



<http://www.mesafiberartsguild.org>

February 2010

CALENDAR

Feb 3 - Guild Meeting: at noon, First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road, Grand Junction; **Program: Elaine Buda – The History of Knitting**

Feb 6 - Weaving Group – 9:30 AM; meet at Judy Brock’s house, 729A Shore Circle, Grand Junction, 261-5702. Diane Abraham will help with refreshments.

Feb 10 - Knitting Group: 9:30 AM; meet at Linda Skaggs house, 2154 Redcliff Circle, Grand Junction, 263-7365.

Feb 17 - Spinning Group: 9:30 AM; meet at Carl Hochmuth’s house, 2814 Grand View Drive, Grand Junction, 245-9469

Feb 24 - Navajo and Tapestry Group: 9:30 AM; meeting place to be announced at Guild Meeting.

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February Meeting refreshments will be provided by: *Anita Larsen, Mary Weir, and Donna Hochmuth*

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

Upcoming Meetings / Programs

- March - Pat Jeffers – Artistic baskets
- April – Annual Yarn Exchange
- May – Style Show and selection of Member of the Year

THRUMS

Greetings all! I still have lots of snow at my house, but yesterday I had sunshine & blue skies. So maybe our inversion is lifting. Mentor Day was both fun & informative. Thanks to all our mentors & a special thanks to Carl for putting it all together for us. The food looked yummy, as usual. Unfortunately I had to leave early. I am in the beginning stages of a kitchen remodel, and although rumors of a construction slow-down abound, I find myself catering to their time frames. Go figure! Keep bringing items for show & tell. Next month I hope to announce the prize for the show & tell drawing. Happy fibers!

Bobbie Rickerd

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

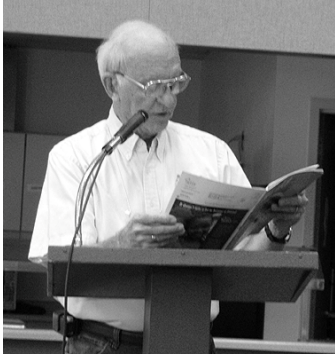
Opening balance	\$ 2288.78
Credits	\$ 139.05
Expenses	\$ 317.93
Current balance	\$ 2071.80

Memberships: single 50 Family 4

Thanks to everyone who shared their skills at

MENTOR DAY!

January's Highlights Guild Meeting



Carl ably filled in for the program presenter on short notice. Thanks, Carl! Nice job!



Kay's very well-dressed turtle at show and tell.



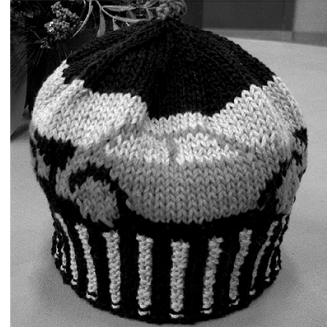
Rusty's crocheted alpaca rug – Just Toasty!



Pete and Martha in his loom-knitted earwarmers



Betty's son's hand spun 'possum and merino yarn.



Gladys' NASCAR-themed knitted child's cap

January Knitters' meeting:



bunches of knitters . . .



at Nancy Groenert's house

Vacation Idea:

Gathering of Weavers of the Americas

The Center for Traditional Textiles of Cusco and the Advisory Committee have the pleasure of announcing the *Encuentro de Tejedores de las Américas* (Gathering of Weavers of the Americas), which will take place in the city of Cusco [Peru] from 11th to the 15th of October of 2010. The goal of this gathering of weavers from all the Americas is to create a forum for the exchange of knowledge and experience as well as for establishing bonds of fellowship. More info at: <http://www.textilescusco.org/en/index.html>

MEET YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS

Cathey Pabst:

First introduction to fiber arts: At eight years, my best friend and I were sent around the corner to a neighbor's to learn to knit.

First project: A yellow cardigan sweater on #5 needles. Didn't finish it!

Fiber arts specialties: Knitting and mixed media collages

Best work so far: a Hanne Falkenberg flared one piece waistcoat.

Dream project: I would love the knit something glorious from Kaffe Fassett

Your non-fiber interests: Husband and grandchildren

Carol Viner:

First introduction to fiber arts: I Googled "weaving" when I moved to Grand Junction in 2005, found the Mesa Fiber Arts Guild, met Sally and Gladys and Ellen, and entered the world of weaving.

First project: My first real weaving project on my own was a set of dish towels which took about 7 months to complete. My fiancé kept laughing and offering me \$20 to go to Wal-mart and buy some dish towels to end my misery! But I did finish those towels and we still use them today.

Fiber arts specialties: Weaving, but each project I tackle is new and different from the last. Weaving is such a complicated art that it takes years to master and I do not have much time so my projects usually take quite a while to finish.

Best work so far: A Bronson lace shawl with crystal beadwork on the fringe.

Dream Project: Too numerous to mention!

Non-Fiber Interests: Gardening and canning; projects around the homestead; I'm an avid reader and also have served on quite a few non-profit boards.

Donna Hochmuth:

First introduction to fiber arts: My mom taught me to embroider when I was about 6.

First project: I knitted a two-color sweater for Carl when I was about 21. Somehow, it vanished.

Fiber arts specialties: Today's specialty is still knitting...I'll get it right soon.

Best work so far: A fair isle sweater completed about 10 years ago. I wear it often and enjoy it.

Dream Project: To complete all the UFO's in the knitting basket!

Non-Fiber Interests: knitting, spinning, learning bead-weaving, learning twined knitting. I also enjoy sewing.

MEMBERS' ITEMS:

LOOMCRAFT 4 HARNESS LOOM: 4 harnesses, 6 treadles, beautiful cherry loom with matching bench, with sliding drawer..comes with 2 (maybe 3 reeds, have to look), lease sticks, warping board. \$950.00 OBO

COUNTRY CRAFTSMAN SPINNING WHEEL: Beautiful walnut traditional looking wheel...comes with fast flyer, used very little. \$575.00 OBO

Contact Linn Jackson - 268-5652
PO Box 342, 47607 KE Road, Mesa, Co 81643

Spinning Lessons

With Dean Minion

\$100

pays for wheel rent and supplies

243-3045

Have you tried llama yarn or fiber for your projects? I have yarn, batts, and raw fiber. All is hand-processed and very wonderful to work with! Contact Kathy Stanko at 256-7716 or turkeytrot2@aol.com. 10% discount for Guild Members!

Quilt / Blanket Rack for Sale

Beautiful custom-made pine Quilt/Blanket rack with a carved southwestern scene and a 5" deep shelf across the top. 68" long - will fit a 64" quilt/blanket. \$75.00 (\$200 new). Call Donna Bergman @ 314-7463.



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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 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 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: \$20 for individuals, \$30 per household. Send dues to Treasurer Ellen Higgins, 2146 South Canyon View Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81503

Minutes – Mesa Fiber Arts Guild

Wednesday January 6, 2010

The Mesa Fiber Arts Guild Meeting was called to order at 12:04 P.M. by President Bobbie Rickerd.

Sharon Eddy was our only guest. The Minutes were approved as read.

Ellen Higgins gave the Treasurer's report. We have \$2,191.73. There are 53 individual memberships and 4 family memberships. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Name Tags: Carl asked new members to please pick up your nametag, if you haven't done so already.

Newsletter: It had been suggested that we include short biographies of our members. Paula will collect the information and include the items in the newsletter.

Knitters, at their February meeting, will get to choose from a bag of bears and other animal friends for whom to knit costumes.

The Spinners' program for February will be on "How to use Exotic Fibers". The group is using their guild funds to purchase exotic fibers for spinning.

Sunshine Club: The raffle item for this month was a beautiful silk scarf donated by Laurie Hahn. The scarf was won by Kim Sutherland. The Guild received thank-yous for the cards and flowers sent to Cathey Pabst, Lynn Dodd, Carole Curtis, and Nancy Groenert.

Mentor Day will be held on January 16th. Carl announced a change of room for the event and reminded us that it was a Potluck Day.

No new or old business to discuss.

Program: The person who was to present today's program on The Heifer Program International had some very bad luck and was unable to attend the meeting. Carl stepped in and explained the Program beautifully. Thank you, Carl.

Meeting adjourned.