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Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Meeting Date:
July 17, 2025

Location:
Kathy Sehnert's House

Address:
527 N. Willow, Mancos, CO

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

Lunch: 11:30
Potluck

- Our next meeting is at Kathy Sehnert's, 527 N. Willow, Mancos, CO. It will be our annual picnic.
- 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 Kathy Sehnert, 527 N Willow St., Mancos, CO 81328.

"...a great misnomer in chenille weaving is the one where weavers believe drape will come from looser setts and looser beat.....good drape is the result of well woven cloth - cloth woven in a proper sett for the fiber chosen....."

— Su Butler

❖ President's Message

Hello to all our Guild members, Our July meeting/picnic is coming up. It's always a lot of fun. Thanks to Kathy S. who so graciously opens her home for this event. We will again have a free to give away table, a sale table and a yarn donation table for a school that our guild supports.

We will also have our installation of any new officers. I have been honored to serve as your president for the past two years. The time truly has flown by.

This is one of our two potluck meetings, so remember to bring a dish to pass. If you forget, don't worry, there's always lots of food!

I have been working way too hard dealing with weeds, so am looking forward to the July picnic. My grandchildren taught me something in June. A little game called Roses and Thorns.

I let you all know about it at the meeting. Hope to see all of you there.

Lana S. -- President.

❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:

Have you ever worried about your reed marks? Well known weaver and teacher, Laura Fry doesn't lose much sleep over them. After the weaving is wet-finished most disappear, many are reduced, and the rest aren't that big of a deal. If it bothers you that much use a finer reed. For more information on reed marks read Laura's blog at: <https://laurasloom.blogspot.com/search/label/reed%20marks>

❖ Programs and Workshops Report

It's that time again for our annual July Picnic!

In place of a program, we will have a potluck picnic at Kathy Sehnert's House. There will be a lot to discuss, and we will be voting for our new board positions.

Three tables will be set up. One to donate items to the Zephyr Cove Elementary School. Another for sale or swap and another for giveaway.

Hope to see you there.

- Sherry H -- Vice President

❖ Treasurer's Report

May 1, 2025 to June 20, 2025

Balance May 1	\$6,296.96
Dues	\$325.00
Ads	\$10.00
Workshop Fees	\$1,350.00
Balance May 31	\$7,981.96
June Dues	\$50.00
Balance June 20, 2025	\$8,031.96

FCWG Annual Treasurer's Report

Bank account June 1, 2024	\$5978.57
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Income:

Membership:	\$775.00
Donations:	\$7.00
Ads :	\$35.00
Workshops :	\$3070.00
Library:	\$30.00
Totals Income:	\$3,917.00

Expenses:

Venue:	-\$125.00
Advertising	- \$320.66
Presenter fees	-\$1195.00
Prizes	-\$75.00
Website	-\$64.62
Supplies/expenses	-\$19.33
Taxes	-\$144.00

Total Expenses: -\$1,913.61

Bank Balance 5/31/25 **\$7,981.96**

May is "pay day"! I have collected dues from 22 members. There are 6 or 7 of last year's members yet to pay; you know who you are. To be on this year's membership list, dues must be paid by the September meeting, i.e. 9/18/2025. The August workshop is full; 20 people are registered and paid. I do have 1 person on a waitlist, and I will add to that as requested.

Kathy Sehnert, 527 N Willow St., Mancos, CO 81328

ksehnert@gmail.com 970-739-9654

-- Kathy S, Treasurer

❖ Membership Chairman's Report

If you are a new member, bring your membership check to the meeting. Annual membership dues are due in May. I will be stepping down as membership chairman, so please consider stepping up to take on this important task. Receipt of the newsletter and reduced costs for workshops and programs are a benefit of membership to the guild.

-- Anne W, Membership

Send Dues To:

Kathy Sehnert, 527 N Willow, Mancos, CO 81328 or consider becoming the membership chair. Make check out to **Four Corners Weaver's Guild**.

❖ Announcements

Intermountain Weavers Conference (IWC) announced that their 2027 Conference will be held at Antlers Wyndham in Colorado Springs July 6-10, 2027.

CRICKET RIGID HEDDLE CLUB-

The Cricket Club is a group of mostly ladies that are interested in learning more about weaving on the rigid heddle loom. No experience or loom is necessary. We sometimes weave at our meetings and sometimes we talk about what we have done or would like to do. All levels of experience in rigid heddle weaving are invited to join us.

At our last meeting we learned how to finish selvages and other edges with different hems, crocheting and weaving edges, fringes both tied and twisted as well as other techniques.

The next meeting of the Cricket Club will be Friday July 11 from 10-12. We will be meeting at Karen's house in Aztec. Our topics are hemstitching and reading patterns for the rigid heddle looms. We would love to have you join us.

We will have no August meeting.

For questions about the Cricket Club or directions to Karen's home, you can call or email her. 505-860-7735

krdearing@yahoo.com

❖ Of Interest

There's still time!! Support your local community by entering your hand made items in your local county fairs!

❖ May 18, 2024, Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2025 FCWG May Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by Lana at 10:00a.

Introductions and answering the question of "What is your least favorite thing about Spring?" were shared around the group. We had 11 members attending, which included two new members, Kelly and Dierdre.

Minutes of the last meeting were printed in the newsletter. Since we lacked a quorum at the March meeting, we have two sets of minutes to approve – one from January and one from March. A motion to accept the March minutes was made by Val and seconded by Mike. A motion to accept the January minutes was made by Sherry and seconded by Val. The vote for both minutes was approved. There was discussion about voting. If a vote is needed when a quorum is lacking, then an email will be sent out with 5 days to vote. If there is no response to the email, then the lack of response is considered approval.

Treasurer's Report by Kathy: The report was printed in the newsletter. Kathy noted that the balance as of April 24 is \$6,296.96. She reported that she has received \$1,575 for deposits for the workshop as well as dues monies.

Committee Reports:

Program – Lana discussed the costs for the August workshop – Teacher \$2250, travel to/from \$400, Mancos Grange rental \$135 for 3 days, Projector rental \$100 = \$3,135 total. Budgeted \$250pp (includes light lunch @ \$25pp x 3 days) – Guild pays 60% of the cost, so a member pays \$125 and a non-member pays \$150.

Suggestion for a September program, develop a committee (Val, Kathy and Karen volunteered) to develop 4 mini workshops for 2026 with at least two of them related to weaving.

Membership – Val expressed interest in taking on this committee. New members will get a packet of info.

Service Project – Beverly had no report. Lana explained this project to our new members. Donations can be made throughout the year as Bev has storage space.

Hospitality – Lana reminded us that we are no longer doing potlucks for meetings. Only July and November will be potluck meetings. Kathy is storing two tubs of supplies. Bev volunteered to chair this committee and store the supplies.

Library – Karen reported that people are checking out books from the library. She is still working on getting the spreadsheet up and running.

Old Business:

August Workshop – there was discussion about cancellations, having a waitlist and when a 100% refund is given. It was decided if someone cancelled before July 1st, then they would get a full refund. Any cancellations after July 1st, no refunds would be given. Kathy will send out an email to members that July 1st is the deadline and explain the refund policy. Kathy made a motion to accept this refund policy which was seconded by Deb and the vote was approved. Jennifer Moore, the teacher, will be sending out info in July about the workshop and warping info.

Equipment – It was decided that there needs to be a list of guild equipment and where it is. Kathy stated she has a 4-shaft loom, bobbin winder, shuttles, etc. This is the list that was made in January of 2022 and will likely need to be updated. Please indicate, if you know, who has what equipment and if any new items need to be added.

❖ May 18, 2024, Meeting Minutes *(continued)*

Four Corners Weaving Guild Equipment and Location as of January 2022

- Victoria loom with table and stand (Kathy)
- Four harness floor loom (was at Karen D and now at Sharon S)
- Eight harness table loom (actually belongs to Gere and not the guild)
- Eight harness table loom (Sharon S plans to donate hers to the guild)
- Dorothy table loom (Kathy)
- Display screens and stand – 1 set (Carol V)
- Warping board
- Bobin winder
- Warping mill (Deb)

Status of Non-Profit – Lana explained that we are losing our accountant. The Bylaws will need to be changed to reflect “no financial benefit to members”. Discussion followed. We are unable to apply for any grants since we are For Profit. Sherry will talk to a friend who is an accountant and see if they might be willing to take us on. This will be discussed further at the July meeting.

New Business:

2026 Workshop Programs – Lana reviewed the survey result – Navajo weaving was #1 and could be taught by Caroline Spurgeon and Krokbragd was #2 by just a one- point difference.

Nominating Committee – Lana explained that we will need to select new officers at our July meeting. Open positions are VP and Secretary. Sherry volunteered to be President. Kathy is willing to stay on as Treasurer. Lana will be moving to Denver and Cherie is moving to California. Mike offered to be chair of the Nominating Committee.

Presence at Farmer's Markets – Lana mentioned that this would bring awareness to weaving, items for sale and flyers about the Cricket Club. Karen will attend the Farmington Farmer's Market and Sherry will attend the Bayfield Farmer's Market.

Announcements:

- County Fairs are coming up – San Juan, NM and La Plata, CO
- Karen mentioned that Betty Reed's husband is not well. There are three more looms and Karen's Glimakra for sale.

Show and Tell

Weaver's Moment – was incorporated into today's program.

The meeting was closed at 11:55am by Lana.

The program started at 12:30pm. The program this afternoon was a display and demonstration of weavers weaving from using a warping board to dressing a floor loom.

-- Secretary, Deb Bacon

❖ **Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:**

New tips for weavers on the horizon! WEFT: The Magazine for Weavers

The PLY team, who are responsible for a well-known spinning magazine are starting a new magazine for the intermediate multi-shaft weaver. It will be bursting with diverse content, packed with knowledge, and designed to inspire experimentation and learning. It is set to launch in the Spring.

Here is a link to more information:

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/plymagazine/weft-magazine-the-magazine-for-handweavers>

❖ 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

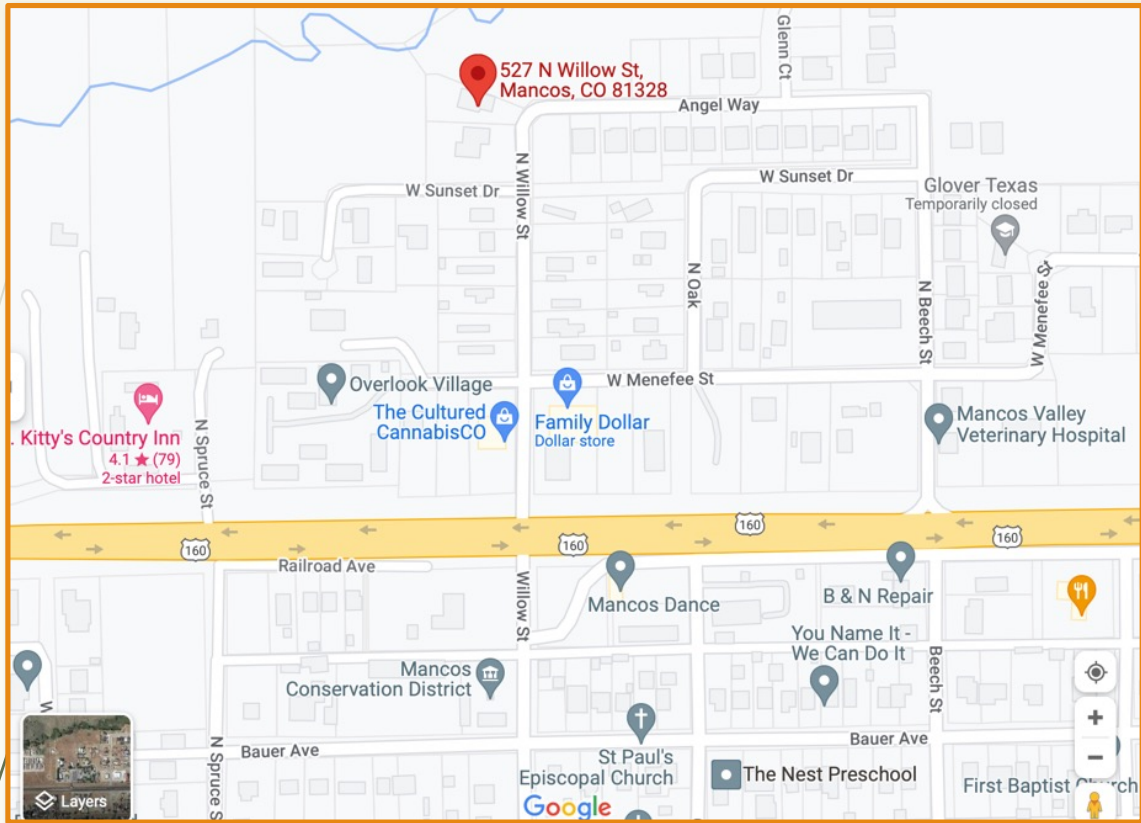
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❖ Links: Weaver's Conferences / Fiber Festivals / Magazines and Newsletters

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

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

❖ **Kathy Sehnert's House**
Address: 527 N. Willow, Mancos, CO



LOOMS and EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

8-Shaft Cherry Schacht Baby Wolf. Includes 2 reeds, two shuttles and miscellaneous accessories. \$1500

Schacht horizontal warping reel 18-yard capacity \$200

Schacht 14-yard Warping Board -\$50

Schacht 4.5-yard Warping Board -\$25

24-Shaft AVL Workshop 24" CompuDobby \$3500

8-Shaft LeClerc Voyager 15.75" table loom with floor stand, includes two reeds \$600

8-Shaft 16" Ashford table loom, includes 2 reeds \$400

Erlbacher sock knitting machine 72/36 Model: Speedster 628S -- \$750

Please contact Cheryl Nachtrieb – cnachtrieb@comcast.net for photos and more information. These items are part of an estate and are pick-up only, south Denver area.