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December 2009

CALENDAR

Dec 2 - Guild Meeting: at noon, First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road, Grand Junction;

Program: *Christmas potluck and gift trading.*

Dec 5 - Weaving Group – 9:30 AM; meet at Bonnie Wollin’s house, 331 Sienna Court, Grand Junction, 245-5427

Dec 9 - Knitting Group: 9:30 AM; meet at Linda Gregory’s house, 3057 ½ Gunnison Ave., Grand Junction; 434-9378

Dec 16 - Spinning Group: 9:30 AM; meet at BJ Lester’s house, 2659 I Road, Grand Junction; 243-0146

Navajo and Tapestry Group: No meeting in December. Just enjoy your weaving!

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December Meeting refreshments will be a potluck - bring your favorite dish!

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

Upcoming Meetings / Programs

- January – The Heifer Program report
- January 16 – Mentor Day
- February – Elaine Buda – The History of Knitting
- March - Pat Jeffers – Artistic baskets
- April – Annual Yarn Exchange
- May – Style Show and selection of Member of the Year

Thruns from the President

I'm still thinking fall, as I'm still raking leaves. However, we've already had a couple of little snow showers& the holidays are upon us. It's a busy time, but be thinking about your 'challenge'. I know I am & hope to implement my plans (when I get them!) right after the first of the year. Also, right after the first of the year, Jan. 16th, is Mentor Day. Do be thinking about things to teach or learn. Carl will not be present @ the Dec. meeting, doing good deeds elsewhere, but you may email him with your thoughts. Remember to bring a dish to share for our pot luck & a gift for our exchange if you wish to participate. Have a GREAT Thanksgiving!!!

Happy fibers!!

Bobbie Rickerd

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

Opening balance	\$ 2186.99
Credits	\$ 195.00
Expenses	\$ 93.13
Current balance	\$ 2288.86

Memberships: single 50 Family 4

Afghan Raffle at December Meeting!!

The knitters group will raffle the afghan made by several members in the Aran-stitch class last spring. This is your chance to get a lovely Christmas gift for a lucky someone! Come to the meeting and buy a raffle ticket for \$5! the money collected will be used for workshops on topics related to knitting or crocheting.

November's Highlights The Guild Meeting Program



The Matlow sisters, Soft Shoe Celtic Dancers, performed for the Guild as part of Dean Minion and Trulie Oliver's report on their trip to the British Isles. Dean and Trulie toured and sought locally-grown and locally-processed fibers.

Show and Tell



Dolores Schroeder and the Christmas stockings she has been knitting for her family.



Judy Brock and the book of pattern samples she received at the double weave workshop in October.



Nancy Groenert shows the scarf she knitted, felted, and decorated with felted designs.



Ellen Higgins with the shawl she knitted from her handspun yarn,



Weavers met at Dianna Roberts' home and . . .



Carolyn Manganello reported on the color class presented by the San Juan Weavers' Guild.

MENTOR DAY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Time moves on! I need good input from Guild Members. What would you like to learn about?? OR--- What can you teach that is of interest to Spinners, Weavers or Knitters?? I have three presentations, so far, and two of them are about knitting. I would like to have four 30 to 45 min. sessions in the morning and then one long one (of general interest to all) after lunch. Come on "Gals" & "Guys"--- what can you offer?? We have one more month to get this together!! If I don't get information from you, we might have to scale it back or cancel. The choice is yours. I will ask for extra time at the November meeting so that we can (hopefully) finalize a good program for **January 16th, 2010**.

Please do some serious thinking on this--- Mentor Day is a wonderful program and I want it to be a success for all Guild Members.

Thanks for your help.
Carl Hochmuth, chairman

MEMBERS' ITEMS:

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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Minutes – Mesa Fiber Arts Guild

November 4, 2009

Bobbie called the meeting to order at 12:03. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Guests were introduced. Trudy introduced the Matlow Family. The daughters were Celtic Dancers and performed later as a special interest for today's program.

Treasurer-Ellen Higgins we have \$2,216.22 in the bank. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Dean commended Paula on her wonderful work on the newsletter.

Weavers – 245-61j98- call Gladys for directions to the November group meeting.

Dolores mentioned the Afghan raffle. \$5.00 per ticket. Checks are acceptable. Afghan measures 22x52.

Navajo Weavers – Gladys said there would be no meeting because of the workshop by Caroline Spurgeon a small loom saddle cinch. Gladys also announced the small weaving show hung here at First Pres.

Spin Day is to be at Nancy Jewel's home in Loma.

The sunshine raffle was a Treasure Bag donated by Donna Hochmuth. \$1.00 a ticket.

Bobbie reminded us that the December meeting is a Potluck and has a Christmas gift exchange. Object is to try to give something hand made, valued at \$20 or less.

Carl gave the Mentor Day report and it will be held January 16th at First Presbyterian Church. Ideas for demonstrations were presented and Carl is looking for more, hoping for a wide variety of arts. Call him if you have

something you would like to do. A list was passed around for more suggestions.

Dolores announced that Carolyn Manganello and Nancy Groenert were responsible for the refreshments at today's meeting. The December meeting will be a potluck.

At this time we enjoyed Dean Minion and Trulie Oliver's presentation of their fiber travels in the British Isles.

After the program we took a break for refreshments.

Carol Curtiss set out the Yarn Challenge Bags for Challenge participants to select.

The Art Hop Friday begins this Friday. The Blue Pig Gallery of Palisade is having a show of miniature arts on November 13th. Member Kathy Spoering has her work at the gallery.

New Business:

Bobbie will be looking into getting a microphone for our meetings, so that everyone in the room can hear the speaker.

Raffle was held and Judy Brock won the Treasure Bag.

Show and Tell was held after the business meeting was adjourned. Several finished pieces of knitting, spinning, and weaving were presented, as well as a couple of short reports of travels to distant lands. Great meeting!

Linda Gregory, Secretary

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING,
EVERYONE!**