

Fiberline

Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Meeting Date:
September 20, 2025

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

Lunch: 11:30
Bring a bag lunch

Program: "BALI-My Summer Vacation in Words, Pictures and Fabric" presented by Anne Worthington.

- ▶ Our next meeting is at 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 Valerie Hopper, 63 Road 3235, Aztec, New Mexico 87410-9540

*Hide not your talents, they for use were made.
What's a sundial in the shade?*

— Benjamin Franklin

❖ President's Message

Hello Fellow Guild Members,

The year is winding down, the fair entries have been judged, ribbons were awarded and there is a change in the air.

As your president for the next two years, with your help, I would like to continue to make our guild a place of learning and inspiration to all who are interested in Fiber Arts.

We will have lots to talk about at our September meeting. One of the topics to discuss would be the idea of a study group.

The 3-day workshop on double weave was a huge success. My thanks to everybody who had a part in putting together this wonderful workshop. Jennifer Moore is an excellent teacher.

We now have access to a speaker system that works great. It was utilized very effectively at the workshop. I look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting.

*Joyfully Weaving,
--Sherry H, President*

❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:

What's a WIF? It stands for **W**eaving **I**nformation **F**ile and is a non-proprietary file format that lets you use weaving drafts no matter who created them. They are useful for changing threadings, treadlings, colors, and so many other aspects of weaving design. They can be opened and read with a plain text editor, but they won't look like the familiar weaving draft, so they are best opened using one of several different brands of weaving software. For more information on weaving software and WIF files ask fellow weavers or refer to this article:

<https://handwovenmagazine.com/ever-wonder-what-wifs-are-good-for>

❖ Programs and Workshops Report

The September guild meeting will be at Fellowship of Spirit in Farmington, NM. The meeting will start at 10:00 but come at 9:30 if you would like a bit of visiting time before we get started. After the business meeting we will have show and tell. Bring something you are working on so we can all be inspired. Bring a bag lunch.

The September program will be "BALI - My Summer Vacation in Words, Pictures and Fabric" presented by Anne Worthington. Anne spent some time in Bali and learned all kinds of interesting fiber related things.

The November guild meeting is our annual Holiday Party. We will be meeting at the Grange in Mancos, CO. The meeting starts at 10:00 but come by 9:30 if you would like some chat time as well as time to help set up our potluck meal. The guild will provide the meat, so bring a side dish or dessert to share. After lunch we will do two different gift exchanges. One is a handmade towel exchange. If you bring one, you will take one home. The other gift exchange is a package with a treat of some sort (cookies, jam, etc.) and a handmade gift. This is the most fun part of the day. We get to "steal" someone else's gift! You are welcome to join us for the day regardless if you want to take part in either or both gift exchanges. This is also the time when we bring all the service projects that we have been working on to be gathered for distribution to various shelters in the four corners.

— Karen D, Vice President

❖ Treasurer's Report

FCWG Treasurer's Report May 31- August 24 , 2025

Bank balance May 31 , 2025	\$7,981.96
June dues	\$50.00
Check 1145 Marvel Grange	-\$35.00
Bank balance June 30, 2025	\$7,996.96
Membership dues	\$175.00
Workshop fee	\$125.00
Bank balance July 31, 2025	\$8,296.96
Return workshop fee	-\$125.00
San Juan Co Fair awards	-\$50.00
Mancos Grange, Double Weave workshop	-\$260.00
Jennifer Moore, workshop	-\$2,613.00
KM fair judge transferred to dues	\$25.00
Checkbook balance, August 24,	\$5,248.96

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— 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. Receipt of the newsletter is a benefit of membership to the guild.

— Valerie H, Membership

Send Dues To:

Valerie Hopper, 63 Road 3235, Aztec, New Mexico 87410-9540. Make check out to **Four Corners Weaver's Guild**.

❖ Schedule of Events

September 20, 2025 - Guild Meeting

10:00 at Fellowship of Spirit, Farmington, NM

November 5, 2025 - Holiday Party

10:00 at the Grange in Mancos, CO

❖ Announcements

San Juan County Fair. Each year the guild sponsors two awards. The first is a rosette and a \$25 gift to the Best of Youth ages up to 18 years old. This year's recipient is Jhett. He got the award for his needle felted picture of sheep in a pasture. The second award was given to an adult with excellence in Best Use of Color. Our very own Mike received a rosette and \$25 for his rigid heddle woven mug rugs. Both entries were of excellent quality. Great job to you both.



Cricket Rigid Heddle Club will be meeting at Karen's house on September 12 and October 10 from 10 to 12. Anyone interested in learning more about rigid heddle weaving is welcome to come. A lot of the techniques that we learn about can also be used on a 4-harness loom!

For questions or directions to Karen's house please call or text her at 505-860-7735 krdearing@yahoo.com

❖ July 19 2025, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Lana S at 10:02a.

Introductions and answering the question of "So far this summer, what has been a Rose for you? What has been a Thorn for you?" were shared around the group. We had 14 members attending, which included one new member, Nancy de Castro.

Minutes of the last meeting were printed in the newsletter. A motion to accept the May minutes was made by Sherry and seconded by Kathy S. The vote was approved.

Treasurer's Report by Kathy S: The report was printed in the newsletter, which has a balance as of May 31 of \$7,981.96. She reported that she has been collecting dues, which were due in May. Members who haven't paid their dues will become delinquent in September.

Committee Reports:

Program – Sherry H reported that we have our Doubleweave workshop in August. We will plan to have a big workshop every year. Lana S explained the past survey on workshop topics and Navajo Weaving was #1. They will talk with Roy Kady as a prospective teacher. There was discussion about coordinating with San Juan Weavers Guild to bring in big names and share the costs.

Service Project – Beverly explained the need for individual toiletries vs large bottles. There is also a big need for socks. We are providing for three shelters (Durango, Cortez and Farmington).

Hospitality – Corey H suggested we offer our large coffee urn to one of the shelters, so Bev will take care of this.

Library – Deb B is still working on getting the spreadsheet up and running and getting Excel for Karen D. Nancy, who also belongs to the San Juan Weavers Guild, explained that they had donated all their books to the Montrose Library who then tossed them all as no one checked them out.

Old Business:

August Workshop – Lana S explained that one person from the waitlist was moved to the workshop. Lana offered help warping for the workshop. Jennifer Moore, the teacher, has sent out info about the workshop and warping info. Laurie had been in contact with the teacher and Jennifer had suggested using a plastic spice top with holes to spread threads as you are winding the warp threads.

County Fairs – There was discussion when they are happening and encouragement to submit items. La Plata is in early August and Montrose wanted items dropped off by July 27th.

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New Business:

Farmer's Markets – Lana S mentioned that this would bring awareness to weaving, items for sale and flyers about the Cricket Club. Karen D will attend the Farmington Farmer's Market and Sherry H will attend the Bayfield Farmer's Market. Nancy suggested a bookmark with photos of some projects on one side and guild info on the other and the tassel can be made from thrums. There was also discussion of making a rack card with guild info. Kathy S moved and Corey H seconded to have Laurie T and Caroline S work with Cherie P to develop this as well as the addition of making bookmarks with a maximum cost of \$250. The vote was approved.

Weaver's Moment – Sherry H shared a sample calendar from Australia and there was discussion about if this might be something the guild would like to do. There was concern about the costs and making so many samples to fill the calendars.

Show and Tell

Nominations – The new officers for the next two years were nominated and elected:

President: Sherry Hawkins

VP: Karen Dearing

Program Committee of Val Hopper, Kathy Sehnert and Karen

{There was discussion that the Program Committee should review past programs for ideas. Presenters are paid a maximum of \$50 for member and \$200 for nonmember – anything above this would require a vote.}

Secretary: Laurie Thom and Deb Bacon

Treasurer: Kathy Sehnert

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm by Lana S.

--Deb B, Secretary

❖ **Of Interest**

Weff's second issue is all about warp (and who doesn't think they need to know more tips on this). It includes direction on warping front to back, back to front, folded warps, warp separators and all kinds of other techniques.

<https://www.weftmagazine.com/>

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

Handweaver's Guild of America (Convergence in New Orleans, LA): August 12-16, 2026 <https://weavespindye.org/>

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

WEFT Magazine: <https://www.weftmagazine.com/>

❖ Fellowship Spirit Church, 2009 E. 13th,
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