

Fiberline

Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Meeting Date:
July 15, 2023

Location:
20611 US Hwy 160 W

Address: Durango, CO

Social Time: 9:30

Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Bring a Sack Lunch or Potluck

20611 US Hwy 160 W, Durango, CO

See programs report below for more detailed directions.

- ▶ Our next meeting is Saturday, July 15, 20611 US Hwy 160 W
- ▶ 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.

I will always buy extra yarn. I will not try to tempt fate.

-- Stephanie Pearl-McPhee

❖ President's Message

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Dear Weaving Friends,

A warm welcome to all our members. I want to thank the two outgoing members, Kathy S and Karinne K for their service. Ann K and Sherry H are staying in their positions with Deb B in the secretary's slot. Thanks also to Carolyn S for filling in on short notice for Karinne, who I heard was in Norway-color me green!

We're in a new venue for our next meeting. San Juan Lavender Fields sounds wonderful. Remember to pack a sack lunch and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

I've had a couple of suggestions from Karen D and Anne W. The first is to add more detail to our Show and Tell items, such as number of shafts, size of thread and sett used. Sometimes we don't remember all the details, but it would be helpful.

The second suggestion is to have a "Weaver's Moment" right before lunch. There is a wealth of knowledge in our group that could be shared. I'm thinking of something 5-15 minutes long. Topics could include how to fix a broken warp thread, or if, and when to use a floating selvedge. This would not be a presentation, just a short chat about something that was learned along the way. Karen D generously offered to do the first one. I have no idea what her topic will be, so we'll all find out at the meeting. Karen D and Anne W said they would organize who would do this at future meetings. This is on a volunteer basis only and we can see how it goes.

Last, but not least, I'm honored to be your president and will strive to do my best. Hope to see you all at the July meeting.

Lana S -- President.

❖ Programs and Workshops Report

July:

July 15: The Lavender Farms are struggling this year so plan B will be

We will have our picnic on 76 acres at the future home of Butterfly Glamping Resort. It is located above Durango near the Twin Buttes and a hike will reveal Perrins Peak. The Durango Silverton train can be heard from the location.

Bring a Chair to relax. Water will be provided, bring your favorite beverage. There is electricity so potluck for food. Plenty of parking. The gravel driveway is 1 mile up the hill and has a couple of switch backs. On highway 160 beside the zipline behind C-Dot is the road. Go through the gate start up the hill and stay to the left on the road near the top. There will be a sign to go left, the address is 20611 US Hwy 160 W.

Sept:

Sept. 16 meeting: Cortez Quilt Company, 40 W. Main Street, Cortez, CO. Afternoon workshop: sewing with your handwoven fabric; \$12 plus purchase of pattern, zipper, interfacing and commercial lining fabric, for a small zippered bag, from Cortez Quilt Company. Bring your own handspun fabric, minimum 9"x17". Five sewing machines are available for those that don't have their own. Please sign up soon and indicate whether you will need a sewing machine and your sewing skill level so Aimee can select the appropriate teacher.

November: Holiday Party

- Sherry H. -- Vice President

❖ Of Interest

Long Thread Media has a variety of podcasts associated with all aspects of fiber. Here is the link to one by Nikyle Begay, Diné shepherd raising Navajo-churro sheep, and co-founder and executive director of Rainbow Fiber Co-op.

<https://spinoffmagazine.com/long-thread-podcast-transcript-shepherd-navajo-weaver-nikyle-begay/>

❖ Treasurer's Report

Actual balance in account \$5347.77 as of 4/24/23

\$5.00 website ad

50.00 2 memberships

-\$132.00 federal tax deposit

Current balance = \$\$5270.77 as of 5/31/23

-- Ann K, Treasurer

❖ Membership Chairman's Report

If you are sending dues or have any changes in your contact information, please contact Anne W, woollylizard49@gmail.com, 907.355.6398. Dues are due in May. Bring your checks to the meeting!

- 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 are like me, you prefer the weaving part over the warping part. Sometimes a few simple tricks can help make the warping process less onerous. I used to tie all four sections separately on either side of the cross. This article from *Handwoven* magazine suggests folding pieces of paper around the upper warp layers and securing them with a pin.

<https://handwovenmagazine.com/tips-and-tricks-for-warping-your-loom/>



❖ May Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2023

Call to order by Kathy at 10:09am

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Leftovers from, Betty's sale in Farmington - some are on the back tables. See Karen to make a purchase. Funds from sale will go towards a scholarship at Tri Rivers Art Center (TRAC) for an art student.

Guests: Susan Matthew's from Dolores, was part of guild many years ago.

Around the table with introductions, and invitation to make suggestions for the future of the guild. Suggestions include:

- Workshops: big workshop in the fall, possibly overshoot, needle felting, batik, soap-making
- Many resources online, and there are many opportunities, or ways to "sample" a workshop leader(s).

Caroline mentioned that leftover items from Betty's stash could be posted to guild website for sale.

Minutes of last meeting were printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept made by Val. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report, also printed in newsletter was moved to approve by Sherry and Lana. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee report - Lana S. - President, Sherry H. - Vice President (& programs), Deb B - Secretary, Ann K. - Treasurer

Membership - Anne passed around a member list for checking/corrections and accepting checks for membership renewals.

Workshops - Sherry reported that the July meeting will be outdoors at the lavender farm, bring your own lunch.

September Guild Meeting is planned to meet at the Cortez Quilt Shop. Lunch on your own. The afternoon program will be a class on sewing a small bag with handwoven fabric. Six minimum participants are required; a show of hands indicated that we could meet that requirement, so Anne will confirm with the Quilt Shop. Participants need to bring your own handwoven fabric; a piece about 17" x 9". (Probably no thicker than something comparable to 5/2 cotton.) The cost of the class is \$12 each and you will need to purchase lining, interfacing, zipper and pattern from the quilt shop. They have five sewing machines available. Anne passed around a basic pattern. Guild will pay \$60 facility fee.

Charity project - Lana is looking for someone to take over this project. It requires gathering items handmade and/or purchased by guild members. Needs are for mostly women and children of all ages, and some men. Also need for travel size toiletries. They are distributed to area homeless service centers in December.

Library - Karen. Have lots of books, lots of duplicates - what to do with them? Perhaps offer to guild members first. Laurie volunteered to help sort and catalog books; additional help appreciated; contact Karen.

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❖ **May Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2023 (continued)**

Hospitality - Kathy volunteered to manage hospitality box.

Webpage – Caroline. Lots of visitors to the site. Anne helping with Facebook page, which is going well.

A box of yarn from Betty's stash was sent to the kids at Zephyr Cove. Costs to send box \$44. Caroline/Laurie moved for the guild to reimburse Kathy.

New Business:

Intermountain Weaving Conference at Utah State University, Logan, UT, July 27-30. Cherie is on the board - classes and housing may be filling up, but still time to sign up. Kathy will forward info to anyone who wants it.

Anne mentioned the Sheep Is Life event in Window Rock in June.

Election of Officers: There were no additional nominations for guild officers. Motion by Sara and Ann to accept the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee, pass and the officers were elected as proposed by the nominating committee.

New officers will take over for July meeting.

Kathy expressed her appreciation as president over the past four years.

Show and Tell (Really show-and-tell-and-help) followed the business meeting.

Motion to Close the Meeting by Anne/Sarah

The program followed a potluck lunch.

Sherry and Mike headed a workshop on basket making.

-- Secretary, Karinne K. was in Norway.
Meeting notes by Carolyn S., edited by Kathy S.

❖ **Announcements**

Plastic Shopping Bags Needed

Karen and Valerie are making plastic sleeping mats for the homeless. Please save your plastic shopping bags from Safeway, City Market, Walmart, etc. It takes about 500 bags to make one mat.

So far, they have delivered 7 mats to "Street Medicine", a group of doctors and healthcare people who travel the four corners taking medical help directly to the homeless. This group has asked us to make as many mats as we can for them to give to those in need.

We will gather bags for this worthwhile project at each of the guild meetings. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact Karen at krdearing@yahoo.com

Intermountain Weavers Conference in Logan, UT July 27-30, 2023.

❖ 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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❖ Links: Weaver's Conferences / Fiber Festivals / Magazines and Newsletters

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

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

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

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