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Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Meeting Date:

January 17, 2026

Location:

Fellowship of Spirit Church,
(Jere's Church)

Address:

2009 E. 13th,
Farmington, NM

Social Time: 9:30

Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Lunch: 11:30

Program: 12:30

We will be taking another look at the double weave workshop the guild did with Jennifer Moore

- ▶ 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

"The beginning is the most important part of the work."

--Plato

❖ President's Message

Hello Fellow Weavers and Fiber Enthusiasts,

A look at last year had us doing lots of fun things such as having a show and tell meeting with Mary Alice Hearn who has been weaving for over 60 years. Our July picnic got rain but did not dampen our spirits. New officers were appointed. Our world traveler gave a lovely presentation on dyeing from Bali. We learned so much from our Double Weave workshop with Jennifer Moore. Our November party was a huge success. Lots of fun had by all. Our service project had a lot of donations.

As we begin a new year with new ideas and new inspirations. Let us look forward to having an exciting year and much time devoted to our various textile interests.

We also look back and remember the life of our friend and fellow guild member-Laurie Thom.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the January Meeting.

s--Sherry H, President

❖ Of Interest

Loose Ends is a non-profit organization established to connect volunteer crafters with local families to complete projects that were left unfinished by death or disability. Volunteers, in any textile handcraft, finish projects around the world, including such places as Alaska, Switzerland and the Netherlands. To listen to the *Long Thread Media* podcast, go to:

<https://pieceworkmagazine.com/long-thread-podcast-loose-ends> or to find out more go to their website: <https://looseends.org/>

❖ Programs and Workshops Report

January 17, 2026. Double Weave in Review

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We will be reviewing the double weave workshop that we had with Jennifer Moore last summer. Anne and Deb will be presenting the program. Whether you took this workshop or not you will be interested in learning more about double weave. We will have a loom there so you can see first-hand how the process works. If you happen to have any double weave items that you have made, please bring them to the program. If you took the workshop, we would love to see the sampler that you made.

June 20, 21, 2026, Tapestry Weaving Workshop with Caroline Spurgeon

There has been a lot of interest in tapestry weaving, so we have asked our very own Caroline to teach us some basics along with learning how to make angles, curves and using a cartoon. The cost for members is \$55 plus a \$5 materials fee due instructor. We will be meeting at the Mancos Library, Mancos CO for this great 2-day workshop.

You will be receiving more information from Kathy S by email with more information about registration and further details so keep your eyes open for that. For questions contact Karen at krdearing@yahoo.com or call 505-860-7735

September 24-26, 2026, Double Rainbow Weaving Workshop with Jennifer Moore

We are excited to have Jennifer Moore come back for another-yet different-double weave workshop. We will be learning different double weave techniques plus take a wonderful look at how colors interact with each other. If you are like me and struggle with color, then this will be a great learning experience. This is a 3-day workshop held at the Mancos Community Center, Mancos, CO. The cost of the workshop for guild members is \$190 plus a \$10 material fee paid to instructor. Non-members are welcome for a cost of \$215 plus the \$10 material fee paid to the instructor. A light lunch will be served each day.

You will be receiving more information about registration as well as further details and instructions from Kathy S by email so keep your eyes open for that. For more information contact Karen at krdearing@yahoo.com or call 505-860-7735

Call for Looms - Do you have a tapestry loom or twining loom (C. Cactus Flower) that you would be willing to sell or loan for our tapestry and twining workshops that are coming up later this year? Contact Karen at krdearing@yahoo.com or call 505-860-7735

Cricket Rigid Heddle Club - Our next meeting is February 14, 2026, at Karen's home in Aztec, NM. We will be exploring using supplementary warps. The techniques we will be looking at can apply to both rigid heddle looms and multi-harness looms. This technique is a great way to add interest to your weavings as well as use up some of those bits and pieces of yarns that are taking up room in your stash. All skill levels and loom types are welcome. We will meet from 10-12 AM. For questions and directions contact Karen at krdearing@yahoo.com or call 505-860-7735

-- Karen D, Vice President

❖ Treasurer's Report.

FCWG Treasurer's Report Dec. 29, 2025		
Balance 10/29/2005		\$4676.09
Mancos Community Center for workshop	(\$200) held as deposit, not cashed	
Mt Lookout Grange	\$40	
Total Nov & Dec	\$40	
Checking balance		\$4636.09

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

❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:

Do you lose your place when treadling? Madelyn Van der Hoogt has a trick for you -- pair your Lefts and Rights with your Odds and Evens. Arrange, or re-arrange your tieups and treadles to help you keep track. If the shuttle is on the left, the next treadle will usually have an odd number; if the shuttle is on the right, it will have an even number. For a detailed description on how to do this click on this link: <https://handwovenmagazine.com/ask-madelyn-treadling-orders/>

❖ Schedule of Events

January 17, 2026 - Guild Meeting, Fellowship of Spirit Church in Farmington, NM.

Program - Double weave in review with Anne and Deb.

February 14, 2026 - Cricket Rigid Heddle Club. Aztec, NM (free)

March 14, 2026 - Cricket Rigid Heddle Club. Aztec NM (free)

March 21, 2026 - Guild Meeting, Fellowship of Spirit Church in Farmington, NM.

Program - Clasp warp on rigid heddle and multi-harness looms.

April 11, 2026 - Cricket Rigid Heddle Club. Aztec, NM (free)

May 9, 2026 - Cricket Rigid Heddle Club, Aztec, NM (free)

May 16, 2026 - Guild Meeting, Mancos Grange in Mancos, CO.

Program-Twined weaving with Caroline Spurgeon.

June 20, 21 2026 - Tapestry Weaving Workshop with Caroline Spurgeon. Mancos Library in Mancos, CO.

Guild member cost \$55 plus \$5 fee paid to instructor for materials fee (non-members welcome \$80 plus \$5 materials fee paid to instructor).

July 18, 2026 - Guild Meeting. Annual picnic at Kathy S house in Mancos, CO.

September 19, 2026 - Guild Meeting, Fellowship of Spirit Church in Farmington, NM.

Program - Reading patterns and understanding graphs.

September 24-26, 2026 - Double Rainbow Weaving workshop with Jennifer Moore. Mancos Community Center in Mancos, CO.

Guild members \$190 plus \$10 materials fee paid to instructor. (Non-members welcome - \$215 plus \$10 materials fee paid to instructor).

November 21, 2026 - Guild Meeting, Mancos Grange in Mancos, CO. Program-Holiday Party.

❖ November 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Sherry at 10:01am.

Introductions and answering the question of "What is your favorite holiday tradition?" were shared around the group. We had 12 members attending, which included one guest, Gretchen Bakkeson.

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

Treasurer's Report by Kathy: The report was printed in the newsletter. She reported that she received a refund of \$50 from the Mancos Grange after our August workshop as they didn't need to clean up after us. Other expenses included \$45 to the Farmington church for our September meeting, rental of a projector for \$100 for the August workshop, website domain name & web post for \$103.24 and a deposit to the Mancos Community Center for \$200 for the 2026 workshop. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Mike and seconded by Lana. The vote was approved.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Val reported we have a new member, but she is currently traveling in Amsterdam. She also asked that we check the membership list and let her know of any changes or corrections.

Service Project – Beverly will call if she needs help distributing items collected today. We are providing for three shelters (Durango, Cortez and Farmington). Beverly will reach out to Stanna to see if she is still a contact for the Durango shelter and if not, will check out other Durango shelter options.

Hospitality – Beverly reported that the large coffee urn is gone (donated to Goodwill) and she has condensed the kitchen supplies.

Taxes – Sherry reported that Carol will be doing our taxes and we are still working towards making the Guild a non-profit.

Library – Karen had nothing new to report.

Programs – Karen reported that the programs for 2026 are all set. We will plan to have a big workshop every year. The committee is Karen, Val and Kathy.

The 2026 programs are:

January – Farmington – Doubleweave by Anne, Deb, and Karen

March – Farmington – Clasp warp on a rigid heddle and 4-harness

May – Mancos – Twined weaving (2-hour program/class)

July – Mancos – Annual picnic

September – Farmington – How to read a pattern and more

November – Mancos – Holiday party

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❖ November 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes *(continued)*

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Guild Growth – Sherry handed out a survey about how to grow our guild. Please complete the survey and return to Sherry.

Looms – Lana reported that a non-weaver had reached out to her with a family loom, that was in pieces, that she wanted to give it away. Lana was able to give the loom to Susan Matthews who was interested in it. Deb also reported on picking up a Schacht 45" 4 harness floor loom and bench that she had picked up in Durango from the husband of a previous weaver who had passed away in 2017 and delivered to Anne W in Cortez for storage. The husband had also offered some of her yarn for sale.

Old Business:

Guild Marketing – Sherry presented an idea to help promote the Guild – postcards and bookmarks. She passed around mock-ups to see what they would look like. Sherry made a motion to proceed with the idea which was seconded by Beverly. Discussion followed. It was decided to not do the bookmarks but to go forward with the postcards. An amended motion to do the postcard only with some changes (adding the FCWG logo and website address) was made by Kathy and seconded by Elaine. The motion was approved.

Big Annual Workshops – Karen presented two workshop options:

1) Navajo or Tapestry weaving. Roy Kady won't teach beginners, but Caroline would be willing to teach tapestry weaving (not Navajo weaving) on June 20th and 21st for 6-12 students. The total cost would be \$600 to the teacher, so approximately \$50-60 per person. No venue has been set yet. Caroline does not use a Navajo loom, but you can use a tapestry loom or make one per Elaine. Caroline will be at the May meeting to explain how to warp the loom and will bring weft yarn for use at the workshop. There will be a \$5 material fee.

2) Double weave. Jennifer Moore will teach weaving a double rainbow on September 24th to 26th. There are 6-8 San Juan weavers interested in attending. The class will have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20. Cost was discussed. It was decided that it would be helpful to keep \$4,000-5,000 in the program account for future big programs each year. A quick review of our income – from membership only – versus expenses with venue prices increasing. A motion was made by Deb to have both workshops and was seconded by Val. The motion was approved with one con vote.

New Business:

None

Show and Tell

The meeting was closed at 11:27am by Sherry.

Lana reported that Laurie Thom is unable to walk anymore. She is home now but considering moving to Arizona to get out of the high altitude. She has appreciated being a part of the Guild.

Program: Delicious food was enjoyed by all. There was a fun gift exchange with a few steals and a towel exchange with many beautiful towels.

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>

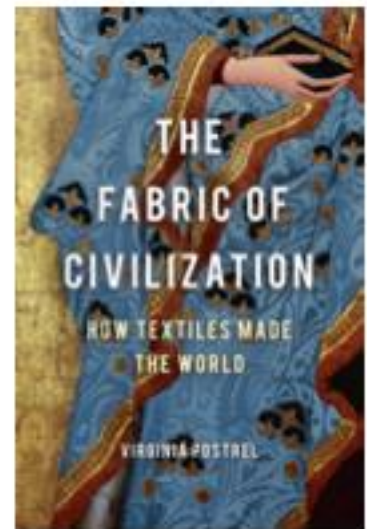
Handwoven Magazine: <https://handwovenmagazine.com/>

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



Colorado Weavers Day 2026 will be held, Saturday May 2, 2026 at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, hosted by Pikes Peak Weavers Guild. Keynote Speakers will be Virginia Postrel and Emily Trujillo.

Keynote Speaker Virginia Postrel is an author, columnist, and speaker. Her work spans a broad range of topics, from social science to fashion, concentrating on the intersection of culture, commerce, and technology, with an eye toward understanding the personal and social meaning of life in a dynamic, commercial



culture. She will be speaking on her latest book, *"The Fabric of Civilization: How Textiles Made the World"*. From Neanderthal

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