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Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Meeting Date:

May 16, 2026

Location:

Mancos Grange

Address:

680 W Grand Ave
Mancos, CO

Social Time: 9:30

Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Lunch: 11:30

Program: 12:30

Twined weaving with Caroline Spurgeon.

- 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

"We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color." — *Maya Angelou*.

◆ President's Message

Hello Fellow Weavers and Fiber Enthusiasts,

This year is moving along quickly as it is already May. I hope you have been having a great time dreaming about your garden, seeing the green shoots appearing after you have planted seeds.

As the trees put out leaves and the early blooming shrubs give us color and days are getting longer that you too are dreaming of your next projects. Playing with color and texture is so much fun and drawing our inspiration from nature seems to be a natural thing.

Please see included our agenda for the upcoming meeting. Our year starts in May and ends in June. Dues are payable to Valerie who is in charge of membership.

It is never too early to think about the Fairs and entering items. It is a wonderful thing to support the long standing tradition of a place to showcase the items we have spent time making and seeing the animals and having fair food so many memories.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

--Sherry H, President

◆ FCWG Agenda - May 2026

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- Call to order 10 AM
- Introduction of guests
- Meeting question
- Approve minutes of last meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Workshop Report by Karen

Old Business:

- Service project reminder
- Vote on Bylaw Amendment
- Tax filing update
- Establish a committee

New Business:

Ideas for 50th Anniversary

◆ Programs and Workshops Report

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CRICKET RIGID HEDDLE CLUB May 9, 2026 is the next Cricket Club meeting.

We will be meeting at Karen's home from 10-12 AM. We will not have a specific topic that we will be talking about. Instead, bring your questions, comments or something to work on. I will be demonstrating kumihimo braiding for those that showed an interest in learning how to do this. For questions or directions please contact Karen at 505-860-7735

MAY GUILD MEETING will be May 16, 2026 at the Grange in Mancos.

Doors will be open at 9:30 and the business meeting will start at 10:00. Our afternoon program will be TWINED WEAVING with Caroline. If you have one of her twining looms, please bring it with you. There is a \$5 materials fee due instructor at time of class.

This will be a fun and easy class that any skill level can do. The technique can be used to make bags, baskets, etc. It is not a technique limited to the twining looms that we will have access to. It can be used on rigid heddle as well as multi shaft looms.

TAPESTRY WORKSHOP June 20,21 2026.

Caroline will be teaching us how to do tapestry weaving. All skill levels are welcome. We will be meeting at the Mancos library from 9-4 each day. You will need to bring a warped loom. The cost is \$65 for guild members and \$85 for non guild members. There is also a \$5 materials fee due instructor at time of class. Bring yarn if you have some however she will be supplying yarn for us to use. Last day to register for the class is June 1, 2026. Bring your own lunch. To register contact Kathy.

DOUBLE RAINBOW WORKSHOP September 24-26. 2026

Jennifer Moore will be leading this workshop on double weave and use of color. We will be meeting at the Mancos Community Center in Mancos. The cost is \$190 for members and \$210 for non members. A \$10 materials fee is due instructor at time of class.

After you register for the class you will be getting warping instructions and a coupon for ordering threads from Lunatic Fringe. You will be able to choose either 5/2 or 10/2 cotton in a variety of color families. The kits have been made for Jennifer's class so there is no need to try to figure out what colors you want to use! If you choose to use threads from your stash make sure to use colors in one of these 2 sizes. A light lunch will be provided each day. Contact Kathy to register for the class ksshener@gmail.com Or for information call Karen at 505-860-7735

-- Karen D, Vice President

❖ Treasurer's Report.

Ending balance as of March 1, 2026	\$4,524.95
Dues	\$50.00
Program Income	\$35.00
Workshops	\$2,720.00
Venue	\$50.00
Total for month	
Checkbook balance as of May 1, 2026	\$7,159.95

Kathy Sehnert, 527 N Willow St., Mancos, CO 81328
kssehnert@gmail.com 970-739-9654 -- Kathy S, Treasurer

❖ Membership Chairman's Report

Happy May to all.

I hope that the weather is nicer to us this month than it was for April. We have had 5 new members since January. Hopefully we can have more members as the year goes by.

Don't forget that May is our dues month. Dues are \$25.00 a year. I will have a new list of paid members for you at the July meeting. Hope to see everyone at the May meeting.

-- 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

May 9, 2026 Cricket Rigid Heddle Club, Aztec, NM (free) 10-12 AM

May 16, 2026 GUILD MEETING. Grange in Manco, CO. Program-Twined weaving with Caroline Spurgeon.

June 20, 21 2026 Tapestry Weaving Workshop with Caroline Spurgeon. Library. Guild member cost \$55 plus \$5 due instructor for materials fee (non-members welcome \$80 plus \$5 materials fee)

July 18, 2026 GUILD MEETING Mancos, CO. Annual picnic at Kathy S house

September 19, 2026 GUILD MEETING Farmington, NM Program- Reading patterns and understanding graphs

September 24-26, 2026 Double Rainbow Weaving workshop with Jennifer Moore. Mancos Community Center. Guild members \$190 plus \$10 materials fee due instructor. (Non-members welcome-\$215 plus \$10 materials fee due instructor)

November 21, 2026 GUILD MEETING Manco, CO Program-Holiday Party

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The meeting was called to order by Sherry at 10.03 am.

There were 11 members present (including 2 new paid members: Kate Travitz and Darcy Marquez).

Introductions were made and we answered the question: what is your favorite green memory?

Minutes of last meeting were printed in the newsletter, motion to accept January minutes was made by Val and seconded by Mike, vote was approved.

Sherry brought our new bookmarks; they were passed around for all to take a few and members were encouraged to place them around our respective areas/towns/events to promote weaving and our guild.

Sherry read our current Mission Statement.

Treasurer's Report by Kathy: The report was printed in the last newsletter. Kathy reports she has paid \$121.14 for the box of bookmarks. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Beverly and seconded by Kate T. The vote was approved. Kathy reminded everyone of this year's dues. Please make your check out to FCWG (Four Corners Weavers Guild).

Committee Reports:

Service Project- Beverly explained the need for individual personal items (rather than large bottles), socks, t-shirts for all ages and genders as well as scarves, hats, mittens, etc. These items are collected in November at our last meeting of the year and distributed to three areas (Durango, Cortez, Farmington).

Membership – Val reported we had two new paid members. Val discussed increasing communication with and amongst the Guild and suggested getting everyone's birthday so we could reach out and say "Hi", "Happy Birthday", or just a "How are you doing". If you are interested in this, please provide Val with the month and date of your birthday. Yearly dues are due in May.

Library – Karen reports that we have many books which are not used a lot, maybe once every 3 months. Karen asked how we would like to access our books – the group decided by subject would be the best. Karen reports that the current system to "check out" a book is to fill out the card in the front of the book with the individuals name and date works well, the group agreed to continue this practice.

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Old Business:

Guild Growth – Sherry reported that she has done a free weaving class at the Durango Library and in Bayfield, both were well attended. Linda (potholders) also attended the class done in Bayfield. There is a class scheduled on 4.11.26 in Ignacio and Durango Library has requested another class this fall. Sherry reports that Eric from Farm to Yarn made some small looms for their use.

Farmers Market – There is no cost for a booth if its information only. Karen reports she will again have a booth at the Farmers Market in Farmington which is held at the Farmington Museum.

County Fairs – Sherry reports the LaPlata County Fair is the 1st week of August, she will be attending and have demos for weaving and spinning, if anyone is interested in helping please come. Karen will be attending the SJ County Fair mid-August; Sherry will be helping her on “demo day”. Karen reports that the 1st Saturday of the fair is when you may bring items for show/judging and the 2nd Saturday is the “demo day”.

There is also a 2026 Weaving Day being held in Colorado Springs

Tax Status – Sherry reported that Carol, our accountant is working on our Taxes, her actual fee is unknown at this time but she expects this to be less than \$200.00.

Susan Kuensler has agreed that the guild may use her address for one more year.

There was continued conversation and discussion regarding changing the FCWG from for profit to non-profit, this issue remains in a “still gathering information” state. We have not yet voted on if this should occur. Several points/questions came up. Sherry will continue to work with the accountant Carol on this.

- *If we change to non-profit we will need to change our name slightly

- *The current Mission Statement/Bylaws are from 9.19.2019

- *We will need to make some changes to our Mission Statement, sales and financial gain will need to be removed

- *How do we handle our workshops if there is a financial gain

- *Board members from all regional areas-not something currently in practice

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Kathy provided packets of our current Mission Statement for our review and encouraged everyone to take the time and review this prior to our next meeting. Kathy made some suggestions for consideration which are highlighted in Red and items/wording that in her opinion will need to be removed.

New Business –

Topics for next year – Karen passed around sheets for ideas/topics for next year’s programs and workshops, she will do this at each meeting. There was discussion about a program on “judging” items like at a fair.

Newsletter - Chere Pitman has announced she will no longer be able to do our newsletter. Chere has graciously done this for many years, and the Guild is very thankful she has done so. Many many thanks to Chere and we wish her only the best. Mike has agreed to take on this responsibility.

QR Code - Mike brought up the possibility of having a “QR” Code for the Guild, this would link into our membership – would this be helpful/useful for payments? Discussion was had regarding this – Mike will investigate this and report back later.

Quorum – If no quorum met at a FCWG meeting, then the minutes will be sent out to all members by e-mail for a vote, if a member chooses not to respond this will be taken as a yes. Either the president or the secretary will send out the email.

Empty Storage Shed – Sherry/Mike reported that there is a 20 X 30-foot storage building on a property in Bayfield that their church owns. Seven years ago, a member passed away and willed their property to the church. The church has since then approached Mike to do upkeep on this property; this shed is located at the back of the property. Discussion was had regarding whether we could/or want to use this shed for possible storage of multiple looms, storage of the guild’s library book, workshops, classes, etc. Questions regarding liability, taxes, insurance, can we do this if we change to non-profit. Mike reported that the building needs some work and will obtain pictures at the next meeting. It was decided that more information was needed before a decision could be made-Mike will research.

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March Big Annual 2026 Workshops –

1-Tapestry weaving: Caroline Spurgeon, June 20 and 21, held at Mancos library.

Karen asked for a head count of possible attendees. The cost was clarified: \$65.00 + materials fee to presenter for guild members. Please see previously provided emails with attachments regarding this event for additional information and non-member costs. Please contact Karen if you have not received this email or cannot open the attachments. Hard copy of the attachments was provided today as requested. Please be aware that there is NO kitchen in the library, this is bring your own food/drink.

2-Doubleweave: Jennifer Moore, September 24, 25, 26, held at the Manco Community Center

Karen asked for a head count of possible attendees. Please see previously provided emails with attachments regarding this event for information. Please contact Karen if you have not received this email or cannot open the attachments. Hard copy of the attachments was provided today as requested. Karen reported that Jennifer will send out detailed instructions on warping your loom once final head count/rooster is set. Each attendee will receive a link for the recommended thread and color choice; there may be a coupon provided should you choose to use this link.

May Program –

Caroline Spurgeon will provide a lesson in Twined weaving.

Karen asked for a head count of possible attendees to assist with having enough looms for everyone. Mike has made 4, Caroline may have a couple. Karen brought her twinning loom; Beverly brought her version made of PVC pipe. Karen brought several sample purses/bags made from Twined weaving.

Please note that Caroline will also be available at the end of this program to assist anyone as requested in warping their looms for the June Tapestry workshop.

Show and Tell

The meeting was adjourned by Sherry at 12.01pm.

Secretary of the day, Beverly Parmelee

❖ 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/>

Tapestry Weaving with Caroline Spurgeon 2026

We are happy to announce that Caroline will be teaching a tapestry weaving class. Caroline has been weaving for years and has written several books on various weaving techniques and looms.

Date: June 20, 21 2026

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

Venue: Mancos Library

Cost: \$65 for guild members
(\$85 for non-guild members)

Material Fee Due to Instructor: \$5

Minimum: 6 **Maximum:** 12

Skill Level: All levels welcome



Additional Information: See attached PDF for specific information about the class. Loom is to be warped before class. If you do not have a loom and would like to take the class, please let us know and we will try to help you find one. This will be a fun class for everyone. We will learn the basics of tapestry weaving and explore how to make angles and curves.

Registration Opens: April 1, 2026 for guild members (registration open for non-guild members is April 21, 2026)

Registration Closes: June 1, 2026

Last Day to Cancel Registration: June 1, 2026. (There is a \$30 cancellation charge. This is to encourage people to be serious about taking the workshop! Some exceptions may apply)

To Register for the Class contact Kathy Sehnert at kssehnert@gmail.com

For Questions contact Karen Dearing at krdearing@yahoo.com

Jennifer Moore Double Rainbow Workshop 2026

We are pleased to announce that the Four Corners Weavers Guild is offering another double weave workshop with Jennifer Moore. This one explores double weave as well as color theory. There will be additional weave structures covered that we did not do in her last workshop.

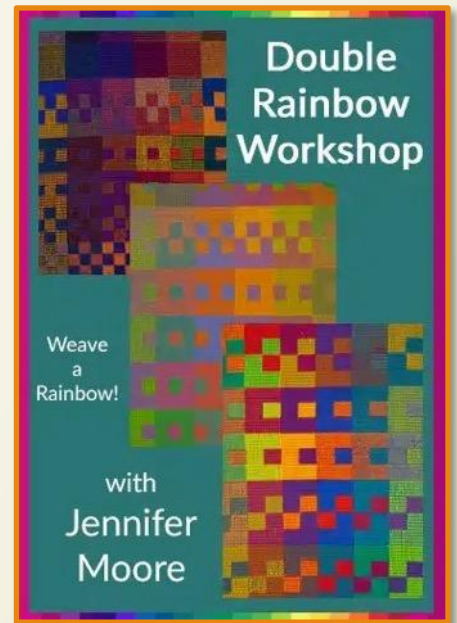
Date: September 24-26, 2026

Venue: Mancos Community Center
130 Grand Avenue, Mancos CO

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

Cost: \$190 for members of the guild
(includes a light lunch each day)

\$210 for non-members (includes a light lunch each day)



Registration Opens: April 1, 2026 for guild members (April 21, 2026 for non-guild members).

Registration Closes: September 1, 2026

Last Day to Cancel Registration: September 1, 2026 (there is a \$75 **cancellation** fee. This is to encourage people to be serious about taking this workshop! Some exceptions may apply)

Materials Fee Due to Instructor: \$10

Double Rainbow Kit Available from Lunatic Fringe. Go to their site and then to workshops and you will find the kits there. Choose one of the four colorways for your workshop kit. Choose either 5/2 or 10/2. When you register for the workshop, you will be given a discount code to use with your order. The cost of the kit is about \$105. You may also use threads from your stash but may want to stick with one of these 2 sizes.

Warping Instructions: Jennifer will send warping instructions to registered students about 2 months prior to the workshop. There will be some short videos to help with warping.

Maximum: 20 students

To register contact Kathy Sehnert at ksshnert@gmail.com or call her at 970-739-9654

For questions contact Karen Dearing at krdearing@yahoo.com or call 505-860-7735

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