



<http://www.mesafiberartsguild.org>

May 2010

CALENDAR

May 5 - Guild Meeting: at noon, First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road, Grand Junction; **Program: Yarn Challenge, Fiber Artist of the Year, Fashion Show, and drawing for Show and Tell prize.**

May 1 - Weaving Group – 9:30 AM; meet at Paula O'Donnell's house in Glade Park. 243-3598. Judy Brock and Gladys Miller will provide refreshments. Directions will be provided.

May 12 - Knitting Group: 9:30 AM; meet at Paula O'Donnell's house in Glade Park. 243-3598. Directions will be provided.

May 19 - Spinning Group: 9:30 AM; meet at Anita Larson's house, 935 – 23 1/2 Road, Grand Junction, 257-1549.

May 26 - Navajo and Tapestry Group: 9:30 AM – location to be announced at the May Guild meeting.

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NOTE: MAY meeting is a potluck.

Correction to April Minutes:
It is the Llama Club that will demonstrate fiber arts techniques at the fairgrounds in May, not the Alpaca Club as stated. Similarly, it is the Llama Program to whom the Fiber Arts Guild has donated \$25, not the Alpaca Program.

THRUMS

Greetings all!

As we approach our last meeting before summer, we have a busy schedule. Please call or email me with your vote for **Guild Member of the Year** before Friday, April 30th. This will give Ellen, who has generously offered to make the certificate, a chance to get it ready for the meeting. Again, your choices are; **Carol Curtiss, Lynn Dodd, and Carl Hochmuth**. We will be inducting our new (& old!) **officers for next year**; having our **Show and Tell Drawing** for the \$50.00 gift certificate from Tangle; and for those of you who are participating in the **Fiber Challenge**, your challenge projects are due. I'm looking forward to seeing how everyone rose to the occasion, including me! (I work best under pressure!) There will be a couple of **sign-up sheets** circulating at the meeting. Please try to participate in at least one event as this is the purpose of our Guild; to educate the public & let them know that we exist as a resource. Lastly, don't forget to bring a dish for our **pot luck**. Besides excellent fiber artists, we also have some pretty good cooks. Hope to see you on the 5th.

Happy fibers!

Bobbie

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

Opening balance	\$ 1832.54
Credits	\$ 26.00
Expenses	\$ 83.75
Current balance	\$ 1774.80

No. of Memberships: Single - 50; Family - 4

April Highlights

Guild Meeting:
It was all about the yarn exchange!
Then there was show-and-tell:



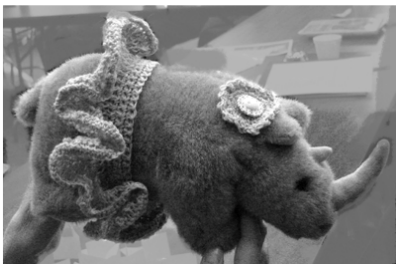
Dean brought 2 well-dressed stuffed animals.



Deborah and Nancy brought fun slippers



Carolyn wove fabric for a jacket



Nancy brought her rhino ballerina



Gladys brought her felted-on-silk scarf

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Weavers Meeting



Ellen Miller explained using Fibonacci numbers for stripes and showed how to find striping and weaving patterns on the web.

Knitters Meeting



Short Trips for Summer Fun

★ Visit a Website -

Here are some fun websites with free patterns and tools. Some sites require that you sign up with a password, but others require nothing from you.

kissyourshadow.com/stripe – tool allows you to select colors and widths of stripes to try out striped patterns.

handweaving.net – provides page after page of weaving patterns to download

weavezine.com – free online weaving magazine

ravelry.com – a knitting and crochet community

knittingcentral.com – yarns and knitting patterns

knittingpatterncentral.com – patterns and tips

dailyknitter.com – free patterns

lionbrand.com/content-knittingPatternIndex – free patterns

freepatterns.com – knitting patterns

[fibertrends](http://fibertrends.com) – free felting instructions and knitting patterns

[knitpicks](http://knitpicks.com) – online catalog for knitting supplies and kits

[knittingdaily](http://knittingdaily.com) – online knitting news and patterns

yarnharlot.ca – knitting blog, for a chuckle

woolfestival.com – spinning and knitting instructions

★ Visit a knitting or felting video

Click on “video” and type in the name of a stitch or felting process in your search engine and find instructional videos. Try “I-cord” or “three-needle bind-off” or “nunofelting”, any stitch or process you want to see demonstrated.

* Visit an Event:

Colorado Weavers Day May 15

www.handweaversofboulder.org

FIBER AND WOOL FESTIVALS AHEAD:

Pagosa Springs – May 29-30

www.pagosafiberfestival.org

Estes Park – June 10-13

www.estesnet.com

Check this website for more fiber shows to visit as you travel:

www.spinweave.org/news/festivals

Opportunities to Participate:

Sign up at the May meeting!

* **Llama Show** – at Mesa County Fairgrounds, May 22-23.

* **Fruita Middle School Renaissance Fair** – at the school 7-11 am on May 25.

MEMBERS' ITEMS:

Lost Weaving Books

I loaned out several of my weaving books as I was going to be gone for several months. I very efficiently made a list and then very inefficiently lost it. I would really appreciate it if any of the books that are still out could be returned to me at the March or April meetings. Thanks, Lyn Dodd

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

Spinning Lessons

With Dean Minion

\$100

pays for wheel rent and supplies

243-3045

...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 ready. Monthly rates are \$5 for up to 5 lines; \$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

2009/2010 Officers

President Bobbie Rickerd
Vice President Dean Minion
Secretary Linda Gregory
Treasurer Ellen Higgins
Newsletter Editor ... Paula O'Donnell

Minutes – Mesa Fiber Arts Guild

Wednesday April 7, 2010

1. Meeting was called to order by President Bobbie Rickerd. Jan Cooper was introduced as a guest. She is a knitter and a spinner.
2. The **Minutes** were approved as read. [a later correction is noted in the newsletter]
3. **Programs:** The May Meeting will be the Fashion Show and showing of the Fiber Challenge projects.

4. **Reports:** Weavers will meet at Paula's in May. Knitters at Dolores's in April. Plan for a Summer Picnic at Kim Sutherland's cabin on the Mesa. Spinners will meet at Ellen's house. Navaho Weavers will meet at Connie's home. Sunshine and Clouds - Betty Hebrew sent a thank-you note for the flowers we sent and thanked everyone for attending the service for her Husband. Two items were raffled at this meeting: a fisherman's knit scarf and a knitting book. Refreshments: Linda, Pat, & Paula provided the food for this meeting. The May meeting will be a Potluck.
5. **General:** Carl & Donna asked that people buy Donna's yarn because the profits will be donated to their granddaughter so that she may attend a national leadership conference. The Show & Tell drawing will be held in May. The winner will get a \$50 Gift Certificate from Tangle. We received a thank-you certificate from the Heifer Foundation. Opportunities to Volunteer: (a) Llama Show 5/22-23 will have demonstrations at the County Fairgrounds. (b) Renaissance Faire at Fruita Middle School 7:45-11:15 on May 25. Colorado Weaver's Day is May 15. Gladys Miller will be at the Art Center from 2-4 on Friday, demonstrating Navaho Weaving.
6. **New Business: Member of the Year**
Nominees: Carole Curtiss, Lynn Dodd, Carl Hochmuth. Members need to have their votes in to Bobbie Rickerd by April 30th. **Slate of Officers for the next year September 2010 through May 2011:**

President: Bobbie Rickerd; **Vice President:** Dean Minion; **Secretary:** Trulie Oliver; **Treasurer:** Carolyn Manganello. Other responsibilities: **Refreshments** for meetings: Dolores Schroeder and Deborah Robinson. **Sunshine and Clouds:** Nancy Groenert. Paula O'Donnell and Judy Brock will share the **newsletter editor** job.

7. Betty Bush will be traveling to Texas to celebrate her 90th Birthday. Congratulations Betty!
8. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30.