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**November 2010**

**CALENDAR**

**Nov 3 - Guild Meeting:** at noon, First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road in Grand Junction;  
**Program: Tools for Fiber Artists.**  
**Refreshments: Gladys Miller, Dianna Roberts, Lu Kunzelman**

**Nov 6 - Weaving Group** – 9:30 AM ; meet at Dianna Roberts' house; 4491 S Hwy 50. Whitewater, 245-6198

**Nov 10 - Knitting Group:** 9:30 AM; meet at Dean Minion's house; 181 Lumley Drive, Grand Junction, 243-3045

**Nov 17 - Spinning Group:** 9:30 AM; meet at BJ Lester's house; 2659 I Road, Grand Junction, 243-0146

**Nov 18 - Navajo Weaving and Tapestry Group:** 9:30 AM; meet at Sue Smith's house; 2216 Canyon Rim Drive, Grand Junction, 245-5602

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**Upcoming programs**

- November - Tools for Fiber Artists
- December - Christmas Party
- January - - - Dyeing in your Microwave
- February - - Weaving in Color
- March - - - - Teaching what you know
- April - - - - - Yarn exchange and Sale
- May - - - - - Challenge Projects Show

***Thrums from the Vice President***

*It is time to get started on your challenge so you will have a finished project next spring. If it is anything like my tatting, you will need months to complete a project.*

*I hope you got your items to Nancy or Deborah for the sale at Immaculate Heart on Oct. 22. Hope to have a good report about it.*

*Remember to pay your dues by November If you want your name on the Guild list. Pay Carolyn Manganello @ P.O. Box 3585, GJ, 81502. Hope to see you November 3rd.*

*Dean*

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

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

Opening balance	<b>\$ 2113.74</b>
Credits	<b>\$ 139.00</b>
Expenses	<b>\$ 54.02</b>
Current balance	<b>\$ 2198.72</b>

Memberships: Individual 38; Family 3

**Another reminder:**

Annual membership dues are payable *before* the November meeting. After that date, newsletters are sent to paid-up members only.

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**From the October Meeting**



Betty Brouse encourages members to touch the alpaca products that come from her mill and others. It was a lovely touchy-feely experience!



Show and Tell - Hats from Peter; scarves from Carolyn and Judy; and a sweater from Gail.

Guild members sell goods at fundraiser to benefit the Counseling and Education Center



Nancy Jewell, Paula O'Donnell, Dean Minion, Debra Robinson, Dolores Schroeder, Carolyn Manganello, and Carol Curtiss and Bonnie Wollin (not shown) manned the Guild's table with nearly 100 items for sale.

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**Weavers Group**



Weavers met at Sally Breckinridge's house to plan their weaving project for the year - a 24"x30" twill dish towel exchange.

**Knitters Group**



Knitters met at Linda Skaggs' house to exchange knitting tips and distribute bears to be dressed for the Western Colorado Center for Children.

## WESTERN SLOPE FIBER EVENTS

**Mountain Valley Textiles** at 209 - 8th Street in Glenwood Springs offers classes in weaving:

- Debbie Martin is teaching a beginning 4 harness weaving class Saturday and Sunday, November 20 and 21. Classes are from 9-5 and cost \$100. Class size is limited to 4 students, so please reserve your spot in advance.
- Susan Vincent is offering a Rosebud Scarf class Saturday, November 13. The class will be held in two parts:  
Part 1: 10:30 -12:30 (scarf and divided pocket)  
Part 2: 1:30- 3:00 (rosebud)

Students must buy the \$30 kit (all inclusive) in advance as there is knitting that must be completed by the start of the class. Contact Mtn Valley at 970-928-0774

**The San Juan Weavers Guild Show and Sale** will be held on November 20 at the Holiday Inn Express on South Townsend in Montrose, CO. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to come and shop for handcrafted gifts, household items, clothing, and accessories. This is a *Don't Miss It* event.

## MEMBERS' ITEMS

### Spinning Lessons

With Dean Minion

\$100 pays for wheel rent and supplies

243-3045

## MFAG Member In Print . . .

The November-December issue of **Handwoven** magazine spotlights weaver **Laverne Waddington** in Bolivia. Laverne talks about wrecking on her mountain bike while riding in the Southwest. Unable to continue her bike trip, she decided to study weaving while she was healing. She took a class in Navajo-style weaving from **Gladys Miller** in Grand Junction and started on a new fiber adventure. Since then, Laverne has traveled extensively in South and Central America, studying the weaving and textiles. She developed a knitting-machine business and continues to study textiles and weave on a backstrap loom. Gladys, you've made the MFAG proud once more!

## 2010/2011 Officers

**President** ..... **Bobbie Rickerd**  
**Vice President** ..... **Dean Minion**  
**Secretary** ..... **Trulie Oliver**  
**Treasurer** ..... **Carolyn Manganello**  
**Newsletter Editors** ... **Paula O'Donnell**  
and **Judy Brock**

## OCTOBER GUILD MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 12:00. Dean introduced her guests, Ann Kearl and Jan Cooper. Guests Jo DeLucas and Cindy Suter joined us during the program.

The program "Operating an Alpaca Fiber Mill" was presented by Betty Brouse who described and offered examples of items produced at her family mill from alpaca and other fibers. Ellen S. also provided ideas for marketing fiber products.

The minutes were approved after a correction of the name of Fruita Middle School who sent Thank You notes for the guild's involvement in their Renaissance Fair.

The balance in our account was reported and approved.

Committee reports were made. This next year's challenge was discussed and described again for those not in attendance last month. Those interested in participating will choose a fiber arts skill that they have wanted to learn. They will be able to learn their new skill with help from a "mentor" from within the Guild and then show a finished project using that skill next spring. Carol Curtiss agreed to chair the challenge again this year. Members signed up indicating their interests in learning and in mentoring.

The Navajo Weaving group decided to hold its regular meetings on the 3rd Thurs of each month in order to get information in the newsletter.

Old Business: It was agreed to skip Mentor Day this year since our challenge for the year entails learning new skills from one another - essentially the purpose of Mentor Day.

The guild will participate in the craft fair at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church to be held on Fri., Oct. 22nd from 4:00-8:00. 25% of sales will go to benefit the Counseling and Education Center. Those participating need to have 2 tags on their items, one with the fiber content and care instructions and the other with the price and their name. The Guild sign will be displayed at the table along with the Guild information cards. Post cards from the Center are available to notify friends and family of your participation.

New Business: The idea of the Guild obtaining an event tax license was discussed and approved. The Guilds' new post office box number is #3585, Zip code 81502.

The raffle item this month was a lace bookmark made by Shirley. Jan C., one of our guests, was the lucky winner!

Refreshments were provided by Nancy and Carol. Beautiful Show and Tell items were shown by 9 individuals!

The meeting adjourned at 1:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trulie Oliver, Secretary

## EDITORS' NOTE

**Here's a big "Thank You" to all of you who send in pictures and items for inclusion in the newsletter! Thanks for keeping an eye out for members in the news and events of interest to your fellow fiber folk. Your reporting helps make our newsletter!**

**Your editors,  
Judy and Paula**

### ...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 ODonnell or Judy Brock care of

[mesafiberarts@yahoo.com](mailto:mesafiberarts@yahoo.com)

**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: PO Box 3585, Grand Junction, Colorado 81502. 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: PO Box 3585, Grand Junction, Colorado 81502