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DECEMBER 2008

CALENDAR

Dec 3 - Guild Meeting: at noon, First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road, Grand Junction. Program: Christmas Party Pot Luck Lunch. Bring a hand-made gift of up to \$15 in value if you want to participate in the gift exchange.

Dec 6 - Weaving Group: meet at house at Sally Breckenridge's house at 9:30 AM, at 2445 Ruby Mesa Ct. 263-7991

Dec 10 - Knitting Group: meet at Anita Larson's house at 9:30 AM, 935 - 23 1/2 Road, Grand Junction. 257-1549

Dec 17 - Spinning Group: no meeting this month

Navajo Weaving and Tapestry Group: no meeting this month

Our Mission

The Mesa Fiber Arts Guild is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to the preservation of the fiber arts: spinning, weaving, knitting, crocheting, surface design, fiber dyeing, and other related fiber arts. The Guild seeks to advance fiber arts through education, demonstration, fiber arts shows, workshops, study groups, community involvement, and a monthly newsletter.

Sunshine Raffle Winner:

Eleanor Himler won the sunshine raffle gift, a fabric basket made by Diane Abraham. Congratulations, Eleanor !

Thrums from the President

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving ! It seems like I say this every year--but I have to say it again--Boy, this year went by fast!

Thanks to Gladys, Donna, and Sally there are members with new skills this month. Gladys taught a woven necklace class and the results are beautiful. Donna's knitting classes have begun with a bead knitting and knitting with beads class (that's a mouthful). It was held not once, but twice, to accommodate the varied and busy schedules of those who wanted to attend. Sally's lace weaving workshop was a great success. Everyone who participated learned not only about the different forms of lace weaving, but had the experience of working on a variety of looms. If you haven't done so, you should take advantage of these opportunities to improve your skills and learn new techniques. I said it last month and I will say it again--the guild is so fortunate to have so many members with so much knowledge that they are willing to share. Thank you, ladies!

Of course, everyone is looking forward to the December meeting! It is a chance to try out new pot luck recipes and visit with new members and members who might not attend the same small group, AND THE CHINESE GIFT EXCHANGE! Bring a gift if you want to participate, or just sit back and watch the fun. See you there!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Anita

Order Items with the Guild Logo?

We have the opportunity, once again, to order items embroidered with the Guild logo. Donna Hochmuth (245-9469) will have the catalog of shirts, jackets, bags and other items that can be embroidered and the guidelines for ordering.

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

Opening balance	\$2491.60
Credits	\$ 129.00
Expenses	\$ 29.97
Current balance	\$2590.63

2008/2009 Officers

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

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Newsletter: The Mesa Fiber Arts Guild Newsletter is published monthly from September through May. Deadline to submit material is the 3rd 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, PO Box 23181, Glade Park, CO 81523; [po4522 at yahoo.com](mailto:po4522@yahoo.com); 970-243-3598

Business ads: must be computer read, Monthly rates are \$5 for up to 5 line, \$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 Ellen Higgins, 2146 South Canyon View Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81503. 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: are \$20 for individuals, \$30 per household. Send dues to Treasurer Ellen Higgins, 2146 South Canyon View Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81503

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.

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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.

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LLAMA NEEDS A GOOD HOME!

Would you give a pretty, tame, brown and white female Llama a good Home? She is very friendly and cannot move along with her owners. Her owners only want a good home for her! She is FREE if you will give her a home and love her. You can contact: Sandy Maguire (owners agent) at 243-1419 for further details. This item posted by Carl Hochmuth.

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Minutes from November 2008 Meeting

Minutes of the Mesa Fiber Arts Guild
Nov.5, 2008

Anita Larson called the meeting to order on November 5th. John and Candy Wagner were introduced as guests. Additional introductions were made for Lisa Stanford, who is a new member, and Bobbie Rickerd, who was previously a member.

Minutes were approved as read.

Ellen Higgins gave the treasurer's report. (See article in newsletter for details.) She stated the membership list will be sent out via email in several days. A hard copy however will be available for those who do not have a computer.

Reports . . .

Weavers: The weavers met at Sandy Boily's house. Sixteen people attended. Profile drafting was the topic. On November 22-23rd a lace workshop will be held at Sally Breckenridge's house. The format will be a round robin. The December meeting will be held at Sally's house. This meeting will be a show and tell.

Knitters: The knitters will meet at Carol Curtiss' house. The topic to be discussed will be to finalize plans for use of the money given to the knitters by the Guild. Different knitting topics will also be discussed with members presenting the informational material.

Spinners: Will meet at Nancy Jewell's house on November 19th.

Navajo Weavers: Will meet at Gladys' house on Monday, November 24th.

Felt Workshop: Donna Bergman gave a review of the felt workshop attended by eleven members. Most members wore their hats to the meeting.

Sunshine Club: Diane Abraham made a basket for the November raffle. Eleanor Himler was the lucky recipient. A thank you card was also received from Ellen Higgins. Anita explained the purpose of the Sunshine Club.

Old Business: None was discussed.

New Business: Donna Hochmuth announced that many items can be ordered with the Guild's insignia. Payment must be received at the time of ordering. There is a minimum quantity for all orders. If you desire something please let her know.

A bead-knitting class was held by Donna Hochmuth. Two-color knitting and aran knitting classes are also available.

Gladys Miller mentioned that she will give a class on woven necklaces, tentatively on November 13th. She will also teach Navajo weaving to anyone interested. Contact Gladys for lessons. She also thanked everyone for their participation in the Tapestry show at the church.

Pat McVean announced next spring's Mentor Day. She described the format and solicited members for topics.

Carolyn Manganello announced that the San Juan Weavers' Guild will be having their annual holiday fair, Saturday November 22nd, in Montrose at the Holiday Inn Express from 9-4:00.

The Art Center will also have its annual holiday fair November 21-23. Friday the 21st is for members only.

Paula announced that the next newsletter will be late due to travel plans.

Anita reminded everyone that the December meeting will be our gift exchange. It will also be a pot luck lunch. The date is December 3rd. Gifts to be exchanged are hand made items with a cost around \$15.00.

Show and Tell : Dolores showed a bear wearing a sweater matching one she knitted for a grandchild. Gladys showed her shadow-knitted sweater. Hat workshop students wore their felted hats. Dean showed her well-dressed teddy bear, and Carolyn Dorman showed a table runner set weaving project. Deborah showed a cape she is crocheting, and Peter displayed an afghan made on a loop knitter. Sally brought a weaving she completed, a shibori scarf and a raised outline Navajo rug. Carl showed a completed rug from his Cactus loom. Ellen wore her newly completed lace shawl. Connie showed a hat that demonstrated twined knitting.

Program : Donna gave the background on Lauretta Davidson, who designs and weaves clothing. She has made her living doing this for 25 years. Half of her work is custom. She started weaving rugs and went "with the flow" and began designing clothes. She mentioned that different areas of the country have different styles. She weaves most of her fabric with cotton and rayon. Her fabric constantly changes depending on what mill ends are available. She has had a shop in Steamboat Springs for eleven years. Now however she is very flexible depending "on her life demands." She presently has a studio in her home. She stated "that there are no mistakes with her weaving projects, just something different."

The meeting was adjourned.