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November 2009

**CALENDAR**

**Nov 4 - Guild Meeting:** at noon, First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road, Grand Junction;

**Program:** *Dean Minion – report on fiber travels in Scotland*

**Nov 7 - Weaving Group** – 9:30 AM; meet at Dianna Roberts’ house, 4491 S. Hwy 50, Whitewater; 245-6138

**Nov 11 - Knitting Group:** 9:30 AM; meet at Carol Curtiss’s house, 408 Stoneridge Court, Grand Junction; 254-0203

**Nov 18 - Spinning Group:** 9:30 AM; meet at Nancy Jewell’s house; 1550 P Road, Loma; 858-0628.

**\*October 28 – Navajo and Tapestry Group:** 9:30 AM meet at Carolyn Dorman’s house; 2368 Rana Road; 245-0265. **\*NOTE DATE CHANGE** to avoid Thanksgiving holiday conflict.

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October meeting refreshments to be provided by: **Carolyn Manganello and Nancy Groenert**

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

**Upcoming programs**

- December** – Christmas Potluck and gift exchange
- January** – The Heifer Program report
- 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

***Thrums from the Vice President***

It is so nice, who wants to stay inside? Isn't this great? I find that with Christmas coming, there are many projects to get started or they won't get finished in time. Don't forget to get that exchange gift made for our December meeting!

It should be fun to get the "challenge" bags at our next meeting and start planning what to do with the contents.

See you at the November meeting and don't forget your name tags!

*Dear Minion*

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

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| Opening balance | \$ 2145.58 |
| Credits         | \$ 170.00  |
| Expenses        | \$ 128.59  |
| Current balance | \$ 2186.99 |

Memberships: single 41 Family 4

**Another reminder:** Annual membership dues are payable before the November meeting. Newsletters are sent to paid-up members only, after that date.

## **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!

## **October's Meeting Highlights**

### **The Program**

**Mike McDermott's Alpaca Farm and Wool Mill program at the October meeting of the Guild**



Mike explains the difference in the texture and colors of his different fiber mixes.

### **Show and Tell**



Peter shows his argyle knitting from the knitting loom.

## **WEAVERS' SHOW**

The Navajo weavers have a show of work hanging in the gallery of the First Presbyterian Church. The show will run through November. Stop by!

## ***October Activities:***

**Taos Wool Festival Road Trip  
Piloted by Gladys Miller**



Gladys and Dianna at a weaver's studio

### **Weavers Class**



*Weavers attended a double weave class at Sally Breckenridge's house*

### **Knitters' Meeting**



*Lots of knitters met at Shirley Boyce's house.*

**And there's more . . .**



Carl and Mary at their wheels on Spin Day at Dean's house.

## MEMBERS' ITEMS:

### Spinning Lessons

With Dean Minion

\$100

pays for wheel rent and supplies

243-3045

### Knitting Class with Donna Hochmuth

"Drop Stitch" or "Mosaic" knitting. We will do a sampler as well as a bag. It will be knit from cotton yarn. This class will use a simple pattern to make a useful project. Class will be held one day a week for 3 weeks.

Cost: \$35.00 plus your yarn.

Date/time: Starts November 5 at 1 PM

Place: Donna Hochmuth's home at 2814 Grand View Drive, Grand Junction

For more information: 245-9469

### Weaving Supplies

I have a lot of stuff to get rid of, including lots of warp, warping wheel and board, 48-spool rack, (must be moved,) 2 free 1-inch raddles, and eventually a Newcomb's Weavers Delight loom.

Please contact Vaughn Drake via email at [vrdrake@wic.net](mailto:vrdrake@wic.net)

### 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.



### 2009/2010 Officers

President ..... Bobbie Rickerd

Vice President ..... Dean Minion

Secretary ..... Linda Gregory

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### ...The fine print...

**Newsletter:** The Mesa Fiber Arts Guild Newsletter is published monthly from September through May. Deadline to submit material is the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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**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

### 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

### **Minutes – Mesa Fiber Arts Guild**

October 7, 2009

Bobbi called the meeting to order at 12:05. Several guests were introduced. The Minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer's report was given. We have \$2,145.58 in the bank. We currently have 33 individual memberships and 3 Family memberships. Betty Hebrew reviewed books and we gave her a big THANK YOU for time and effort. Dues are due as of the November meeting. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Committee Reports were given:

Newsletter: Paula donated a large box of gourds for those that were interested.

Weavers –No meeting. Double weave class at Sally Breckenridge's house in lieu of meeting. Bring odds and ends of yarn to incorporate in your weaving.

Knitters: Meeting at Shirley Boyce's house. Betty Hebrew will be there to share Knitters Camp knitting tips.

Spinners: Will be meeting at Dean Minion's house,

Navaho Weavers: Meet at Carolyn Dorman's house in November. Gladys gave us a thumbnail sketch of what the Navajo Weaving Tour to Taos was like and passed around a picture album compiled by Paula for everyone to enjoy. In 2010 there will be a convention

in Albuquerque which will include 2 days of seminars and vendors.

Sunshine Club: We received a Thank You from Laurie Hahn.

Mentor Day: Carl Hochmuth announced that Mentor Day would be January 16<sup>th</sup> and asked everyone to give him ideas for 45 minute sessions of teaching. Pot Luck for lunch. Fun Day!

Challenge: Carole Curtis emphasized that those who sign up for the challenge must use 80% of what is in the bag. You make use anything for the rest 20%. Carol handed out a sign-up sheet. Challenge bags will be handed out in November and finished products will be due in May. Carol needs odds and ends of yarn or whatever to create the Challenge Bags.

Dolores announced that we still need volunteers for refreshments and the list was passed around.

San Juan Weavers Guild wants us to remember their Color Workshop October 17<sup>th</sup>. Bring a rock, feather, seashell to incorporate in your work.

Bobbi turned the program over to Dean Mignon who introduced our speaker for the Program: Mike McDermott who operates an Alpaca farm and mill. A very interesting program indeed. Mike was patient and answered questions until we ran out of them. Tours are available Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, just call ahead.

Sunshine Club Raffle winners were Donna Hochmuth and Eleanor Himler.

Old Business:  
Historian still needed.

Donna announced that she and Carl are participating in a Craft Fair at Two Rivers October 24-25, 2009. Carl has Gourds for sale and Donna is selling handmade bags.

We ended the meeting with "Show And Tell".

*Linda Gregory, Secretary*