



<http://www.mesafiberartsguild.org>

January 2009

CALENDAR

Jan 3 - Weaving Group: meet at Bonnie Wollin's house: 331 Sienna Court, Grand Junction, at 9:30 AM.

Jan 7 - Guild Meeting: at noon, First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road, Grand Junction. Program: Mary Moss: Work from an artist who combines painting and Fiber arts

Jan 14 - Knitting Group: meet at Nancy Groenert's house: 122 1/2 Mantey Heights Drive, Grand Junction, at 9:30 AM.

Jan 16 - Spinning Group: meet at Ellen Higgins' house; 2146 South Canyon View Drive, Grand Junction, at 9:30 AM.

Jan 28 - Navajo Weaving and Tapestry Group: meet at Connie Soloman's house; 557 Logan Avenue, Palisade, at 9:30 AM

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

Guild Meeting Programs scheduled for the new year:

February 4 -- Kathy Spoering: slide presentation of tapestries that are being submitted for an international show and judging taking place in San Jose, CA in 2009.

March 4 -- Jim Selbe: Native American rugs

Thrums from the President

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas!

The Christmas Party was, again, great fun with wonderful food and a lively exchange of creative, beautiful, hand made gifts. Thanks to all who were able to participate in making it such a success!

For the past several years, the guild has given \$120 to the Heifer Foundation International to purchase a sheep for a needy Navajo family. Last fall, Carl, Donna, and I attended a dinner sponsored by the group. It was heart warming to hear about all the good things this organization does around the world. It is truly a gift that keeps on giving. At the January meeting, we will talk about whether we want to continue to give this gift.

This has been a winter that makes a person want to create something warm. So keep on weaving--knitting--spinning--felting--and creating!

See you at the January meeting.

Happy New Year!

Pine Needle Basket Class

Carl Hochmuth will offer a class in weaving a pine needle basket, on January 24, from 9AM - 2PM, at the First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road, Grand Junction. Class size is limited to 8-10 participants. Cost is \$25 each, payable to Ellen Higgins by January 17, 2009. Please contact Carl to register.

December Meeting/Potluck/Gift Exchange

It was a good time with . . .



lots of camaraderie



lots of fun
. . . .and then there was the food!



Nancy Groenert's salad was a special hit; so much so that several people wanted the recipe and asked that it be published here:

Sweet and Sour Vegetable Salad

- 1 can Le Sueur green peas
- 1 can French-cut green beans
- 1 can white shoe peg corn
- 1 sm. Jar pimentos, chopped
- ½ cup chopped green or red onions
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 cup chopped celery

Open all ingredients; drain and mix in large bowl

Dressing:

- 1 tsp. salt
- 1tsp pepper
- 1 T. water
- ¾ cup sugar
- ¾ cup white vinegar
- ½ cup veg. oil

Shake dressing ingredients in a large container. Pour over vegetables. Marinate 24 hours in refrigerator. Drain before serving. This will keep in the refrigerator for about a week.

Thank you, Nancy, for sharing this great recipe!



PACESETTER AWARD presented to Jude Sirota

Our own Jude Sirota, long time Fiber Arts Guild member, who is also the Mesa County Weed Manager, has received the Pacesetter Award from her peers in the Colorado Weed Management Association. Jude will also be honored by the county on January 5 for her weed awareness program.

We are so proud of you, Jude!

Lace-Weaving Workshop: Sally Breckenridge hosted a 2-day lace-weaving workshop in November. Participants worked several lace patterns on different looms. The following are pictures of the event:



Sally at the loom



Phyllis and Lori



Gladys and Judy



Diane and Carolyn

\$\$\$ Budget Report \$\$\$

Opening balance	\$ 2590.63
Credits	\$ 30.00
Expenses	\$ 115.96
Current balance	\$ 2484.67

Memberships: single 45 Family 4 Club 1

2008/2009 Officers
President Anita Larson
Vice President Donna Bergman
Secretary Sue Smith
Treasurer Ellen Higgins
Newsletter Editor ... Paula O'Donnell

Members' Items

Lyn Dodd - Rag Rug Books:
 Anyone have one of Lyn Dodd's rag rug weaving books? If so, please call Lyn at 242-7710 or bring the book(s) to the December Guild meeting.

Rusty Brouse – 3 Spinning Wheels for Sale:
 3 Majacraft Suzie Pro spinning wheels. Green wheel, double treadle, beautiful, smooth spinning. New \$600, asking \$550 each. Will include 4 oz. alpaca wool roving.

Also – looking for rug weaving looms to buy.

Contact Rusty or Betty Brouse at (970) 245-6306 or 245-9108.

MORE VACATION PLANNING IDEAS . . .

Intermountain Weavers Conference

A Conference for Fiber Artists

July 30 - August 2, 2009

Fort Lewis College

Durango, Colorado

to watch for this event, check:

<http://www.intermountainweavers.org/>

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CONVERGENCE 2010

ALBUQUERQUE

New Visions: Ancient Paths

July 18-25, 2010

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Keep up to date on this event at:

<http://www.weavespindye.org/?loc=8-00-00>

The 2009 Ontario Handspinning Seminar

Back to Wool - Lace to Lopi

June 12 - 14, 2009

Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario

See details at:

<http://www.ontariohandspinningseminar.ca/>

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Minutes from December 2008 Meeting

Anita Larson called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved as written. Ellen Higgins gave the treasurer's report. (see newsletter for details) Membership lists were provided to those unable to receive them by email.

Weavers – The lace weaving class was a success with participants learning new techniques.

Knitters – The sweater bears have arrived and are ready for distribution to knitters. Contact Dolores if you want one. Donna's 2-color knitting class will be held in January.

Navajo Weavers – Caroline Spurgeon will give a workshop on April 25th. This event reschedules Mentor Day to the last Saturday in March. No date yet for a Trading Post Tour.

Spinners – no meeting in December

Donna Hochmuth reported that there are not enough requests for **embroidered logo items** to put in an order.

Sunshine Club – Nancy Groenert received a Christmas cactus from the guild. Carol Curtis donated the raffle item which was won by Ellen Higgins.

Refreshments – Judy Brock and Connie Solomon are in charge of refreshments for the January meeting.

Free llama – If you know of anyone who might want a free llama, please have them contact Carl Hochmuth.

Show and Tell: Dolores brought a "cold Chicago bus stop scarf" she'd made. Nancy Groenert, Laurie Hahn, Carolyn Manganello, and Sally Breckenridge wore their new woven necklaces made in Gladys' class. Linda Gregory showed her revamped knitted vest. Gladys brought the notebook she'd made in Sally's lace knitting workshop. Deborah brought shawl pins she'd made to hold the shawls she knits. Sally showed a scarf she'd made from tencel. Peter brought his new cold-weather scarf.

The meeting was adjourned and the potluck and gift exchange followed for an afternoon of fun and laughs.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Smith

. . . the fine print . . .

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