOTE FROM PAM RAMSEY

Dear Friends,

Life, at times, throws road blocks into your path for reasons we don't know. A quick trip to the emergency room with what we thought was a bad case of indigestion or appendicitis turned into a diagnosis of Ovarian Cancer and Doug and I found ourselves meeting with oncologists and then on the road a couple of days later to Albuquerque for what amounted to major surgery. 9 Days in the hospital, was followed soon after by a scheduled course of chemotherapy.

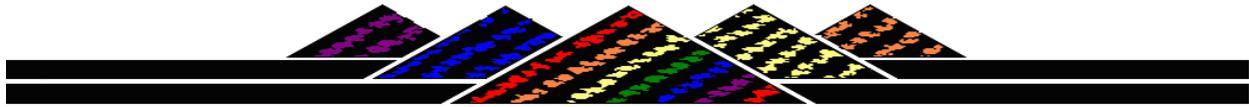
So this is the short version of our lives since March 20. Whew, most of you know that I was due to retire from the Railroad on May 1, so we just pushed retirement up a bit and luckily I was in a position to take the month of April off.

The purpose of this note is to express my deepest gratitude and sincere thanks for the incredible amount of support that came pouring out of the 4 Corners Weavers Guild, from phone calls, cards and emails to the many delicious meals that were prepared and waiting for us. To say the least, we were overwhelmed! The meals, especially, were such wonderful help. Although I am somewhat out of pocket for a while, the farm work and daily chores go on and not having to be concerned about what to fix for dinner or even worry about shopping was a huge task off our plates. Doug has taken on some of the house chores and I find that if I pace myself, I can pretty well keep up with most everything else. Of course, now we have lambs and irrigation water to deal with, so it is our usual busy spring.

On the up side, I've only had one chemo course, but it hasn't knocked me down too bad. A couple of very tired days, (naps are a good thing) but otherwise, I am still running dye pots, spinning, knitting, etc. and I can take my spinning wheel to chemo if I wish. My second course is May 7, so I am hoping to come to the guild meeting in May (depending on my energy level, so far it's been pretty decent) and see all of you to thank you in person. My courses will end the 30th of July, every 3 weeks up until then, it will allow me to still participate in things I love, just at a little slower pace, and most of you are constantly lecturing me to slow down anyway.

Much Love to all of you
Pam and Doug Ramsey

NEWS FROM IWC



It's not too late! There's still space available in IWC workshops! Check out these possibilities at www.intermountainweavers.org:

- **Jason Collingwood** - 3-End Blockweave
- **Inge Dam** - Incorporating Tablet Weaving into Garments
- **Anita Mayer** - Embellishing the Surface
- **Susan Wilson** - Surprising Color-and-Weave
- **Heather Howard** - Introduction to Rio Grande Style Weaving
- **Karen Selk** - Silk Fusion
- **Diane de Souza** - Lace Knitting Traditions: Estonian, Shetland, and Orenberg
- **Maggie Casey** - Spinning 101: Learn to Spin or Refresh your Skills
- **Marilyn Moore** - Let's Do the Twist: Exploring Twining with Wire
- **Margaret Coe** - Laptops and Looms: A Digital Approach to Weave Design
- **Elizabeth Buckley** - Explorations in Light and Dark: The Use of Value in Tapestry Design
- **Gasali Adayemo** - Traditional Yoruba Techniques of Adire Eleko and Tie-dye

If your summer plans can now include IWC in Durango July 25-28, on-line or mail-in registration is still open. See www.intermountainweavers.org for details.

MEMBERSHIP

Annual dues of \$25 are NOW due. Please make your check payable to FCWG and send/give to Kathy Sehnert.

Marianne Hurley has recently moved from the East Coast to Mancos and has joined our guild. Marianne is primarily a spinner. Please add her contact information to your membership list.

Marianne Hurley
 phone: 970-560-5878
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July picnic: As we all know, Pam Ramsey is going through chemo treatments which will continue through July and the picnic scheduled at her house. Though she was willing to have Doug host the picnic, I think we need to find another venue for the July meeting and picnic. The default plan will be at my house, however, since so many of this year's meetings are scheduled in the northern part of our

guild territory I would suggest we try to find a place in or around Farmington or Aztec. **Any suggestions or volunteers?**

CORTEZ GROUP OF THE FCWG

On the third Saturday of April, eight of the guild members in the Cortez area met at the Mancos Library for a fun workshop of "off loom" techniques. Caroline introduced us to finger weaving and card weaving; a new experience for some. Maybe some finished projects will show up for the May show & tell!

COMING EVENTS

May 24-26, 2013 – Berg Park, Farmington NM – Riverfest – come join us for a juried Arts & Crafts Show, 700 Scott Ave. at the Red Lion Inn, and more booths and activities on the River Reach Landing near the river. Hours for the juried show are 6-9pm on May 24, 10am-7pm on May 25 and 10am-4pm on May 26. Several of our members will have booths – Linda Smith will have watercolor felts, hand knitted jewelry, pencil paintings, hand knit yarns and more, Betty Reed will have fiber and jewelry, and Sue Johnson will have fiber, jewelry and clay..

July 13-26th - Guatemalan Textiles Tour - Y'abal Handicrafts, a back-strap weaving project in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, works with three indigenous communities of women back-strap weavers in the highlands of Guatemala. They sell their hand-woven textiles, bags, purses, and accessories in their small fair trade store in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. They help preserve the centuries-old tradition of back-strap weaving while allowing the women a form of economic-self sufficiency. FCWG members are invited to the 2013 Guatemalan Textiles Tour. They offer this 2-week tour every year, July 13-26th. On the tour you will visit with several different indigenous weaving cooperatives around the highlands of Guatemala, learn about the variety of techniques, designs, and traditions from different Mayan weaving communities, focusing on the back-strap loom, and visit areas of cultural/historical interest and great natural beauty along the way.

Here's the link for more detailed information:

http://www.yabal-handicrafts.com/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=13

Please let me know if you'd be interested or if you have any questions.

Thanks, we look forward to hearing from you!

Warm regards,

Allison Havens

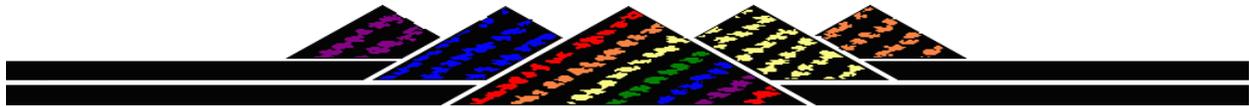
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**INTERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS CONFERENCE
IWC 2013 - A Conference for Fiber Artists**

July 25 through July 28, 2013 – Durango, CO - The Intermountain Weavers Conference registration is open! Click on the link below to view the workshops and registration form for this year's exciting conference in Durango on July 25 through July 28, 2013. We hope you can join us for our 30th anniversary. www.intermountainweavers.org

September 13th and 14th, 2013 - Ridgway, Colorado - "The Sneffels Fiber Festival will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 13th and 14th, 2013 in Ridgway, Colorado. There will be dozens of vendors along with live animals and demonstrations. Admission is free. The festival will be held at the 4-H Center on Highway 550 from 9:30am to 4pm both days. For more info go to [Facebook.com/SneffelsFiberFestival](https://www.facebook.com/SneffelsFiberFestival) or contact ouraysusie@gmail.com or the Weehawken Creative Arts in Ridgway at 970-318-0150."

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

***WEAVERS CONFERENCES/MAGAZINES:**

weavespindye@compuserve.com
<http://www.weavespindye.org>
www.complex-weavers.org
Complex Weavers

www.fiberartsfiesta.org
Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta
<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)

***WOOL MARKET/WOOL FESTIVAL**

events@estes.org
<http://www.estesnet.com/events/woolmarket.htm>
Estes Park Wool Market

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

Fiber artists in NM
www.nmfiberartisans.org

Directions to Empire Electric Building, Cortez, CO

