

Fiber Line

Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Location: Mancos Public
Library

Address: 211 W 1st Street

Chat Time: 9:30

Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Program: ~12:30

Wet Felting a Needle Case
with Rosie Boone

Lunch: Brown bag or
eat out

- ▶ Our next meeting will be on September 18th at Mancos Public Library, 211 W 1st Street, 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 Anne Worthington, 23647 Rd G.2, Cortez, Co 81321.

What can be more comforting than to turn for a time to something as old and as beautiful as weaving -- something that has come down to us through the ages unhindered by wars and famines, by floods or earthquakes, and forever new under our fingers.

-- Mary Meigs Atwater

❖ President's Message

Dear Weavers,

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Life has changed! I write this several weeks before our meeting, so I hope there aren't changes by the time you read it. These many months have taught me to be flexible with plans of any sort.

Here we go again with the bumpy ride of Covid. The little interim of almost back to normal was just a tease! The upswing of the Delta variant is alarming, and its duration is unknown. We have high hopes that we can follow through with these plans for our September program.

The plan is for our regular business meeting to start at 10:00 as usual. For those that choose to stay, Rosie Boone will give a workshop on wet felting a needle case; you must sign up to participate in the workshop. We will be meeting at the Mancos library so that should give us ample room for social distancing. The Guild will pay for Rosie's time and travel, but individual participants will pay the supply charge -- Again **you must sign up by the deadline in order to be included in the workshop**. Check Anne W's notes in this newsletter for full information.

We will ask that you wear a mask; vaccinated or not. The current wisdom is that the highest risk of transmitting the virus is respiratory, so masks are one of our best defenses.

Since the library does not have a kitchen, and with the Covid concerns, we will **not** potluck. You can brown bag it, or if you are not staying for the workshop, or want "take out", Mancos can offer the Columbine Grill (dine in or take out), the Bakery (they may not be doing dine in but do take out) or Chavolo's Mexican Restaurant (dine in or take out.) The first 2 are just across the library bridge to main street, Chavolo's is on the highway bypass.

As you will note in the attached minutes, we did have election of officers. The President, Secretary and Treasurer have agreed to stay on for another two years; sort of a "make up" for all the time we lost. Because of the on and off plans, Anne W. put in a lot of time and effort trying to plan programs, plus she has some personal issues complicating her life, so she was willing to "pass the baton". Lynn Hughes agreed to be Vice President and she will be the one with the biggest job -- arranging programs and venues. Because this is a challenging task, Deb B. has agreed to be Lynn's assistant. Thanks to all of them for giving their service to the Guild.

When I was a new member, Kris Dixon, asked me to revive the membership committee. I've enjoyed doing it but after nearly 10 years, I'm going to hand over all those name tags to someone else. As you may have noticed, some of us have made our own distinctive name tag by needle felting. There are many ways to personalize your tag, so, as a final tidbit from this Membership Chairman, be creative, make your own unique name tag.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting and anticipating some great "show and tell."

Kathy S, President

❖ Membership Chairman's Report

The annual dues have been collected and we have 31 members, 4 previous members still outstanding. The new member list will be printed and available at the September meeting. If you aren't at the meeting, you can request a hard copy sent to you, or an electronic copy via email.

Our newest member is Lesley E, from Farmington. WELCOME Lesley!

Anne W. will be taking over the Membership Committee in September, so if you are sending dues or have any changes in your contact information, please contact Anne W, woolyizard49@gmail.com, 907.355.6398.

- Kathy S, Membership

Send Dues To:

Anne Worthington, FCWG Membership, 23647 Road G2, Cortez, CO 81321

❖ Updated Programs and Workshops Report

Rosie Boone, an accomplished wet-felter from Moab, will be helping us create a felted needle case. All materials will be supplied and there is a \$25 materials fee paid to Rosie. She requests a minimum of 4-6 people, and a maximum will be what there is space for, so please let me know by September 4 so I can let her know. The guild will pay for her travel and time. This is a flat fee, regardless of number of participants, so if we don't have enough guild participants we will open it to non-guild members, first come first serve. Rosie is a delightful and fun person as those who took this workshop at F2Y a year (or so?) ago can attest. - Anne W, Vice President

❖ Treasurer's Report

July 1 starting balance = 3216.23+ 2311.00 (memberships, an \$1800 cash donation from anonymous, and proceeds from yarn / notion sales at picnic) -75.00 (Jere took to Farmington County Fair as prize money and payment to judges)

July 30, 2021, balance = \$5452.23

- Ann K, Treasurer

❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:



Have you ever wanted to weave letters? Several years ago, Lillian Whipple wrote up the directions for weaving letters in Summer and Winter, and in Taquete. Back in the day, when online magazines were relatively new, the article on how to do this was published in the old *Weave-zine* online magazine in 2009. For those who are interested here is the link:

<https://www.weavezine.com/content/weaving-words.html?fbclid=Iw>

❖ July Meeting Minutes, July 17, 2021

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The meeting happened at Kathy Sehnert's house in Mancos in her lovely garden. 18 members attended. We went around & each person answered the question "what did you miss the most during the COVID lockdown?"

Meeting started around 10am. **Treasurer's report** – the balance is \$3,216.23. Some people have already renewed their membership, and everyone is encouraged to pay their dues.

Several tables were set up with donated items for sale, mostly yarn, to raise money for the guild.

Old Business – for our service project donations last year, there were fewer donations than previous years but still donated a wide variety of items. We will do it again this year.

Talked about the poster that was created to advertise the guild. On our website under the tab – News for Members, and then click on guild flyer. Everyone is encouraged to post these flyers where appropriate.

<http://www.fourcornersweaversguild.com/weavers-guild-flyer-2.pdf>

New Business – for the service project this year, bring in items around Christmas time, examples of needed items are: toiletries (small sizes), washable items, socks, children's items, sanitary goods, toothbrushes etc.

A lovely table loom with stand as well as some weaving supplies were donated to the guild. Some of the items went to Farm2Yarn for demonstrations. Discussion about selling the loom or keeping it; seemed like a majority voted to keep it for now so that members can use it.

For the County Fair in Farmington, in the first full week of August, members encouraged to submit items. Money was donated for fair awards and for judging.

Karinne talked about Bayfield Heritage Days, happening on Sep 25, when a large group of sheep are herded through town. Encouraged FCWG members to participate and handed out vendor applications for anyone wanting to sell items, but also for demonstration tables.

❖ July Meeting Minutes *(continued)*

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Talked about multiple tabby weave workshop with Melodie Usher, organized by Anne to happen on Sep 18 & 19 at Mancos Library. Discussion about format of the workshop and how to incorporate our regular meeting. **Note:** this workshop was cancelled after this meeting.

Stanna, Jere and Ann were on the nominating committee and their recommendations were: Treasurer, President and Secretary to stay on in their positions. Lynn Hughes was vice president elect. All members voted in favor of these recommendations.

Reminder that Cortez group meets on the even months, the alternate months to the FCWG meetings, and all are welcome. Meet on the 3rd Saturday in a park in Cortez from 10-1.

Caroline is accepting donations of materials for 2 schools. First one, she needs materials by September when she's traveling to Zephyr Cove Middle School on Lake Tahoe in NV. They have expanded the fiber program and need yarn – any type of yarn, large or small quantities, it's all welcome. Second is for Red Mesa Montessori Preschool – anything appropriate for Navajo culture. Yarn, fiber tools, books are all great, just remember this is for preschoolers. You can give items for this school anytime.

We had a group photo taken!

Lots of amazing items in the show and tell ☺

Meeting adjourned at 11:40am.

-- Karinne K, Secretary

❖ Announcements

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From Colorado Weavers Day:

Save the date!

Virtual Colorado Weavers Day 2022. Weekend of May 14th, 2022. Hosted by the Handweaver's Guild of Boulder. We are currently in the planning stages for this exciting event that will bring engaging speakers, guild show and tell, and virtual activities that will enable participants to mingle and socialize.

Add yourself to our email list to receive updates and information. We look forward to seeing you in 2022.

cwd2022@handweaversofboulder.org

Jane Patrick, Coordinator, Colorado Weavers Day 2022

Jane@janepatrick.net

October 4-10 is Spinning and Weaving Week. In celebration, the Handweaver's Guild of America is offering seven days of virtual activities and events, including Thread Talks, Panel Talks, Studio Tours, Marketplace Live events and a *Strut Your Stuff* show. Participation and attendance is free for all HGA members. Check out the details at

<https://weavespindye.org/spinning-and-weaving-week/>

❖ Of Interest

Even though Convergence isn't until July 2022 *Handweaver's Guild of America* just released the conference registration information which includes all the proposed workshops, events and tours that are available. Convergence will (hopefully) be held at the Knoxville, TN Convention Center July 15-21, 2022. General Registration is open October 4, 2021. Prime classes fill up fast!

<https://weavespindye.org/convergence/>

❖ 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

Salida Fiber Festival
<https://www.salidafiberfestival.com> September 11 and 12, 2021

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

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

Intermountain Weavers Conference
<http://www.intermountainweavers.org>: July 27-30, 2023

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