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September 2011

CALENDAR

September 7 - Guild Meeting: at noon, First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road in Grand Junction; **Program: Jane Patrick from Schacht, Creative Weaving with Rigid Heddle Loom**

For the following meetings, hostess' addresses are found in your membership list. Announcements will be made at the Guild meeting for those pending below.

September 10 - Weaving Group – 9:30 AM;
Hostess: Bonnie Wollin, 245-5427.

September 14 - Knitting Group: 9:30 AM;
Hostess: Donna Hochmuth, 245-9469.

September 21 - Spinning Group: 9:30 AM;
Hostess: *pending*

September 22- Navajo Weaving and Tapestry Group: 9:30 AM; Hostess: *pending*

Refreshments for September Guild meeting - provided for you by MFA Guild Officers.

Other Upcoming Events

Guild Display & Show, City-County Courthouse through September 29, 2011

Annual Peach & Fiber Fest, Riverbend Park in Palisade, August 19 through 21
See detailed schedule on next page.

Thrums from the President

What are *thrums* anyway? Yarn pieces added to canvas...Hmm...So if this sounds like bits and pieces...it's supposed to!

Welcome back, everyone, hopefully you had a great summer, and are ready for an exciting year ahead. B.J. has some fun programs set up and the Board has some new ideas for the coming year to help us with our "Challenges" and community outreach. Many of you have already signed up to participate at the Peach Festival Fiber Show. Way to go!

The Board decided that the Guild needed more public exposure so we created a new office of Public Relations. Paula O'Donnell has graciously agreed to take on the job. Thanks, Paula! Since Paula will no longer be the Guild Historian, we need someone to take over that position.

See you September 7th and don't forget to bring "what you did over summer vacation" for Show and Tell.

Ellen

2011/2012 Officers

President Ellen Higgins

Vice President BJ Lester

Secretary Jude Sirota

Treasurer Dianna Roberts

Newsletter Staff ... Judy Brock, Gail Phillips

& Susan A. Smith

May through August 2011 News & Snapshots

Guild Fiber Art Show!



There's SO MUCH MORE! Member pieces are hanging through September. If you haven't been, do yourself a favor and go to City-County Courthouse, northwest section both up and downstairs.

Weavers

Weavers met this summer in June and August, thanks to hosts/hostesses Shari Raso & Cindy & Mike McDermott. If you like alpaca fiber, you will want to visit Suncrest Orchard Alpacas Fiber Mill to see the alpaca, tour the mill, and see all the products. For more info, go to suncrestorchardalpacas.net. Pictures below.



Photo Ops - May Guild Meeting



May Guild Minutes

President Bobbie Rickard called the meeting to order at 12:05. There were no guests in attendance. The April minutes were approved as written. Carolyn Manganello read the treasury report and informed us that the group "carry-over" was included in the treasury balance. Judy Brock moved that we accept the report and Jude Sirota seconded it. All in attendance were in approval.

Individual committees and groups reported on past and upcoming events. As in the past, we will not have a newsletter through the summer.

Dean Minion was commended for the excellent programs scheduled these last two years.

Old Business: Reminders were made about Intermountain Weavers' Conference to be held in July in Durango and The Estes Park Wool Festival which is June 9-12th.

Deborah Robinson talked about hanging items for the Art Show at City Hall to be displayed July through September. Security issues were addressed and information for forms described. Those who are going to help hang items are to meet at City Hall June 29th between 10:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. on the 2nd floor. There is an opening reception on Friday night, July 1st, and artists should attend with their name-tags!

A reminder was made for guild members to sign-up for demonstrations at the Llama Show to be held at the Fair Grounds on May 21st and 22nd.

Betty Hebrew will be out of state in August and will not be able to help audit the books for the guild, so Mary Weir and Connie Solomon said they will be happy to do so this year.

The Member of the Year voting was close, but the winner was Carl Hochmuth. Congratulations to Carl! Donna accepted his framed award and box of Enstrom's candy for him in his absence.

Gladys Miller discussed information about a Navajo Workshop tentatively planned for Sept. 24th and 25th at the Art Center. Some of the Weavers' funds will go to help with expenses for this Workshop. Contact Gladys for more information. *(Due to scheduling difficulties, this workshop was subsequently cancelled.)*

A drawing was held with the names of all who participated during our guild meetings throughout the year with their Show and Tell items. Phyllis Simmons was the lucky winner and received a \$50 gift card to be used at 'Tangles'.

Donna Hochmuth moved and it was seconded and approved that the slate of officers for the 2011-2012 year be accepted. We appreciate the out-going and incoming officers and their efforts in behalf of the guild! Bobbie expressed thanks also to the board members for their help the last two years.

Nancy Jewell agreed to be in charge of table(s) for the guild for the Craft Show to be held at the "Immaculate Heart of Mary Church" in October. This was a fairly successful craft fair for those members of our guild who brought items to sell last year. It was noted that the smaller items seemed to be sold more often than bigger, pricier items.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 for a delicious potluck lunch. The raffle item for May, a beautiful woven table rug donated by Lynn Dodd, was won by Trulie Oliver.

We enjoyed seeing items made by 19 of our Guild members for show and tell and for the Challenge for the year! What a talented group we have!!

Respectfully submitted,
Trulie Oliver, Secretary



Grand Valley Art Students League

Artists and Artisans, please consider joining in this extraordinary league; working together, sharing knowledge, matching teachers and students of any age as well as mentors and grasshoppers. Any media or craft, any skill level, any style is welcomed.

The GVA Art Student League meets at the Art Center, from 10 to 4 on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Dues are \$40 a year. You can learn by watching and find inspiration for your own work from the work of others. The public is welcome to visit, but only members can come to work. For an application, either join us at an Open Studio, or email gvaltstudentsleague@gmail.com. OR contact Donna Bergman 314-7463.

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