



<http://www.mesafiberartsguild.org>

**March 2011**

**CALENDAR**

**March 2 - Guild Meeting:** at noon, First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road in Grand Junction; **Program:** *Yarn (etc.) Exchange*

**March 5 - Weaving Group** – 9:30 AM ; meet at Bonnie Noble's house, 2382 N. San Miguel Dr., Grand Junction; 242-5667

**March 9 - Knitting Group:** 9:30 AM; meet Dean Minion's house, 181 Lumley Dr., Grand Junction; 243-3045

**March 16 - Spinning Group:** 9:30 AM; meet at Jan Cooper's home, 778 Jade Lane; 261-2557

**March 17- Navajo Weaving and Tapestry Group:** 9:30 AM; meet at Connie Solomon's house, 557 Logan Ave, Palisade; 464-4841

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**Upcoming programs**

April - - Teaching What You Know about Fiber Arts  
By Carol Curtiss & Kim Sutherland

May - - Challenge Projects Show & Tell

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Refreshments for March's Guild meeting will be provided by: Phyllis Simmons, Mary Weir and Lyn Dodd

***Thrums from the President***

Greetings all, there will be a lot going on at our next meeting. As our year winds down you really need to be thinking of who will be at the helm of our Guild next year. The entire board is retiring. We do have a vice-president nominee, but the offices of president, secretary & treasurer are still open. Our Guild cannot exist without its leaders and it is only a 9 month commitment as we don't meet June, July & August. Also, I will be giving everyone a piece of paper for you to nominate your choice for **Member of the Year**. Your Board & I will choose the top three candidates & final voting will be held at the April meeting. Those unable to attend the March Guild meeting may call me or email one of our Board members with your choice by March 14. In the meantime, Happy Fibers!! Bobbie

**Remember to  
Wear your nametag to the meeting!**

**\$\$\$ Treasurer's Report \$\$\$**

Opening balance	\$ 2176.97
Credits	\$ 83.00
Expenses	\$ 127.52
Current balance	\$ 2132.45

Memberships: Individual 47; Family 4

## Guild Member of the Year Award

For those considering nominating someone for Member of the Year for their contributions to the Fiber Arts in general and the Guild in particular (see Thrums), here is a list of Guild members who have previously been so recognized. Congratulations, again, to these members for all they have done and continue to do to assure the vibrancy of our guild.

2007 Gladys Miller

2008 Dean Minion

2009 Donna Hochmuth/Jude Sirota

2010 Carol Curtiss

### Spinners Announce a March Spinning Workshop!!

A Spinning Workshop is scheduled for March 31 (Thursday - 9 AM to 4 PM) at the Goodwill building on 24 1/2 Road. The teacher, Jill Graham, will be coming from Boulder. Jill managed adult and teacher programs at the Butterfly Pavilion and Denver Museum of Nature and Science for 12 years. She also taught art and science to people of all ages for 35 years. Jill is working on the Certificate of Excellence in hand spinning through the Handweavers Guild of America. Jill loves spinning, dyeing, beading, and knitting lace. She won Grand Champion in Spinning in the Expert Division at the Taos Wool Festival in 2008 and 2010. She lives with her husband and four cashmere goats who help the process along.

The cost of the workshop is \$45 for guild members and \$50 non members. To register and for more information, contact Ellen Higgins (245-8386).

### Knitters' April Trip to Moab

The Guild's knitting group is planning a day trip to Moab on April 13th. We would like to

invite other Guild members who would be interested in this trip. We will car pool and leave about 8:30 a.m. and visit the yarn shop "Desert Thread" with knitting and spinning supplies. Within a one-block area there are also a quilt shop, Indian jewelry and rug stores, as well as restaurants. We plan to be back between 4:00 and 5:00 pm. Let Dolores Schroeder (858-4552) know if you can go or if you need additional information.

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### 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/>

### Candid Snaps from the February Guild Meeting . . .



## The Weavers' Group . . .



## The Navajo/Tapestry Weavers. .



*Sorry, this reporter couldn't get to the Spinners' Group this month for pictures!!*

## The Knitters . . .



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## 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**

## February Guild Minutes

The February Guild meeting was called to order shortly after noon by Bobbie. Two guests were in attendance! Carolyn Dorman introduced Sue Smith who does some knitting and weaving, and Connie Priebe, a knitter, was introduced by Anita Larson. It's always nice to have friends of our members attend our meetings; particularly when they are so interested in fiber arts.

Dean moved that the January minutes be approved as written and Jude seconded the motion which was carried by those in attendance. Carolyn gave a report on the activity and balance in the treasury, which was approved.

The various committees gave their reports on past and future activities. The knit group has a day trip planned for Wednesday, April 13th. (See article above.) The spin group will host a workshop Thursday, March 31st with Jill Graham from the East Slope. (See details above.) A thank-you was received from the Espanola Valley Fiber Arts Center near Santa Fe for the money sent to their guild by members of ours.

Dean announced a change in the program planned for March. We will hold the annual yarn/book/fiber etc exchange in March and have Carol and Kim's program "Teaching What You Know" in April.

Bobbie announced that most of the Guild board members/officers will need to be replaced for next year, so anyone interested in a position is to let her know. (See Thrums!)

Discussion was also held regarding the Member of the Year. We discussed having nominations made in March and then voting in April. (See more details in Thrums and above.) The winner will then be recognized at the May meeting.

Carl and Donna have been working on a trading post trip for early in March. Arrangements for transportation and lodging will be on our own. Any questions about this trip may be directed to Carl and Donna Hochmuth.

Old Business: Deborah reviewed information regarding the Art Show at City Hall to be held July

through September, 2011. It was decided that a form would be put in the May newsletter to be filled out by those interested in participating in the show. Individuals who can help in July to hang guild member items will be greatly appreciated.

An explanation of our Challenge for the May meeting was described for those visiting. We were told about the art display of Paula's beautiful work shown here in the church art gallery at the present time.

Judy very generously donated one of her woven towels for the raffle which was held after a break for some delicious refreshments. Bonnie was the lucky winner of a beautiful towel!

Dean introduced Linda Brown who did a wonderful presentation on "Weaving in Color". Those in attendance enjoyed learning more about colors and their values. Linda's advice to us was to not be timid, but to go ahead and explore with colors!!

After the program, 15 individuals shared a wide variety of woven, homespun, and knitted items. We adjourned the meeting after the show and tell at 2:15. Respectfully submitted,  
Trulie Oliver, Secretary

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### ...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 ODonnell or Judy Brock care of [mesafiberarts@yahoo.com](mailto:mesafiberarts@yahoo.com)

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