



<http://www.mesafiberartsguild.org>

**February 2011**

**CALENDAR**

**Feb 2 - Guild Meeting:** at noon, First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road in Grand Junction;  
**Program: Weaving in Color with Linda Evans Brown.**

**Feb 5 - Weaving Group** – 9:30 AM ; meet at Phyllis Simmons' house, 2688 Gentry Court, Grand Junction. 254-1522

**Feb 9 - Knitting Group:** 9:30 AM; meet Nancy Groenert's house, 122 1/2 Mantey Heights Dr, Grand Junction, 254-8756

**Feb 16 - Spinning Group:** 9:30 AM; meet at Carl Hochmuth's house, 2814 Grand View Dr, Grand Junction, 245-9469

**Feb 17- Navajo Weaving and Tapestry Group:** 9:30 AM; meet at Dianna Roberts' house, 4491 S. Highway 50, Whitewater, 245-6198.

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**Upcoming programs**

March ----- Teaching what you know  
 April ----- Yarn exchange and Sale  
 May ----- Challenge Projects Show

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**Refreshments for February's Guild meeting will be provided by: Ellen Higgins, Carl Hochmuth, and Anita Larsen**

***Thrums from the President***

Greetings all! As I write this I am taking a break from weaving placemats that are a Christmas present, & I don't mean for this year!! Things are pretty quiet on the fiber front. Please be thinking about contributing to your Guild by volunteering to hold an office next year. It is truly a rewarding experience. Also, at the end of our year (May), we will be recognizing a member of our Guild who has contributed through the years above & beyond the call of duty. So be thinking of someone you would like to nominate for this honor. I will see you on Groundhog Day!! (Feb. 2) Please wear your nametags!  
 Happy Fibers!!  
 Bobbie

**Reminder:  
 Bring your nametag to the meeting !**

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

Opening balance	\$ 2331.24
Credits	\$ 117.00
Expenses	\$ 271.27
Current balance	\$ 2176.97

Memberships: Individual 47; Family 4

From the January Meeting . . .



Candy Tobin gave us great instructions for dyeing fiber in a microwave oven. . .



. . . and lots of folks brought great projects for show and tell!

Weavers . . .



. . . saw a demo on warping and weaving twill on a **rigid heddle** loom by Glenda Moore.

Knitters . . .



. . . swapped tips on making socks and storing needles. And look here:



Several of our knitters have been making hats & other items for homeless folks, among other charity knitting projects. Piles of them!

## Navajo/Tapestry Weavers . .



. . . were joined by Caroline Spurgeon, author of Navajo weaving instruction books.

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## BIG FIBER EVENTS

### IWC 2011: A Conference for Fiber Artists

July 21-24, 2011 - at Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado.

The website below will take you to details of the conference, registration information, and downloadable schedule.

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

The fee for IWC members for the entire conference is \$335 and for non-members it is \$365. This fee does not include workshop supply fees, room or meals. Late fees will apply after April 18, 2011.

### Fiber event websites:

[www.spinningfiber.net/conferences](http://www.spinningfiber.net/conferences)  
[www.spinweave.org](http://www.spinweave.org)

## THE NAVAJO LIFEWAY 15TH ANNUAL SHEEP IS LIFE CELEBRATION

20 - 24 June 2011

The Diné College Tsailé Campus

Register for the following workshops at:

[www.navajolifeway.org](http://www.navajolifeway.org).

- 1. Basic Navajo Weaving**, Ilene Naegle. Monday - Friday, 9-4g. (5 days) Tuition and materials: \$430. Loom rental: \$30.
  - 2. Beginning Navajo Sash Belt**, Gilbert Begay. Tuesday - Thursday. 9-4. (3 days) Tuition and materials: \$350. Loom rental: \$30.
  - 3. Horse Cinch Weaving**, Instructor TBA. Wednesday - Thursday, 9-4 (2 days) Tuition and materials: \$210. Loom rental: \$30.
  - 4. Navajo Dyeing with Native Plants**, Instructor TBA. Wednesday - Thursday, 9-4. (2 days) Tuition and materials: \$200
  - 5. Preparing Wool the Navajo Way**, Ron Garnanez. Thursday, 1-5. . (1/2 day) Tuition and materials: \$110
  - 6. Navajo Basic Hand Spinning and Carding**. TahNibaa Naataanii. Thursday, 9-4. (1 day) Tuition and Materials: \$100.00
  - 7. Felting with Navajo-Churro Wool**. Thursday, 9-4. (1 day) Tuition and materials: \$110
- For more information, contact TahNibaa Naataanii, Project Director, 505.406.7428, [info@navajolifeway.org](mailto:info@navajolifeway.org) or Charleen Touchette, [charleen.touchette@gmail.com](mailto:charleen.touchette@gmail.com). Send mail to PO Box 683, Window Rock, AZ 86515.

### Twining with Bobbi Irwin

in Montrose, 9-4 Saturday, February 5.  
Maximum class size: 20; first-come/first-served basis. Register and prepay at least a week in advance. Cost: \$40, includes handouts, a small frame to keep, and warp. Please send check payable to Bobbie Irwin, 62600 Jeremy Rd., Montrose CO 81401. Contact: [irwin@rmi.net](mailto:irwin@rmi.net); (970) 249-2981.

### Knitting Websites to Check out for instructional videos, free patterns, and knitting help:

[www.knittingdaily@interweave.com](mailto:www.knittingdaily@interweave.com)  
[www.vogueknitting.com](http://www.vogueknitting.com)  
[www.ravelry.com](http://www.ravelry.com)  
[www.knitpicks.com](http://www.knitpicks.com)

## MEMBERS' ITEMS

Spinning Lessons  
With **Dean Minion**  
\$100 pays for wheel rent and supplies  
243-3045

### 2010/2011 Officers

**President** ..... **Bobbie Rickerd**  
**Vice President** ..... **Dean Minion**  
**Secretary** ..... **Trulie Oliver**  
**Treasurer** ..... **Carolyn Manganello**  
**Newsletter Editors** ... **Paula O'Donnell**  
and **Judy Brock**

## January Guild Minutes

The January Guild meeting was called to order by Bobbie at 12:05. Judy moved that the December minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Jude and carried. Carolyn reported on the treasury balance. Thanks were given to Paula and Judy for a wonderful job on the news-letter. Judy thanked all who sent pictures and information in for the December newsletter.

### Old Business:

Bobbie reminded guild members of the City Hall art show that will be held July through Sept. Items to be shown, or offered for sale must be able to be hung for display. Deborah is to be contacted for questions regarding the show and/or for information for tags to be placed on items by guild members.

Gladys informed those in attendance that \$75 was donated by weavers and other guild members to be sent to the Espanola Valley Fiber Arts Center near Santa Fe in New Mexico to help their guild. Thanks were given to those who helped donate the money. Carol reminded us that our challenges are due in May! If anyone is in need of help with his or her new skill, or a mentor, please contact Carol.

**New Business:** Each committee reported on upcoming meeting places and activities. Each group receives

\$100 each year from the guild. The weavers have decided to pool this year's money with next year's to be used for a future workshop. Gladys moved that this action be approved, Jude seconded it, and it carried. Bobbie asked that anyone interested in running for President let her know!

The Intermountain Weavers Conference will be July 21-24, 2011 in Durango, CO. Applications for scholarship funds will be accepted until April 1, 2011, but workshop choices may be limited.

Donna won the raffle item this month, a cute sheep donated by Paula. Thirteen members shared wonderful items they had made for our show and tell!

Dean introduced the program for the day to be given by Candy Tobin. Candy spoke about a process for dyeing fibers in jars in the microwave and showed beautiful samples that she had done! The program was very interesting and informative.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trulie Oliver, Secretary

### ...The fine print...

**Newsletter:** The Mesa Fiber Arts Guild Newsletter is published monthly from September through May. Deadline to submit material is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Publication of articles and advertisements does not constitute endorsement or recommendation by the Guild. Please send information to Paula O'Donnell or Judy Brock care of [mesafiberarts@yahoo.com](mailto:mesafiberarts@yahoo.com)

**Business ads:** must be computer ready. Monthly rates are \$5 for up to 5 lines; \$10 for 6 lines up to 1/4 page; \$10 for 1/2 page; and \$25 for a full page. Payment must be received before ad will be printed. Send payment to Treasurer: PO Box 3585, Grand Junction, Colorado 81502. Please indicate that the payment is for a business ad.

**Personal ads:** are free to members. Cost to non-members for non-business ads is \$5/month.

**Membership Dues:** \$20 for individuals, \$30 per household. Send dues to Treasurer: PO Box 3585, Grand Junction, Colorado 81502