

# Fiber line

## Four Corners Weavers Guild

July 1, 2019  
Volume 41, Issue 4

**Location:** Picnic at Ellie

**Address:** 644 County Road  
216, Durango, CO,

**Chat Time:** 9:30

**Meeting Time:**  
10:00 am

**Program:**  
No program

### Potluck Lunch

Meat provided by Ellie  
Cline, bring sides and  
desserts to accompany.  
Bring chairs if you have  
them, Her porch is shady!

- ▶ Our next meeting will be on July 20<sup>th</sup> at Ellie Cline's House,
- ▶ The FCWG meets six times a year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Kathy Sehnert, P.O. Box 253, Mancos, CO 81328.

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*A woman [weaver, spinner, knitter, etc.] will buy anything she thinks the store is losing money on.*

*- Kin Hubbard*

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## ❖ President's Message

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Sharon twisted my arm to accept the Presidency; now you are stuck with me. I love the guild and I consider all members my good friends. I'm glad to be of service!

As many of you know, and others will come to realize, I'm not much of a weaver. I wanted to learn the craft because I wanted to do rag weaving. Rag weaving was a childhood fascination; I remember my mother making great balls of old clothing strips to take to the rug weaver. My learning to weave started back in the 80's and has been very sporadic. But I'm still just a beginner rag weaver. You all have been very welcoming to a novice and I have loved dabbling in the many facets of fiber crafts with you. It's really fun; but I'm afraid that I'm stuck in the world of rags. As an avid quilter I keep creating my own rag pile.

If I've learned nothing else, I now have an appreciation and great admiration for all of you weavers and spinners that have taken your craft from the first level to much greater heights. Kudos to you all. I'll be your cheerleader.

So, don't expect, from me, those wonderful weaving commentaries that Karen has shared in her president's letters. Those that know me well, know that I'm more of a nuts and bolts person; more of an organizer than a crafter. However, I will endeavor to write more than weather reports! (Anyone interested in writing a guest letter or sharing weaving inspiration, is more than welcome to have my space in the newsletter!)

We do have a good bit of business to take care of at our next meeting. So even though we like to abbreviate the business meeting for our picnic, the problem of a quorum hampered our last meeting, therefore, a few things will need attention before the September meeting. I will be sure to give you all a heads up on the business items before the meeting so we can move through it quickly. Also, items, especially yarn, including some of Pam's handspun, from Pam Ramsey's "yard sale" will be available for sale.

I look forward to the show & tell part of every meeting. I love seeing your spectacular creations and/or evidence of your progress in weaving. GO WEAVERS!! RAH RAH SPINNERS!!

*Kathy Sehnert*

## ❖ Membership Chairman's Report

**Dues:** I've collected dues from many of you, but still more to collect. Please pay your dues soon via mail or in person at the July meeting. \$25.00 to FCWG, to Kathy Sehnert, PO Box 253, Mancos, CO 81328. If you have not paid by July meeting, I will personally contact you.

**Help:** I really need someone to volunteer to help or take over the membership duties. I've been doing it for nine years. It's not a hard job, and I love doing it, but the busiest part is at the meetings, especially when we have a new member. It's hard to be the President and still handle membership duties at a meeting. Any volunteers?

**Attendance:** I certainly hope that we'll have a good turnout for our July meeting. Because of low attendance at our last meeting, voting on the new officers was in question. We really need you to come so we can re-affirm the status of our new officers.

### **Send Dues To:**

Kathy Sehnert, FCWG Membership, PO Box 253, Mancos, CO 81328

## ❖ Programs and Workshops Report

In addition to our regular holiday gift exchange we are offering an optional kitchen towel exchange this November. If you want to participate bring 1-3 individually wrapped kitchen towels to our annual holiday party. They can all be the same or different towels. If you don't have time to weave new ones before then, but have some in your stash from a previous effort, or a mix of past and present - that works too! At the holiday party you'll draw a number and then be able to select the same number of towels you brought from the gift wrapped selection (different or unusual wrappings add to the fun). And you'll go home with some new beautiful towels for your kitchen!

- Anne Worthington

## ❖ Nominating Committee Report

During the May meeting we elected our new officers. They are: Kathy Sehnert for president, Anne Worthington for vice president, Ann Kennedy for treasurer and Shirley Haisman for secretary.

## ❖ Treasurer's Report

1718.17.	Balance
59.82.	Expenses
1664.35.	New Balance

## ❖ Current News and Upcoming Events

### ▪ Intermountain Weavers Conference

Bev Kajko, IWC Board--Publicity

Mark your calendars! The next IWC will be held July 25 - 28, 2019 at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. The theme will be FIBER: YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW. Start planning your entries to the fashion show and Celebration of Fiber. This is a fun weekend for all fiber artists. We have some great workshops, many of which are filled but a few have a space or two left.

### ❖ Of Interest

Damask weave is a self-patterned satin weave in which the pattern weaves are thrown into relief by the way the light falls on the fabric. The light is reflected differently by the lustrous fibers of areas of pattern and ground yielding a subtle and shimmering effect. The dominance of either warp or weft changes to create the pattern. The term "damask" became known after the city of Damascus, Syria, where Europeans may have first encountered them.

*-The World of Textiles, by John Gillow and Bryan Sentance, 1999*

### ❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:

At the last meeting there was a question about skeleton tie-ups. For those of you interested in a handy way to reduce the number of treadles you need here is a link to Tim's Rudimentary Treadle Reducer. I've also included a link to a Robyn Spady article on the treadle reducer ...

<https://www.cs.earlham.edu/~timm/treadle/>

<https://spadystudios.wordpress.com/2012/02/20/these-are-a-few-of-my-favorite-things-7-tims-rudimentary-treadle-reducer/>

## ❖ Announcements

### Cricket Club

The Cricket Club meets on the second Friday of the month from 1-4 at Karen Dearing's studio in Aztec NM.

The Cricket Club is a group of people that get together to weave and learn more about rigid heddle weaving. In the past we have studied methods of warping the looms, creating patterns with pick up sticks as well as finger manipulation, log cabin weave and other patterns.

If you would like to learn more about the rigid heddle looms you are welcome to join us. Come whether you have a loom or not. If you want to bring your loom with a project that you are working on, that would be just fine. Each meeting will include a demo, exchange of ideas and time to weave and visit. Hope to see you!

Karen's address is: Dancing Hooves Farm and Studio, 61 County Road 3235, Aztec, NM.

Call Karen Dearing for more details. 505-334-2669 (h) or 505-860-7735 (c) or email [krdearing@yahoo.com](mailto:krdearing@yahoo.com).

### Farm 2 Yarn Tour de Fleece

Every year spinners around the world take part in a very loosely organized event that coincides with the Tour de France. While the bike riders of the Tour de France spin their bike wheels, spinners around the world participate in the **Tour de Fleece**, spinning every day the



Tour rides. This year, members of SWFarm2Yarn, are participating in the Tour! Join our team and spin with us July 6-28<sup>th</sup>, as we get together and socialize and spin at home to see how much fun we can have while spinning. After the "race" is over we will showcase our accomplishments at the shop. Special prizes for most days spun and most improved so be sure to register for our team! We're in it for the fun so join us even if you know you can't spin every day! Sign up at the shop under your name and a suitable race pseudonym (be creative), and post progress on our Facebook page.

## ❖ Announcements

### Living History Day at the Animas Museum in Durango

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Save the Date

Saturday, September 14 from 10 to 3

The Animas Museum in Durango(Animas City)  
3065 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave



Think back to the days of 1875 and plan to attend. You can either just come or you could participate (we desperately need volunteers). If you plan to participate we need weavers, spinners, knitters, crocheters, et al. We would love for you to wear long skirts or dresses to represent the time. We think we might try to do a sheep to shawl which is always a lot of fun. Also, we hope to have kids activities like carding, felting, kitty balls, finger knitting, and anything else we can think of that would be fun activities. We will have a few of the people that portray the people of the time giving talks about their lives and what they did. Inside will be exhibits and teachers giving talks in the classroom. We will be outside so we will be under easy ups and will need extras of those. We will be on the south side of the museum by the cabin. On the north side we will have food and beer vendors. We are hoping to get produce vendors as well. So we are asking all weavers, spinners, fiber people for their help and attendance. If you have any questions please check out the website for the Animas Museum, [animasmuseum.org](http://animasmuseum.org), where we hope to post information. Also you can email me

Pam Dyer, [pamdye13@hotmail.com](mailto:pamdye13@hotmail.com). More information will be coming with a schedule of events. Thanks for all your help and be sure to save the date so you can be part of our Living History. Be sure to tell all your friends.

## ❖ November Meeting Minutes

**May 18, 2019**

FCWG Meeting May 18 2019 minute

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The meeting was held at the Fellowship of the Spirit Church in Farmington, New Mexico.

The business portion of the meeting began at 10:00 am led by our outgoing President Karen Dearing. There were no guests present at this meeting and because we lacked enough members to make a quorum, we would not address actions requiring a vote. However, the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as written.

Committee Reports:

Treasurers Report.	1718.17.	Balance
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Read and accepted

Jere Lard and Kathy Sehnert suggested to avoid mix up of available monies, an audit would be good at the end of Treasurer's 2 year term. This will also help the new Treasurer have a better understanding of the procedure. Jere said she would be willing to do this now as we are ending a term and beginning a new 2 year term. Kathy will present more details at the July picnic/meeting.

Service Project. Shirley Haisman encouraged us all to begin gathering items we purchase or make for shelters and Grace Place. Hats, scarves, headbands, socks, & gloves. Baby items as well are appreciated. Also we've found toiletries are needed.

Hospitality. Lana Schwellenbach said all is good with the supplies.

May Program was arranged by Valerie LeRoy, Program Chairman. She encouraged all of us to enjoy the remaining "stash" of weaving supplies from Debbie Wycoff. Sweet remembering her in this way.

Up-coming event. The summer picnic will be held at Ellie Cline's home third Saturday of July. The guild will pay for the meat, and those coming bring favorite salads, side dishes and/or desserts. A map will be provided in our newsletter.

New Business. Kathy Sehnert reminded us of the \$25.00 membership dues for the year are due in May. You also can mail to Kathy or bring to July picnic.

Retiring Officers. We thank those having served our guild as officers this past two years and gratefully accept the new officers beginning at the July meeting:

President Kathy Sehnert, Vice President/Programs Anne Worthington, Treasurer Ann Kennedy, Secretary Shirley Haisman

## ❖ November Meeting Minutes *(continued)*

**May 18, 2019**

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IWC. Intermountain Weavers Conference will meet at Fort Lewis College July 25-28 The theme is Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow. Several of our members will be vendors, Karen Dearing, and Anne Worthington. If you are interested in a workshop or you want to display something you can find help at: <https://www.intermountainweavers.org/> Cherie, who is on the IWC board, is preparing a basket of items to be offered at the conference. If you have items to contribute please bring them to our FCWG picnic at Ellie's on July 20th.

County Fairs. San Juan County, NM Fair & the La Plata County, CO Fair

Jere Lard is reminding us to bring your NM Fair items to the July FCWG meeting if you will be unable to take your items on the Sat. before the fair opens. I'm sorry I don't have information on entries for the CO Fair.

This year several of our members will be offering demonstrations at the NM Fair. Carding, spinning, and weaving a table runner.

Anne Worthington told us of a Cortez Co-Op class covering Eco Print. Cost is \$135.00. See Anne for date & info.

Karen Dearing is starting a Cricket Club weaving class at her studio. See Karen if interested.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

*Respectfully submitted, Shirley Haisman - Secretary*



### **Member Highlight: Ellie Cline**

I moved to Durango in 1972 to attend Ft Lewis College: one elective class was "Indian Arts & Crafts" where we made a small tapestry loom and I wove a purse for my friend. I bought a Schacht table loom, which accompanied me around the world for the next thirty-plus years of my military career. Living in small apartments meant that the table loom was a convenient apparatus for drying my bras, as well as a visual reminder of my desire to become a "real" weaver. Meanwhile I kept my embroidery (counted cross stitch, hardanger, tel kirmisi, beading) and crochet skills active by teaching classes and making zillions of baby afghans and table linens for relatives and friends around the world. When I moved to Norfolk VA for my last assignment, I started taking weaving classes, buying looms, and building my stash. I have been weaving for ten years now—the happiest years of my life. Being retired means spending my time doing the things I love: weaving, singing, and gardening. I am an active member of the Durango Choral Society, volunteer at the Community Concert Hall, volunteer at the Durango Narrow Gauge Railroad, and member of my weaving family. I am in AWE of the ladies in the Four Corners Guild with so many talented creative women. I would call myself a "crafts" person rather than an "artist." I love our show and tell sessions at the meetings, and it really helps to see what everyone else is doing. Thank you all for including me in the Family.

## ❖ 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. I will bring a selection of books to the next meeting for members to check out. This is a good source of information that needs to be used! Karen Dearing at [krdearing@yahoo.com](mailto:krdearing@yahoo.com), 505.334.2669 or 505.860.7735 (cell). **See a list of new books on page 10 of the newsletter.**

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## ❖ Links: Weaver's Conferences / Fiber Festivals / Magazines and Newsletters

Conference of Northern California Handweavers:

<http://www.cnch.org>

Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta: 2019 <http://www.fiberartsfiesta.org>

Intermountain Weavers Conference: July 26-28, 2019

<http://www.intermountainweavers.org>

Handweavers Guild of America: July, 2020

<http://www.weavespindye.org>

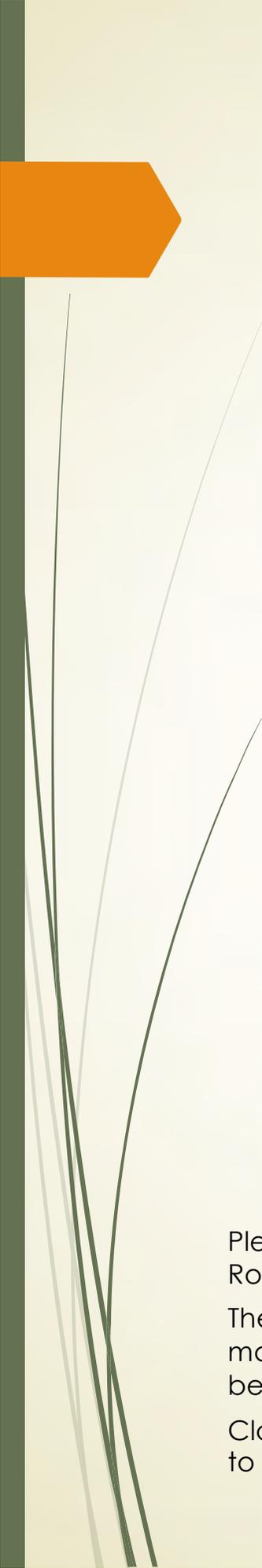
Complex Weavers: July, 2020 <https://www.complex-weavers.org>

Weaving Today:

<http://www.interweave.com/store/weaving/weaving-books/weaving-books-ebooks>

Handwoven Magazine:

<http://www.interweave.com/store/weaving/weaving-magazines/weaving-magazines-handwoven>



Please send newsletter information to Anne Worthington, 23647 Road G.2, Cortez, CO 81321, or to [woollylizard49@gmail.com](mailto:woollylizard49@gmail.com).

The newsletter is usually sent out the first week of the meeting months, so have information to me by the last week of the month before the meeting.

Classified ads cost \$5.00 (payable to FCWG) and should be sent to Ann Kennedy, P.O. 180 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Mancos, CO 81328.

## New Library Books

Temari Treasures—Diana Vandervoort

Temari a Traditional Japanese Embroidery Technique—Margaret Lublow

Weaving of the Southwest—Marian Rodee

Wirework—Mary Maguire

Handcrafted Rugs—Sandra Hardy

The Book of Looms-A history of t Handlooms from Ancient Times to the Present

Tapestry Weaving—Nancy Harvey

Small Looms in Action—Elizabeth Jensen

Hand Knits for the Home—Carol Wilcox Wells

Photographing Your Artwork—Russell Hart

The Complete Book of Tapestry Weaving—Alec Pearson

Learning to Weave with Debbie Redding

Briads 250 Patterns from Japan, Peru and Beyond—Rodrick Owen

Creative Hands—Cox Weismann

Summer and Winter—Donna Sullivan

The Machine Embroidery Handbook—dj bennett

Sensational Knitted Socks—Charlene Schurch

Braiding and Knotting for Amateurs—Constantine A. Belash

Tapestry—Maurice Pianzola

Knitting Socks—Ann Budd

Creating with Card Weaving—Sally Specht

Learn to Knit---Susan Bates

Knit Ponchos, Wraps and Scarves—Jane Davis

Loom and Spindles or Life Among the Early Mill Girls—Harriet Robinson

Blue Prints on Fabric—Barbara Hewitt

Synthetic Dyes Natural Fibers—Linda Knutson

Decorative Knots—Peter Owen

Soft Sculpture and other Soft Art Forms—Dona Meilach

Fabric Printing: Screen Method—Richard Valentino

Weaving You Can Use—Sewing Projects



## DANCING HOOVES FARM AND STUDIO

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owner: Karen Dearing

**What we offer:** large selection of spinning and weaving tools

: our own Corriedale roving as well as other spinning fibers

: spinning wheels

: a variety of looms

: handwoven towels, runners, blankets, and assorted other items

: good selection of spinning, weaving and dyeing books

: individual and group classes

**Companies that we represent:** Schacht, Louet and Ashford

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