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October 2011

CALENDAR

October 5- Guild Meeting: at noon, First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road in Grand Junction; **Program:** *DariLee Simms from Athens, Georgia will present "Bending Your Mind with Creative Doodling".* **Bring your favorite pen to this meeting!**

Refreshments for September Guild meeting will be provided by Jennifer Cirka, Michele Potter, and Trulie Oliver.

Don't forget to wear your nametag to the Guild meeting!!

October 1 - Weaving Group – 9:30 AM; Hostess: Sally Breckenridge, phone 263-7991.

October 12 - Knitting Group: 9:30 AM; Hostess: Linda Skaggs, 263-7365.

October 19 - Spinning Group: 9:30 AM; Hostess: Dean Minion, 243-3045.

October 20- Navajo Weaving and Tapestry Group: 9:30 AM; Hostess: *pending.*

Other Upcoming Events

October 3rd, 10 AM at City Hall, take down of our Guild Summer Art Show. All who have items hanging, please be present or make arrangements to have someone else pick up your item(s). You can reach Deb R. at 433-9665.

See Weavers section for news about an Iridescence Workshop November 5th by Bobbi Irwin!

Thrums from the President

Great to see everyone at our first meeting, both returning and new members! We're off and "running" (weaving, knitting, spinning, hooking, crocheting may be a better description).

Our Fact Finding/New Idea committee is coming together. We have five members now who will look at what other guilds are doing, other community resources, alternate meeting places and whatever we can do to make our Guild better. Thanks to all. If anyone else is interested, please let your Board members know.

Remember, there will be a membership vote at the next meeting regarding the change in By-laws modifying the Guild's fiscal year. See minutes!

We still need a volunteer for the position of Guild Historian! Don't forget the upcoming "Have a Heart for the Community" sale on October 21st. The Guild will have a table for those members who have items to sell.

If you want to participate in the Guild Challenge this year, bring your choice of colorful postcard or picture to the October Guild meeting. Those who want to join in the fun will draw out a postcard or picture and make a bag for the person whose picture they've drawn using the color combinations on the card. The bags will be completed by May. You may weave, knit, felt, crochet, or hook the bag. What a fun project! Looking forward to seeing the outcomes! *Ellen*

Participants will need to have a loom (4 or 8 harness) pre-warped with yarns selected by Bonnie. For more information, or to sign up for the workshop, contact Carol Viner (985-5246 or cviner@acsol.net) as soon as possible.

Knitters

During our meeting on September 14th, we discussed various projects that we could do as a group. We decided that at one of our fall meetings (November) we would all learn more about crocheting, details to be discussed at our October meeting.

Spinners

Spinners met on September 21, but did not have news at press time. Look here for their news next month!

Navajo Weavers

The Navajo-Tapestry weavers group met September 22nd at Connie S's home. They discussed how they might utilize the group's allocation from the Guild for expanding or enhancing interest in Navajo and tapestry weaving.

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September Guild Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Ellen Higgins.

Guests were introduced: Michelle Akcar and Michele Potter. Margaret Eversole

was also a first time attendee. All three are now members. The minutes were approved and the treasurer's report was given.

Program:

BJ Lester introduced Jane Patrick from Schacht Spindle Co. Jane explained how easy the rigid heddle loom is to both warp and weave on. Using many techniques she has made the loom more than a plain weave instrument. She also demonstrated some of these techniques at Tangle Yarn Shop later in the afternoon. Thanks to Jane for all her information, and an excellent program.

Committee Reports:

* BJ reported on the October 3 meeting. The guest speaker will be DariLee Simms from Athens, Georgia.

*Ellen asked the group to make use of the newsletter for committee reports from now on to facilitate the business meetings.

* Paula has volunteered to do Public Relations for the guild, but would like someone to take over the Historian job. *The weavers will meet in September at Bonnie Wollin's; the knitters at Donna Hochmuth's; the spinner's at Trulie Oliver's; and Navajo weavers at Connie Solomon's.

*Dolores will have the names of those providing refreshments for the Guild meetings posted in the newsletter, also.

Old business:

* Nancy Jewell will have all the information at the next meeting about the "Have a Heart for the Community" sale On October 21. The sales will net 25% for the CEC Center. We participated in this last year with good results. Be making things you want to sell for this

event.

*Deb asked for the ones who have things in the City Hall show to help take it down on Oct. 3 at 10:00 a.m.

* Thanks to all who participated at the Fiber Fest during Peach Festival.

New Business:

* Ellen will ask for a vote next month to change the bylaws to reflect a better working fiscal year from September 1 to July 1 every year.

*Participation in Guild Activities: Records will be kept of members participating in show and tell who will be eligible for a drawing for gift from Tangle (\$50) at end of year.

*There will be a committee to look at new ideas for the guild to increase membership and participation.

* New challenge: Each member will bring a postcard or other design. These will be drawn by each one and a bag will be made with that will go to the person whose name is on the postcard or picture.

The Sunshine Raffle gift was a tiny knitted bear won by Dean Minion.

Show and Tell: Many members were busy over the summer: Carolyn Manganello, Dolores Schroeder. Connie Solomon, Nancy Jewell, Deb Robinson, Dean Minion, Trulie Oliver, Kay Gregorich, Ellen Higgins. Submitted by Gladys Miller secretary pro-tem



Lace Weaving Techniques Classes in Montrose

Weave with Cheri Isgreen, member of the San Juan Weavers' Guild in Montrose, weaver, designer, and artist. In this class, you will learn about lace weaves, weave on 4 and 8 shaft looms, create woven greeting

cards, fashion small bound books, and make a series of fancy silk hand towels for your home and/or Christmas gifts. By the end of this class, you will understand how different lace structures are designed and woven. You will make at least one set of silk hand towels and some paper woven greeting cards. Prior weaving experience recommended. Email Cheri, for more details 22monarch@gmail.com

Class times: Monday and Wednesday, October 17-November 2. 90 minute classes. Times: 8:30-10:00 AM or 6:30-8:00 PM Cost: \$150 plus materials. There are also some optional times/dates, contact Cheri for details.

From the Newsletter Editor

Thanks to all who submitted news and photos for this newsletter! As you can see in the minutes, individual group reports are now to be in the newsletter so we can focus on programs and new business at our Guild meetings. The deadline for inclusion in the newsletter is the 3rd Monday of the month prior. You may want to designate specific members of your group to gather reports and take photos. To get your group's latest news in the newsletter, we appreciate your e-mailing the group reports to Gail Phillips (Nativeplant2001@yahoo.com), and photos to Judy Brock (jnjingj@yahoo.com) by the monthly deadline. THANK YOU!

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