

Fiberline

Four Corners Weavers Guild

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- ▶ There will be a zoom meeting this month on the 15th of May at 10:00. You will receive an email invite the day before the meeting.
 - ▶ 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.
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❖ President's Message

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My Dear Weaving Friends,

It's been so long since I've seen you! Can we gather soon? I've checked with the venues in my area and none of them have opened yet for reservations; I assume that will be true all over. Anne W. and I have talked, and we really would like to have some type of meeting this month, so we have decided on a zoom meeting. I hope that most of you will have experienced a zoom meeting by now and are comfortable with it. If Zoom meetings are new to you, and a little bit scary, perhaps you can buddy up with another weaving friend and share the computer screen.

If you have had your Covid shot, I hope that it puts you more at ease about being with a few friends. Perhaps, by July, our usual "picnic" date, we can all feel comfortable to gather. Even if the weather doesn't cooperate that day, a small group indoors, with precautions, will surely meet everyone's comfort level. There are some definite things that Anne and I want to bring to the membership. I hope that we will have a quorum for the Zoom meeting.

May is "pay day for dues." Since we have not had a regular meeting in the last year; is there any objection to paying dues as usual?

Every other year in May is election of officers. I have not appointed a nominating committee for new officers. As your president, I feel I have not served you well in the last year, so I'm willing to wait until we are back on a regular schedule before turning over the duties to new officers. If the other officers or the membership object to this; we can speed up the process for election at the prospective July meeting.

Anne W., your V.P. and program chairman has been researching online programs for weavers. She has several suggestions for some online presentations as well as full-fledged workshops that can be scheduled for the very near future. We need to know your desires! Workshops without a venue to set up, a presenter to arrange travel, meals to organize, or overnight housing for organizer & participants makes the arrangements much simpler and many teachers have prepared online classes and are ready to teach. We can certainly take advantage of these offerings; since our last workshop had to be cancelled, we do have some money budgeted to this.

If you can't attend the meeting on May 15 and we do not have a quorum present, expect an email from me asking for your vote on any proposed motions.

So, what have I been weaving? Sad to say.... nothing. My family continues to be "homeless" due to remodeling and we've added more kids to the boarders. Looms and sewing machines are pushed against the wall to accommodate more beds. Mealtime can be 9 or 10! Surely by the end of May, Rusty (dog) and I will be alone again! Wahoo!

A day before the scheduled May 15 meeting, I will send you all a link to the zoom meeting, so check your email box! Get comfortable in front of your computer / tablet screen and I'll see you May 15.

Virtual Hugs, *Kathy Sehnert, President*

❖ Membership Chairman's Report

MAY IS PAY DAY! *But wait until after the May 15 meeting, just in case there's an adjustment to the dues due to our lack of meetings.*

No new members, but we've had some inquiries for loom sales. Check the "for sale" page on our website if you are looking for a new loom.

The new list of current members as of September 1 is now available. You can pick up one "in person" whenever we can meet again. Otherwise, if you would like one now, send an email to kssehnert@gmail.com and I'll copy one to you.

- Carol van der Harten, Membership

Send Dues To:

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

❖ Programs and Workshops Report

Because of Covid many weaving teachers have developed online workshops or presentations that they offer to individuals and to guilds. The best part is that we now have access to many teachers who otherwise would have been inaccessible because they live far away and travel expenses would have been prohibitive. Since we didn't spend much money last year, we can have one of these online presentations or workshops every meeting! I've found a few that might interest us, and I'm sure there are many more. I will continue to search and develop a list with respective costs and available dates, and perhaps we can identify those we want to engage, and when they are available. I had hoped to provide a list in the newsletter, but I've just welcomed my elderly mother into my home and have been busy getting her settled, obtaining a doctor, home health care, etc, so I've been too busy to do much searching. I also lost internet access for several days which was inconvenient to say the least! Stay tuned, and in the meantime work on emptying your looms...

- Anne Worthington, Vice President

❖ Treasurer's Report

Previous balance 1/31/21 = \$2759.23

Deposit - income from web ads + \$10.00

Tax filing, check written \$3.00

Balance 3/31/21 = \$2766.23

- Ann Kennedy, Treasurer

❖ Announcements

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From Karrine Knutsen:

I do want the group to know that I've connected with a couple people that were trying to get the wool mill up and running here in Bayfield back in 2015/16. It seems that one of the main reasons it stopped was that there wasn't a group to carry it to the next level of creating the business and raising money. A small group including myself, met on Friday 4/30 to re-start the conversation about a local fibershed and a wool mill. We have definitely NOT come to any conclusions or plans, just talking. But if anyone in our group wants to be part of this ongoing conversation, they are welcome. We will meet again on Thursday May 27 at Pine River Shares in Bayfield at 1pm.

I am super interested in growing our local Fibershed - meaning creating more businesses that promote the fiber system of the 4 corners area from the farm/ranch, to processing and then creating products. An excellent example is the Fibershed in central California, they are doing so many cool things growing their fiber economy. You can get a taste at fibershed.org and also find on the webpage a link to hear the conference held online back in November. I listened to all of it and some great info. Technically we are part of the mountains and plains fibershed but from what I can tell they don't do much and most members are near Golden & Boulder CO.

Would love to talk more about this! Feel free to call or email me. 970-317-9799 or karrinne_knutsen@hotmail.com

❖ **Announcements** *(continued)*

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From Southwest Farm to Yarn In Cortez, CO

Southwest Farm to Yarn is a non-profit 501(c)(3) fiber shop devoted to fiber lovers in the four corners area. SWF2Y was conceived in January of 2018, fulfilling a need for local producers of fiber, tools and finished products, as well as giving Montezuma County a local yarn shop, through the work and vision of many. We all wanted to have a place to sell our products, share in our love of fiber, teach others to do the same, and have a place to buy and order yarn and notions.

Starting with donations from the group that met each week for several months, we rented a small space off the beaten track to get our doors open in May 2018. Since then, the shop has operated solely by volunteers and NO paid employees. This means that each person who is there when you call or go in to look, buy something, take a class, or make a special order is volunteering her or his time because we all think this is an important part of our local community. There are also folks working behind the scenes, balancing the books and paying our bills, marketing and posting on social media, buying yarns and notions, and consignors making and bringing in their wares. Buying yarn is such a tactile and personal experience; feeling the texture and softness, seeing the true color, and having assistance to pick out a pattern, help you with the appropriate yarn for that pattern, or help you resolve a problem in your project. The members of SW Farm to Yarn have forged new friendships and learned so much from each other about sources of fiber, whether it be wool, alpaca, yak, cotton, tencel, or silk; how yarn is spun, how it is dyed, and all the ways it can be twisted, knotted, felted, woven or looped to make a fabric. Fiber is so much fun!

We are comprised of a group of folks who share in this passion and became members, at \$40 per year. This small donation allows you to accumulate credit through volunteer time, purchases, and/or taking classes and get credit towards more purchases, discounts on special classes, and sell your products on consignment. Our membership year runs May 1 to April 30 every year, although you can join at any time. We welcome new members all year long, and love the new energy that membership brings, especially when you take an active role in making our non-profit endeavor thrive. And we can always use more help with the daily tasks of operating a retail store and teaching classes.

This year, we are encouraging new members to join now and enjoy those benefits all year long. We will be celebrating our 3rd anniversary at the end of May, and we hope YOU will join our fiber community by becoming a member and becoming part of our fiber-loving community. 970-560-6777. If you would like to know more about the collective feel free to contact the following members: Corey Hiseler, Ann Kennedy, Cherie Pitman and Anne Worthington.

❖ 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

Taos Wool Festival
<http://taoswoolfestival.squarespace.com> October 2 and 3, 2021

Intermountain Weavers Conference
<http://www.intermountainweavers.org>: July 2023

Handweaver's Guild of America (Convergence): July 2022
<https://weavespindye.org/>

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

Weaving Items For Sale by One of Our Members

Dear Weaving Friends.

At 83 the time has come to give up my looms etc., etc. Too many mistakes, not enough energy or enthusiasm. So, 3 looms and much of that stuff we acquire over our years of loving our craft must go. This does not mean I am leaving the Guild. I hope someday we will be able to meet again and share Show and Tell and the wonderful potlucks and the company of people who share our love of weaving.

- ▶ 4 harness 40" Macomber ada harness with 5 reeds, bench (homemade), Heddles.
- ▶ 8 harness maple table loom
- ▶ 4 harness Leclerc "Dorothy" table loom

I'm not giving it away, but you will get a good deal and you can look it up online and see new prices. open to gentle haggling.

If you are interested give me a call and I will tell you about it and ,maybe, be able to send you a picture.

Sharon Sichi 505-334-6685