

Fiberline

Four Corners Weavers Guild

November 1, 2024
Volume 46, Issue 6

Meeting Date:
November 16, 2024

Location:
Fellowship of
Spirit church, also known
as Jere's Church

Address:
2009 E. 13th,
Farmington, NM

Social Time: 9:30
Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Holiday Potluck

- ▶ Our next meeting is at the Fellowship of Spirit Church, 2009 E. 13th, Farmington, NM.
- ▶ 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.

" When we begin to see textiles as a cultural product tied to people and place rather than 'things' we will think more deliberately about how those things are made - and where and by whom."

-- Natalie Chanin

❖ President's Message

Greeting to All Our Guild Members,

It's hard for me to believe 2024 is winding down already. Our last meeting of this calendar year is approaching. I hope we are all prepared for the winter weather.

I'm bringing turkey to the November meeting, and I know there will be lots of side dishes to enjoy. I want to remind everyone of our Christmas gift exchange and that the towel exchange was reinstated for the November meeting. Both of these are voluntary, so there's no pressure. It's always fun to see what our members have been making. Service Project items will also be collected at the meeting.

Hope to see you all at the November meeting. I always look forward to connecting with my weaving friends!

Happy Weaving,
Lana S. -- President.

❖ Of Interest

Project Threadways is the 501(c)(3) umbrella that guides the work of Alabama Chanin and *The School of Making*. Their mission is to document, study, and interpret history, community, and power through the lens of fashion and textiles. Their oral history collection connects people, places and materials through design, making, and education. For more information see:

<https://alabamachanin.com/project-threadways>

❖ Programs and Workshops Report

I am looking forward to a great year of learning!

We will have a potluck for our November meeting. Lana S is providing the turkey, so bring some holiday side dishes to share.

Plan on our usual gift exchange (a handmade item –woven or other craft – and an edible treat) for those that choose to participate; we will still use the “white elephant” method of exchange. Fun and laughs!.

The Handwoven towel exchange is this month so please bring your towel wrapped and those who plan to participate will do an exchange.

We are giving items to several women's shelters, so please bring your service project items. They can be handmade, or store bought.

Please come join us for some holiday fun.

- Sherry H -- Vice President

❖ Treasurer's Report

Balance August 30, 2024	5525.57
IRS estimated tax	-95.00
Colorado Tax	- 19.00
To Caroline/Web site **	-48.00
Marvel Grange **	-35.00
Hospitality	-19.33
Loom Ad	10.00
Cash loom ad /deposit error **	5.00
BALANCE 10/28/24	\$ 5324.24

** includes outstanding transactions

-- Kathy S, Treasurer

❖ Membership Chairman's Report

If you are a new member, bring your membership check to the meeting. Membership dues are due in May so bring your checks to the meeting! Receipt of the newsletter is a benefit of membership to the guild.

-- 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**.

❖ Announcements

CRICKET/RIGID HEDDLE CLUB MEETING: The Cricket Club is a group of people that are interested in weaving with a rigid heddle loom.

Recently we explored using a wavy shuttle with varying degrees of success! We learned what it can and cannot do.

Right now, we are doing Crazy Shot and Crazy Shot Companion by Myra Wood. It is an overshot pickup technique that is fascinating. We were introduced to the books Crazy Shot and Crazy Shot Companion by one of our members. It's a lot of tediousness but results in beautiful patterns. Hopefully, we will have some examples to share with each other at the next meeting. One of our tasks was to come up with our own patterns. Turns out to not be as easy as we thought! But it is a great exercise and helps us to appreciate the work that others do so that we can just weave and not have to think too hard.

Each month we explore different rigid heddle techniques. We have all learned so much. It has been a lot of fun as well.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday November 2 at Karen Dearing's place from 10-12. She lives in Aztec, NM. If you would like to know more about rigid heddle weaving or are actively weaving on that loom, you are welcome to join us.

Our December meeting will be on Friday, the 6th from 10-12 at Karen's place.

For directions or more information, please call or text Karen at 505-860-7735 or krdearing@yahoo.com

Zach G is the winner of two Guild Awards. He's 19 and a new weaver, learning how to weave at Dine College. He was so happy to have won both the Children's award and Best Use of Color at the San Juan County fair.



❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:

Weaving horizontal stripes can be laborious if there are a lot, or colors change frequently. When stripes are narrow and follow a regular pattern, you can carry them up along the selvedge. Weaving guru, Madelyn Van Der Hoogt explains how in this article:

<https://handwovenmagazine.com/carrying-multiple-weights>

❖ September 21, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Lana S at 10:05am.

Introductions and answering the question of "What big thing happened during your summer?" were shared around the group. We had 7 members attending, which was not a quorum.

Minutes of the last meeting were found and read by Sherry H. A brief recap of the July 20th meeting:

There were 11 in attendance. The minutes were approved. Taxes were handed to Kathy S Treasurer's report given. August class info shared. Membership report has 25 members on our list. No service report, but a reminder to bring items in November. Library is still working on getting organized. November towel exchange. Zephyr school donations. Workshop ideas. Banner hasn't been ordered yet but will be double sided and retractable. Show and Tell. Weaver's Moment by Karen D about heddles.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Val H. and seconded by Mike H. Since we lacked a quorum, there was no vote to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report by Kathy S: Taxes have been paid (\$95 to Federal and \$19 to Colorado). Susan, our accountant, advised to pay online, so Federal taxes were paid online, but Colorado were paid by check. Susan will be retiring next year. There was discussion around changing our tax status to a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Anne shared F2Y's experience with taxes. Kathy reported deposits of \$275 membership + \$5 ad + \$32 library donation + \$445 workshop fees and payments of \$1000 workshop + \$114 taxes + \$48 website, which leaves a balance of \$5,363.57. We lacked a quorum to vote to approve the report.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality – Kathy S would like someone to replace her in this role. There is not much work required. There are two tubs of supplies. There was discussion about a new coffeepot. Handout shared with options.

Membership – Anne W reminded us that dues are due in May and to please notify her of any changes to your contact information.

Service Project – Lesley E was not able to attend, but it was noted that she will be moving to Wyoming. So, we need a replacement for this committee, and it was reported that this is an easy position. Lana S reminded us to start making or collecting items to be donated at our November meeting.

Library – Karen D was not able to attend, but Deb B reported that she has not had an opportunity to purchase Excel for Karen D, and the lists of books are still needing compilation.

Program – Sherry H reported that the surveys have been very helpful. She reported on the Tapestry program in August. There were comments that payments were confusing because the amount was dependent on the number in attendance. After discussion, the consensus was that it would be acceptable to require deposits to firm up attendance numbers.

(Continued on next page)

❖ September 21, 2024, Meeting Minutes (continued)

Lana S reported there was a Scam Alert and stated that FCWG will NEVER ask for donations.

Old Business:

HGA Membership – There was discussion whether to continue or not. Dues are \$62/year or \$105/two years.

Programs – There were 15 different topics on the survey. Double Weave (19) and Krokbragd (14) tied for first. Tally for the other topics were Tablet (10), Shadow weave (9), Needle felting (9), Eco-printing (7), Crackle, Deflected double weave, Finishing. The plan will be to do Double Weave next Fall. There was discussion about interest in an experienced double weave class. F2Y will be bringing in Joan Sheridan for a three-day knitting workshop, but Joan also weaves. Discussion followed about piggybacking with a Krokbragd one-day class taught by Joan. We will need to decide this at the November meeting. Cost for the class for non-members would be our class cost + \$25. The mini workshop would be our cost + \$10 (per our Bylaws).

New Business: There was no new business.

Announcements – Anne W mentioned that the first full week of October is Spinning and Weaving week and F2Y had demos planned from 10am to 2pm. Carolyn S will demo pin looming on Tues, 10/8, Corey H will demo on a baby Wolf (10/9), need others for Thurs, Fri and Sat. Lana S. volunteered. Mike H and Sherry H volunteered to demo inkle and tablet weaving on 10/10.

Sherry H announced that she had brought yarn for sale from Mary Alice Hearn, 91 years old, who is now living in Sunshine Gardens following a stroke. Her son, Bill, has been clearing out her studio and would like to sell her yarn.

Show and Tell followed the business meeting.

Weaver's Moment – {this is where we share a weaving tip} This was postponed.

The meeting was closed at 11:45am by Lana S with a motion by Kathy S and seconded by Deb B.

Those Guild members present participated in a mini workshop on a Japanese braiding technique called Kumihimo.

-- Secretary, Deb B

❖ 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).

❖ Contacts for the Four Corners Weavers' Guild

President – Lana Schwellenbach	lanaschw@yahoo.com
Vice President – Sherry Hawkins	paintedleaf2003@yahoo.com
Secretary – Deb Bacon	sbskier99@gmail.com
Treasurer – Kathy Sehnert	kssehnert@gmail.com
Membership Chair – Anne Worthington	woollylizard49@gmail.com
Newsletter – Cherie Pitman and Anne Worthington	cheriepitman@gmail.com woollylizard49@gmail.com
Website – Caroline Spurgeon	43cheve@gmail.com
Facebook / Social Media Caroline Spurgeon and Anne Worthington	43cheve@gmail.com woollylizard49@gmail.com

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

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

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

❖ Fellowship Spirit Church, 2009 E. 13th,
Farmington, NM.

