

FiberStitchline

Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Meeting Date:

November 15, 2025

Location:

The Mancos Grange

Address:

680 W Grand Ave.

Mancos, CO 81328

Social Time: 9:30

Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Lunch: 11:30

Bring a dish to share, guild will provide the turkey

Holiday Party and Gift exchange

- ▶ Our next meeting is at The Mancos Grange, 680 W Grand Ave, Mancos, CO
- ▶ 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

*"My whole design practice and textile practice is about—
why can't the everyday look beautiful?"*

--Sahara Briscoe

❖ President's Message

Hello fellow weavers and fiber enthusiasts,

The year is very quickly coming to a close. This meeting in November will be our year end party and towel exchange. The organic turkey will be provided. So be thinking of holiday side dishes that you could bring.

We'll be discussing our workshops and programs for the coming year. At our previous meeting we discussed the need to develop new weavers from our younger population (i.e. 4H, and Homeschoolers). So please come and enter into a further discussion on this topic.

As your new President, I want all members to feel comfortable coming to me with ideas, suggestions or issues as I have an open-door policy.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on November 15 at the Mancos Grange.

--Sherry H, President

❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:

Soap is made by combining an oil or fat with an alkaline substance such as lye and are great at getting rid of dirt and oil, but they tend to settle on your handwovens rather than washing away. On the other hand, detergents were developed to get rid of the dirt and oil without depositing scum and so rinses away more thoroughly.

Handwoven magazine has an article with more information on this topic: <https://handwovenmagazine.com/wet-finishing-101-detergents/>

... and if you want to know any more about wet finishing (remember your weaving project isn't finished until it is wet-finished) see Laura Fry's video course **Wet-Finishing for Weavers**.

❖ Programs and Workshops Report

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 turkey, 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.

August 24 report		\$5248.96
Workshop food	-424.63	
Dues	+ 50.00	
Venue,	-45.00	
Workshop projector	-100.00	
Domain name	- 33.24	
Web hosting	- 70.00	
Refund, venue cleaning	+50.00	
Total for month	-572.87	-572.87
Checkbook balance October 29		\$4676.09

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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 your check out to **Four Corners Weaver's Guild**.

❖ Schedule of Events

November 5, 2025 - Holiday Party

10:00 at The Mancos Grange in Mancos, CO

January 17, 2026 - Program: Double Weave Review

Taking another look at the double weave workshop the guild did with Jennifer Moore

10:00 at the Fellowship of Spirit, Farmington NM

March 21, 2026 - Program: Clapsed Warp on a rigid heddle and a 4-harness loom

10:00 at the Fellowship of Spirit, Farmington, NM

May 16, 2026 - Twined Weaving on a round and a flat loom

10:00 at The Mancos Grange, Mancos, CO

July 18, 2026 - Annual Picnic

10:00 Business meeting followed by a potluck lunch at Kathy Sehnert's home in Mancos, CO

September 19, 2026 - Reading and Understanding Weaving Patterns

10:00 at the Fellowship of Spirit, Farmington, NM

November 21, 2026 - Holiday Party

10:00 at the The Mancos Grange, Mancos, CO

❖ Announcements

The Cricket Rigid Heddle Club will be meeting on Saturday Nov 8 at Karen's home. Meeting is from 10-12 AM. Our topic this meeting will be about adding texture to our weaving. All are welcome to attend whether you are a rigid heddle weaver or not. The topics we cover can be used on almost any loom. For more information, please contact Karen at krdearing@yahoo.com Hope to see you then!

SERVICE PROJECT: Items for our service project will be collected at the November guild meeting. Bring your hand made or store-bought hats, scarves, socks and small hygiene items to the meeting to be dispersed to several shelters for women and children. There are also a few places that have men as well. Items for men are appreciated as well. Every little bit helps so even if you can only bring one thing it will be greatly appreciated.

❖ Of Interest

We are all on the lookout for cool new weaving patterns, especially free ones and there are lots of sources. We came across a new source for free patterns from Finland (thank you Robyn Spady for pointing this one out):

<https://www.lankava.fi/en/weaving/weaving-patterns/>

❖ September 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10am

Introduction (New member) - Deb from Dolores - Arizona in Winter

Passed out Cards - game for members to tell a story about...

- King - Current story
- Queen - Teen story
- Jack - Childhood story

Motion to accept meeting minutes from previous meeting made by Mike and seconded by Kathy.

Membership Committee –

There are 5 New members

A list of all current members was provided.

When quorum cannot be reached - our bylaws say we can vote by email, and silence (no vote) means acceptance of motion.

Treasurer Report –

Previous treasurers report sent via email. Covered workshop expenses - appears we made 1,000 (approx.) on our big workshop.

Taxes -

Our annual year is June 1 - May31. We filed an extension on our taxes (Kathy). We have located a tax person (Carol) who will do our taxes and transition to 501c3 status. Balance in checking account at this meeting is 7,981.

Discussed payment amounts to presenters / trainers –

- Lecture - \$35/members, \$50/non-members
- Demo - \$35/members, \$50/non-members
- Mini-workshop - \$50/members, \$200 non-members. Cost of large workshops to members - member pays 60% guild pays 40%

Service Project –

We provide socks, scarves, socks and other items plus toiletries to shelters in Cortez, Durango, Farmington. Individual (travel size) sized toiletries are necessary and are due in Nov.

Library - Stored at Karen's

Old Business

Decided against a Guild calendar

Picnic was held at Kathy's

New Business

Discussed cost of Postcards, flyers, bookmarks: 1000 - 2x6 'full color' on one side \$118.00 or 1000 - 4x6 'full color one side \$123.00.

How to Grow Guild - 4H, Library displays, Home Schoolers. Workshop committee - sent survey and two were very popular (Needs additional discussion).

Submitted by Mike H taking Minutes for Deb B. --Secretary

❖ 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

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

Intermountain Weavers Conference (IWC) announced that their
2027 Conference will be held at Antlers Wyndham in Colorado
Springs July 6-10, 2027. <https://www.intermountainweavers.org>

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

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

❖ **The Mancos Grange**
680 W Grand Ave, Mancos, CO 81328

