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Four Corners

Weavers Guild

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Meeting Date:

September 19, 2026

Location:

Fellowship of Spirit Church

Address:

2009 E. 13th, Farmington, NM ➤

Social Time: 9:30

Meeting Time: 10:00 am

- 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). September 1 cutoff for all dues. Payments should be made out to FCWG and sent to Valerie Hopper, 63 Road 3235, Aztec, New Mexico 87410-9540

"It's not enough to weave beautiful rugs. You have to think beautiful thoughts while weaving them.

- Charles Loloma

◆ President's Message

Hello Weavers and Fiber Enthusiasts,

September already !!

Hope you enjoyed the fairs and all the festivals and farmers market just to name a few events that happen over the summer.

Durango is going to host the Festival MAVWA Mountain and Valley Wool and Fiber Arts Festival
Save the date Oct 3rd and 4th

I know fall is right around the corner because the pumpkin flavor comes to the grocery stores.

So many inspirations with all the colors of summer.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Happy Weaving and Textile fun.

Sherry

President

❖ FCWG Agenda - September 2026

- Call to order 10 am
- Introduction of guests
- Meeting Question
- Approve minutes of last meeting
- Treasurer's report
- Membership Report
- Show and tell

Old Business:

- Service Project Reminder

New Business:

- Email coming to you for vote on new Bylaws
- Be thinking of ideas to increase membership.
- Also ideas for upcoming workshops and classes.

◆ Programs and Workshops Report

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September 19 guild meeting will be an exploration on the mysteries of reading a weaving pattern and doing a drawdown. Karen will be showing the basics on how to do that. We will also look at how to balance a pattern. All supplies will be provided. If you have a pattern that you need help with, please bring it along and we will try to help you with it. Understanding patterns can seem overwhelming but once you get the hang of it, it's kind of exciting!

DOUBLE WEAVE WORKSHOP WITH Jennifer Moore. We are excited to have Jennifer Moore do another double weave workshop for us. It will be September 24-26, 2026. If you have not registered for this wonderful learning time, there are still a few spots available. All skill levels are welcome as long as the loom is warped in advance. For more information contact Karen D at krdearing@yahoo.com or call 505-860-7735. Just a reminder that there will be a light lunch served each day. Snacks to share are quite welcome.

TAPESTRY WEAVING WORKSHOP WITH CAROLINE SPURGEON. We all had a great time learning how to do Navajo and tapestry weaving with Caroline. I know that everyone learned so much. As always, if you finished your project we would love to see what you did.

PROGRAMS FOR 2027. We are looking for interesting topics to learn about for the 2027 year. We need to know what you are interested in for programs after the business meetings as well as bigger 1-3 day workshops. This is your guild and the time for you to say what is important to you.

At the September meeting we will have the compiled lists for you to check out and voice your opinion on what you would like to do next year. If you are not able to make the September meeting or would like to voice your opinion on possible programs and workshops here is the list that will be presented at the September meeting.

-- Karen D, Vice President

❖ Programs and Workshops Report (cont'd)

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AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

- ❖ Wet felt a vessel
- ❖ Learn the basics of sett in the reed, sett for different yarns and how to tell what a yarn is by doing the burn test
- ❖ Spinning
- ❖ Texture in weaving
- ❖ Locker hooking

1-3 DAY WORKSHOPS

- ❖ Deflected doubleweave
- ❖ Inkle band weaving for beginners
- ❖ Inkle band pickup
- ❖ Dye yarn—acid dyes or natural dyes
- ❖ Turned taquate
- ❖ Transparent weaving
- ❖ Krokbragd
- ❖ Rug weaving

We need to really concentrate on what the bigger workshops will be. A lot of teachers are booked a year or more in advance so we need to be prepared to make the initial steps in selecting what we would like to pursue. I would like to have a final decision made at the November holiday party, if possible, or no later than the January meeting.

I am in contact with two weavers that are willing to do inkle band weaving and bound weave/krokbragd workshops. So there are some possibilities already that we could follow up with. But the decisions for both programs and workshops will be up to the guild members. Let your voice be heard! If you would like to speak with Karen personally, you can contact her at krdearing@yahoo.com or 505-860-7735. Your input is important!!

-- Karen D, Vice President

Treasurer's Report

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-- Kathy Sehnert, Treasurer

	Guild Funds		Workshop Funds	
				TOTALS
Beg Balance	4,744.90		3,560.00	8,304.90
Income:				
CS wrkshp			150	
JM wrkshp			210	
Membershi p	175			
picnic donations	80			
total income:	255		360	615
Expenses:				
CS workshop	-115		-605	
tax payment	-250			
Picnic costs	-20.38			
total expenses	-385.38		-605	990.38
guild & wrksp TTL	4,614.90		3,315.00	
end of Aug TTL				7,929.52

◆ Membership Chairman's Report

I hope everyone is having a great summer. For myself, I am ready for some fall weather. It has been a hot and dry summer for all of us. And then the wind is another matter.

Just a reminder that dues were due in May but are delinquent September 1st. If you have not paid your dues yet please pay them asap so I can get the records up to date.

I will have a list of the paid members with their information at the guild meeting. I hope to see everyone there.

-- 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

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

Cricket Rigid Heddle Club will not be meeting for the summer. Meetings will resume in the fall.

July 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes

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

There were 13 members present, 1 new member Louise paid today, and 3 guests.

Introductions were made and we answered the question: what is your favorite weaving tool?

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

Treasurer's Report by Kathy: The report was printed in the last newsletter. Please make your check out to FCWG (Four Corners Weavers Guild).

Money being collected for the upcoming Doubleweave workshop on September 24-26, there are still a few slots available. **Membership** – no report at this time

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Bylaws – one correction, a representative from every location is being removed. Sherry willj send out a corrected of the bylaws by email – vote will be online by email, **please note that should you not respond your vote will be counted as Yes.**

50th year coming up – please start thinking about ideas to celebrate.

New Business

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”. The 1st Saturday of the fair is when you may bring items for show/judging, and the 2nd Saturday is the “demo day”.

Sherry will be holding a Twinning class at Farm to Yarn on August 1, 2026, from 11-2.

The annual weaving conference is being held virtually October 19-21 30 minutes for presentations.

Fiber Art group (Taos weavers) is being held in Durango now, on the 1st weekend of October.

Topics for next year – sheets for ideas/topics for next year's programs and workshops were passed around, this will be done at each meeting.

San Juan Weavers Guild will be hosting a Double weave workshop in April 2027.

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❖ May 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes

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Next 2026 Workshop–

Double weave: Jennifer Moore, September 24, 25, 26, held at the Manco Community Center. Please see previously provided emails with attachments regarding this event for information. Jennifer will send out detailed instructions on warping your loom. 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. There will be a light lunch provided each day.

Show and Tell

The meeting was adjourned by Sherry at 11.02pm.

Secretary of the day, Beverly Parmelee

-- Secretary, Deb Bacon

❖ 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

The 2026 Mountain and Valley Fiber Arts Festival

<https://www.mavwafiberartsfest.org/the-festival>

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/>

◆ Fair Report

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The San Juan County Fair was a success again this year. There were some nice entries and lots of prizes. Our guild sponsors 2 cash awards. The first was to the Best of Youth. It was given to Kira K. for her first time weaving of a sash belt. The Best Use of Color was given to Alberta H. for her Two Gray Hills rug. She raised the sheep, spun the wool in all the colors of her sheep and then wove a beautiful rug.

Congratulations to both for jobs well done. A big thankyou also to all the others that entered their work in the fair. It is always fun to see what people have done over the past few years.

On the final Saturday there were several of us from the guild that put on a demo/hands -on experience for fair goers. Mike helped people to make baskets, Sherry demonstrated spinning and Karen, Anna and Beverly had people try inkle, rigid heddle, and 4 harness loom weaving. A few people tried doing kumihimo braiding. We had a guest helping show spinning. People really enjoyed the experience. Maybe we planted a seed for further exploring!

Thanks to all of you that helped with the fair this year as well as entered items for judging. Let's keep on creating!

-- Karen D, Vice President



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.

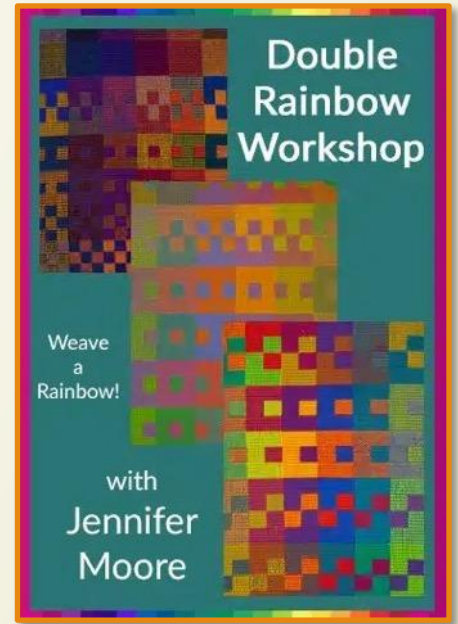
Date: September 24-26, 2026

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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