



<http://www.mesafiberartsguild.org>

May 2009

CALENDAR

May 2 - Weaving Group – 9:30 AM; meet at Bonnie Wollin’s house, 331 Sienna Court, GJ, 245-5427

May 6 - Guild Meeting: at noon, First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road, Grand Junction.
Program: **Fashion Show & Guild Member of the year**

May 13 - Knitting Group: 9:30 AM; meet at Paula O’Donnell’s house, 14370 Sage Brush Lane, Glade Park; 243-3598.

May 16 - Spinning Group: 9:30 AM; meet at Nancy Jewell’s house, 1550 P Road, Loma; 858-0628

May 27 - Navajo Weaving and Tapestry Group: 9:30 AM; meet at Sandy McCabe’s house, 772 Castle Drive, Palisade; 464-0112

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

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| Opening balance | \$ 2159.90 |
| Credits | \$ 5.00 |
| Expenses | \$ 216.31 |
| Current balance | \$ 1948.59 |

Memberships: single 49 Family 4 Club 1

Thrums from the President

It has been an amazing year with something for everyone. There were interesting programs, good classes, and fun workshops. If you didn't take part in one of these events, you missed a great opportunity. Many thanks to those who helped organize these events and make them successful. I feel like the gentleman with the Verizon phone: I may have stood at the front of the room, but it was all the wonderful people behind me (or in my case, in front of me) who made this year so great.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President of the guild and thanks to all of the board members who served with me.

Anita

P.S. Don't forget to bring your favorite bag, and "pot luck" dish to the Fashion Show Meeting on May 6th.

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

FRUITA MIDDLE SCHOOL DEMONSTRATION

We have once again been asked to do a demonstration at Fruita Middle School on May 19th. This is the fourth year that we have participated. The students are studying the Renaissance Period. There are different groups (pirates, blacksmiths, fiber artists) who set up booths with materials and information relevant to the middle ages. The students come in small groups to hear about the different areas. The students really enjoy it, as do the people who help with the demonstrations. It starts at 8:30 and lasts until noon. Think about helping--and volunteer at the May meeting.

It's Been a Busy Spring with the Mesa Fiber Arts Guild . . .

APRIL WEAVING GROUP MEETING:



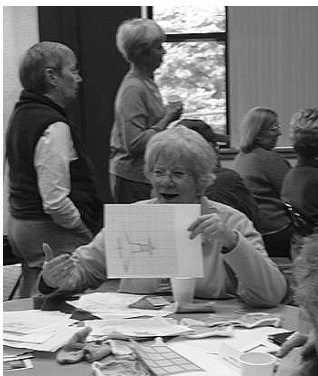
Weaving group meeting at Sally Breckenridge's house, April 4 – fun to see all of those different looms in one place!

APRIL NAVAJO WEAVING WORKSHOP:



Navajo weavers hard at work on their projects in Caroline Spurgeon's workshop on April 11.

MENTOR DAY ON MARCH 21:



Dolores Schroeder explains how to draft a design for Aran knitting.



Nancy Jewell explains Andean twining for knitting. Note the clever stuffed-glove model!



Karl Hochmuth demonstrates gourd carving and staining.



Peter Romot shows how he knits with looms.



Gladys Miller shows how to fold paper gift boxes using calendar pages.

Fiber Events around Colorado :

See the programs listed on this website:
www.interweaveknits.com/community/calendarn.asp

San Juan Weavers Guild May Program

Susan Wilson

presents

Certificate of Excellence in Handweaving

May 15, Friday evening

Time: 6:00 p.m.--potluck dinner

7:00 p.m.--program

Place: Meadowlark Apartments in Montrose
2389 Robins Way

Contact: Linda Verbiscar 856-3499

How to get there: Coming from Grand Junction on Hwy. 50--continue straight at the stoplight on Main onto 550--toward Ridgeway. Continue to Niagara (just past the Safeway) and turn left on Niagara. Turn right at Pavilion Dr. (Montrose Pavilion) and then left onto Robin's Way

Save The Date: Colorado Weavers Day Connections

Saturday, May 15, 2010
at the University of Colorado
Glenn Miller Ballroom in Boulder, Colorado.

The goal is to have attendees from every guild in the state, so start planning now. Details will follow in a few months.

Navajo Weaving: Diamonds, Dreams, Landscapes

Textile Exhibit at the University of Colorado
Museum of Natural History
May 29, 2009-May 30, 2010

Plan to see this extraordinary exhibit during Colorado Weavers Day. Details on this exhibit can be found at the CU Museum of Natural History website.

"I Made It On My Schacht" Contest

To celebrate their 40th Anniversary, Schacht Spindle Co., Inc. is sponsoring a contest. There are categories for beginners and experienced alike, so don't be shy. All you have to do is either weave a project on your Schacht Loom or spin a skein of yarn on your Schacht wheel. Enter through your favorite participating

Schacht dealer, on your own, or with your fellow guild members. Visit www.schachtspindle.com for details and entry forms. Prizes include: Special Edition Cherry Wolf Pup, Special Edition Cherry Matchless Spinning Wheel, plus loads of other prizes and surprises. Deadline for entries is September 1, 2009.

Knitters: remember that the knitting group will continue to meet over the summer. Dolores will keep you up to date on where to meet.

2008/2009 Officers

President Anita Larson

Vice President Donna Bergman

Secretary Sue Smith

Treasurer Ellen Higgins

Newsletter Editor ... Paula O'Donnell

...the fine print...

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

MEMBERS' ITEMS

Kathy Stanko – Llama fiber & cashmere for sale. Award winning llama fiber, clean and ready to spin. Or, if you prefer to felt, I have lower quality fiber perfect for these projects. Cashmere is 99% free of guard hair and, at less than 16 microns, is very fine! Call Kathy Stanko at 970-256-7716 any day before 8:00 PM.

Dean Minion – Spinning Lessons. \$100 pays for wheel rental and all supplies. Call 243-3045.

Minutes of the Mesa Fiber Arts Guild April 1, 2009

Anita called the meeting to order. Guests were introduced. Judy Brock brought Karen Levad and Lu Kunzelman brought Kendra. Anita thanked all of those who demonstrated a skill for mentor day. March's minutes were approved as read. See March's newsletter for budget details.

Committee Reports:

Weavers: Will meet at 9:30, April 4th at Sally Breckenridge's house. No specific topic is scheduled, just a good time to be had by all.

Knitters: Will meet at Dolores Schroeder's house on April 11th. The orchids are blooming!

Spinners: Will meet at Carol Curtis' house on April 18th. They have decided to spend their money on a workshop with Candy Tobin.

Navajo Weavers, Tapestry, and Dyers: Sally Breckenridge is busy this month hosting this group too! They will meet April 25th.

Sunshine Club: Nancy Groenert announced that flowers were sent to Betty Hebrew. A thank you note was then read to the guild thanking us for the flowers. The gift this month was made by Dolores Schroeder. It was a "cozy" for a water bottle. It was won by Bobbie Rickerd.

Donna Hochmuth reported on the progress the Aran knitters were making. The completed project will be the compilation of knitted squares being combined into a small blanket. This will then be given to the Western Slope Center for Children.

New Business:

Ballots were passed out so members could vote on "Member of the Year." Donna Hochmuth, Jude Sirota, and Carol Curtis were nominated. Each has given generously of their time for the guild. Anita read each person's contributions to the guild.

Gladys reported that there is a relatively new business in town. The business is the Fabric Arts Studio. It is located on 564 South Commercial Drive in Grand Junction. Their web address is: www.fabricartsstudio.com

Dean Minion reported on the Mormon Heritage Days. Dean Minion, Carl and Donna Hochmuth, and Trulie Oliver demonstrated crafts.

The Llama Show is April 25-26. Most of the time periods are covered except Saturday afternoon. If you can participate call Jude Sirota.

The Renaissance Fair is coming up on May 19, from 8-11:30. This is held at Fruita Middle School. The kids love our demonstrations.

The guild needs to be thinking of officers for next year: We will need a new **President, Vice President, and Secretary.** Ellen Higgins will stay on as treasurer. Paula O'Donnell will remain as Newsletter Editor. Nancy Groenert will continue with the Sunshine Club. Dolores Schroeder will continue organizing refreshments. Please let Anita know if you can volunteer.

The guild also received a thank you note from the Llama Club.

Dolores reminded everyone that our May meeting is a POT LUCK. Please bring a dish. A thank you to Nancy Groenert and Paula O'Donnell who brought April's refreshments.

Shirely Boyce thanked everyone who donated yarn for her charity group. If you have extra acrylic yarn she can put it to use.

Show and Tell: Dolores Schroeder showed the afghan for Emma. Gladys Miller had a hoodie for a bear as well as Nancy Groenert dressed a bear. Sue Smith completed a small Navajo rug and Sally Breckenridge showed a faceted stone set in a wire wrap. Deborah Robinson shared some children's hat she completed. The creativity abounds in this group.

Before the "Swap, sale, or give away," each participant told what they brought. A good time was had by all. What is someone's article that they have outgrown or never used is a treasure for some else!

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Smith