

Fiber line

Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Location: Mount Lookout
Grange

Address: 680 Grand
Avenue, Mancos, CO

Chat Time: 9:30

Meeting Time:
10:00 am

Program:
Beginning Locker Hooking
Pam Dyer
2-3 Hours - \$38 Fee for kits.
You are also welcome to
just stay and watch

Potluck Lunch

- ▶ Our next meeting will be on March 16th at Mount Lookout Grange, 680 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: Kathy Sehnert, P.O. Box 253, Mancos, CO 81328.

"You know you knit [weave] too much when...You hear about a breed of 'miniature sheep' that only grow to be 16 inches in height and weigh only 50 pounds, and immediately start trying to figure out whether you can convince your spouse it's a dog".

-Stephanie Pearl-McPhee

❖ President's Message

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Well, we have started our study groups! I hope that everyone is enjoying their group. My group met the other day to discuss what our ideas were for proceeding with our study. Not everyone is approaching the study in the same way. Some of us are going to do some samples and others are going to jump right into a bigger project. Either way, we are all really excited about our study. It was also a great time to visit and get to know each other better. I hope that if you are in a group that you are having a great experience.

Trying something new can really have it's challenges. I am once again weaving with my 20/2 rayon set at 30 epi. The pattern repeat is 40 shots. So, I got it on the loom and started to weave. Fifteen broken threads later I was ready to cut it all off! I had threads in film canisters hanging off the back of the loom. They were getting all twisted up. But I was still able to untwist them enough to advance the warp. Then I found that the shed was not opening well on certain shots so I had a few skips on the back side. On went the magnifying glasses to weave and got the hand magnifier out to inspect the weaving every 20 shot!! There came a time when I said that if I did not get things straightened out in 15 more minutes then I would cut it all off!

But I persisted! Finally, I got things going on the right track. And I am glad that I did. My scarf is turning out to be quite nice. I am still using the magnifying glasses and hand magnifier to check my work but that is okay. I am getting the results that I want.

All this to say that not all good things come easily! I hope that the projects that you are wanting to do whether it is a study group or something that you are doing on your own will challenge you. Not that I want you to have problems. But we can only grow if we challenge ourselves.

The more we do something the more we understand how it works. I now know how to spot the problem with my loom and can address the troubled part. I can examine my threads and can see the potential for success and troubles. For example, don't use too much mohair in a warp! And I have learned the value is doing some sampling when starting a project with threads of unknown traits.

My hope for you is that you are enjoying your weaving and other projects and that you are working on. I encourage you to try something out of your comfort zone. Try something new! I think you will be glad that you did!

Karen Dearing 505-334-2669

❖ Programs and Workshops Report

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March Program will be “Beginning Locker Hooking,” the technique that allows you to create beautiful rugs, pillows, saddle blankets, and other products, without a loom or a spinning wheel. In this class we will make a hot pad using unspun wool that is hooked through a canvas mesh and then locked onto the canvas using yarn. It is a simple process that is easily learned. This technique can also use fabrics and yarns. It is a great way to use up your stash!

Everyone is welcome to watch but those interested in actually learning this technique will need to buy a kit. The kits are \$38 and include everything you need to make and finish a trivet. I will bring some examples of what you can create using this fun - fast technique.

Pam Dyer has been raising sheep and working with the wool for over 30 years. Her work in Locker Hooking started with saddle blankets for her girls' horses. She has written a book on beginning locker hooking, “Locker Hooking Basics.” Pam and Jim Dyer's farm, Dyers Wool, and Kelsey and Trent Reeder, Corner Notch Farm, are small farms where they work hard to preserve rare breeds and use organic methods of farming. Pam continues to work on locker hooking, spinning, weaving, felting, teaching, gardening, and of course, raising sheep.



- Valerie Hopper

❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:

Velvet is a luxury fabric, and with good reason. It is a densely piled surface traditionally woven from silk, that can appear in selected places (voided velvet), or over the entire fabric. It is produced by a means of supplementary warps which are raised over grooved rods inserted into the open shed, just like the weft. When weaving has progressed to the point it is secure, the supplementary warp threads are then cut along the groove in the rod. Velveteen fabric, on the other hand is a supplementary weft fabric, and the weft threads are cut.

- *World Textiles*, by John Gillow & Bryan Sentance, 1999

❖ Current News and Upcoming Events

▪ Interweave Yarn Fest

This annual event is March 27-31, 2019 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Loveland, Colorado and is the perfect event for you and your fiber-loving members.

Interweave Yarn Fest is the premier event for knitting, spinning, weaving, crochet and more featuring half- and full-day workshops from leading instructors. Plus, there's a shopping marketplace with dozens of vendors selling yarn, fiber, and more.

▪ 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 filling up fast and we will offer 1- and 3-day workshops again.

❖ Of Interest

Pile weaves include fabrics such as velvet, velveteen, corduroy, and terry cloth. Velvet and terry are warp piles but terry is uncut, while velveteen and corduroy are weft piles. "Pile weaves, woven from silk and linen, which resemble velvet originated in approximately 2000 BCE in Egypt. In China, between 400 BCE and 23 CE, uncut pile weaves that more closely resemble our modern concept of velvet were developed. Then, the Middle East and eastern Europe came into their velvet zenith, with the most skilled velvet weavers in Turkey, Greece, and Cyprus. But it wasn't until the late medieval and Renaissance period that the improvement in draw loom technology lowered the price of production and allowed velvet design and innovation to really take off in Italy and Spain."

-Mastering Weave Structures, by Sharon Alderman, 2004

❖ Announcements

Cricket Club

Interested in learning more about rigid heddle weaving? The Cricket Club meets at Dancing Hooves Farm and Studio on the 2nd Friday of the month. This is Karen Dearing's studio in Aztec, NM. Whether you know how to weave or not, you are invited to come. Bring your Cricket rigid heddle loom or other rigid heddle loom and join the club! If you do not have a loom you are welcome as well. We will be learning how to do different things on our looms and work on group projects as well as our own projects. We will be meeting from 1-4 on the 2nd Friday of the month. Call Karen Dearing for more details. 505-334-2669 or email krdearing@yahoo.com.

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Member Highlight: Sherry Phillips

All of my life I have been doing crafts of every kind. It started when I was a Girl Scout. The minute I sat down at a spinning wheel I knew I had found my ultimate craft, my passion! I had inherited my great grandmother's spinning wheel before I knew anything about fiber. I have been a spinner for 10 years. I also volunteered at the Littleton, Co living history museum. Great fun! I have lived on the east coast my whole life with the exception of three years in the Denver area, which is where I learned about fiber. I am delighted to have found the fiber communities that I have out here in the West. The study groups that have been set up are a wonderful way to play and learn and get to know others.

I love the fact that I am a part of the Four Corners Weavers Guild and when I say that "I have a rather large stash" I don't get the look of confusion or incomprehension. YOU GET ME!! So I look forward to making new friends and continuing to learn more about fiber and enjoying the incredible talents of those around me.

Sherry is also on the nominating committee for new officers, and encourages everyone to consider exiting their respective boxes and volunteer.



❖ November Meeting Minutes

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January 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1000 at the Fellowship of Spirit Church in Farmington, NM.

New members were welcomed and we introduced ourselves.

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer report and a year end report were approved. The beginning balance in November of 2018 was \$1716.40. Income was \$125.00 from membership dues and \$5.00 from ads. Expenses included returned checks \$85.00 and bank charges of \$20.00. The return checks have been addressed. The ending balance is \$1741.40.

Programs; The program for today is on spinning cotton on a great wheel by Sherry Phillips. March program is on locker hooking.

Membership: we have 5 new members and a total of 41.

Service Project: Thank you notes have been received from the recipients of our November meeting. The items gathered are greatly appreciated. Start making/collecting now for this November. Hats, scarves, mittens, homemade and purchased. And toiletries, small items for individual use.

Library: a new DVD on Deflective Double Weave is available. Check out the list on the website.

Newsletter: you can submit articles and items to be included in the newsletter. Contact Cherie Pitman or Anne Worthington.

Elections: May meeting is the time for elections. A nominating committee was formed, with Sherry Phillips and Sharon Sichi volunteering. Contact them if interested in being on the board. (It is fun!)

Old Business: The newsletter is not available on the website that is for members only. Be careful of names, addresses and other personal information when submitting for the website or on Facebook.

Study Group kick off is today. The roundup session will be in September with presentations by the groups.

Show and tell as always had many wonderful items. Temari balls, how mistakes turn out well, a fun trip and items from Peru, and of course beautiful towels.

The meeting was adjourned at 1212.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Morningstar

❖ 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, 505.334.2669 or 505.860.7735 (cell).

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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:

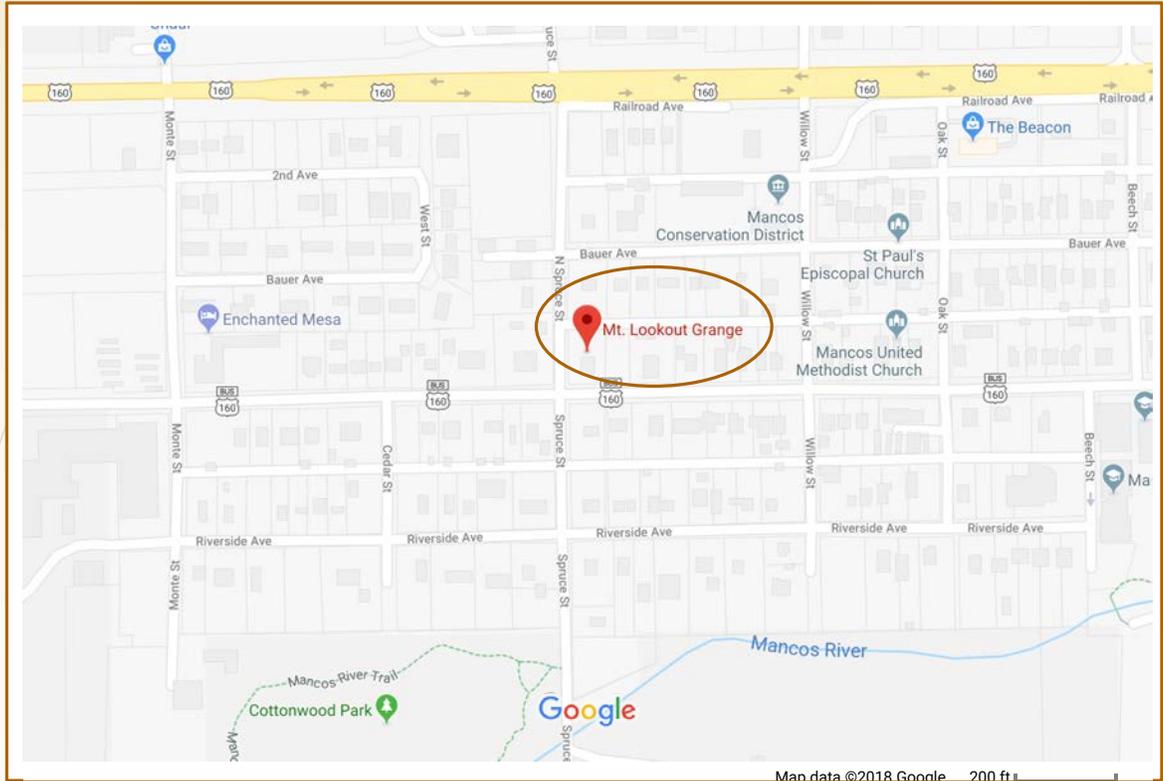
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Go into Mancos at the stoplight in the middle of town, take a right at Grand Avenue, heading west. Go down to 680 Grand Avenue. If you get lost call Karen 505-860-7735.

Please send newsletter information to Anne Worthington, 23647 Road G.2, Cortez, CO 81321, or to 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 Marianne Hurley, P.O. Box 1344, Mancos, CO 81328.

...UNBEWEAVABLE SALE...

LeClerc Arista 36-inch four-shaft loom
with matching LeClerc storage bench
Excellent Condition!

Accessories:

- 3 reeds
- Temple
- Lease sticks
- Yarn winder
- Warping board
- Wood shuttles
- Threading tools
- Many bobbins
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- Books (8): including *The Key to Weaving* by Mary E. Black
- Articles (7): instruction, techniques, tips, etc.



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