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September 2009

CALENDAR

Sept 2 - Guild Meeting: at noon, First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road, Grand Junction; **Program: Cathey Pabst – gourd art techniques**

Sept 9 - Knitting Group: 9:30 AM; meet at Linda Skaggs' house, 2154 Redcliff Circle, Grand Junction; 263-7365

Sept 12 - Weaving Group – 9:30 AM; meet at Sandy McCabe's house, 772 Castle Drive, Palisade; 464-0112; Judy Burch is co-hostess.

Sept 16 - Spinning Group: 9:30 AM; meeting place to be announced at the Guild meeting.

Sept 23 - Navajo Weaving and Tapestry Group: 9:30 AM; meet at Gladys Miller's house, 235 Park Drive, Grand Junction, 242-5701

Upcoming programs

October - Mike McDermott: Alpacas and the woolen mill

January – The Heifer Program report

March - Pat Jeffers – Artistic baskets

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

Opening balance	\$ 2159.90
Credits	\$ 5.00
Expenses	\$ 216.31
Current balance	\$ 1948.59

Memberships: single 49 Family 4 Club 1

Thrums from the President

Greetings all!

I hope everyone had a good summer & that yours went by a little slower than mine did! Your board & I have met twice this summer & we have an exciting year planned for you. Dean has some wonderful programs lined up for us. My personal goal this year is to encourage group participation & in order to do this, I'm going to need help from all of you. Please be thinking about demonstrations. One of the goals of our Guild is to promote the fiber arts & to show the public that spinning & weaving are alive & well, and not just something our ancestors did. And what better way to do this? We have a challenge in mind for the upcoming year. We will give you the details at the September meeting. Please bring any fiber or yarn you would be willing to donate to 'the cause'. We will be collecting thru the October meeting & will commence with our projects in November in order to have them ready for show & tell at the May meeting. Remember, this is your guild. If it is not meeting your needs, or you have any suggestions, please let me know. My phone number is 424-0851. My Email is igotewebabe@bresnan.net. (Think Sonny & Cher!!) Let's all pull together & make this the best year yet. I want to thank Anita Larson for all her help during this transition. As you know, I've been away for awhile. I'm looking forward to renewing old friendships & making new ones. HAPPY FIBERS!

Bobbie Rickard

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

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

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**Proposed Budget for 2009-10
Membership Year
Mesa Fiber Arts Guild**

INCOME	
Memberships	1200.00
Sunshine Fund	150.00
Fundraising	100.00
Misc	100.00
From Reserves	80.00
Total	1630.00

EXPENSES	
Admin	100.00
Hospitality	100.00
Newsletter Expense	100.00
Room Rental @ Church	150.00
Speaker Honorarium	300.00
Speaker Travel	40.00
Donation – Heifer Project	120.00
Subgroup Allowance	400.00
Sunshine Fund Expenses	150.00
Postage/copies	50.00
Mentor Day	100.00
Website	20.00
Total	1630.00

MFAG Fiber Artists of the Year

In May, the Guild selected two members to honor as Fiber Artist of the Year: Donna Hochmuth and Jude Sirota. Read more about these two inspiring fiber women:

Donna Hochmuth: Donna has been a member for approximately 18 years. A coworker taught her to knit when Donna was 20 years old. Her first project was a two-color sweater for Carl,

and she was hooked on knitting! She has been spinning for 20 years, having learned at Yarnworks on Main Street after buying an antique spinning wheel as a décor item! Donna’s favorite fiber project was taking a series of classes with Alice Starmore in Durango when she came across America about 15 -17 years ago. Donna’s fiber dreams are all tied up in fabric, yarn, wool, and being creative with them. She would love to travel to other countries and see what other women are creating and how they have learned what they know

Jude Sirota: Jude has been a guild member since 1996. She taught herself to knit in the 1980s and began spinning, dyeing and weaving after attending a fiber fest in 1993. After moving to Grand Junction in the mid-90s, Jude began weaving in the Navajo style on a loom her husband made for her. Her proudest achievement in fiber arts is a rug with a design inspired by a beetle that, upon completion, was found to have other recognizable images in it. Her dream is to be able to spin any time she wants and to use up all of her fiber stash! However, her goal is to weave a 6’x9’ Navajo-style rug.

What we did on our summer vacation:

- The knitters held their picnic on June 10th, at Ellen Higgins' home, knitting and chatting and enjoying a lunch of chicken and salads.
- Weavers visited Mountain Valley Textiles in Glenwood Springs on June 19, to admire the looms and projects, and to browse the charming woven gifts in the shop. A fun trip for everyone!
- The teddy bears that were purchased and clothed in hand-knitted outfits by the knitters group were presented to the Western Slope Center for Children, for the comfort of the children served by the Center.



Knitters Nancy Groenert (far left) and Dolores Schroeder (far right) present the well-dressed bears to the Western Slope Center for Children.

Upcoming Events:

Aug 28-29, 2009 7pm Friday night - Saturday --- **Natural and Cold Water Dye Workshops with Laura Cummins and Gladys Miller.** Gladys will host the Natural Dye workshop and Laura will host the cold water dye workshop. Prepare yarns Friday night and dye on Saturday. Contact Gladys Miller at 242-5701

October 1-4, 2009 - **Road trip! Visit Taos Fiber Festival at Taos, New Mexico.** Plans are being developed to travel as a group to the fiber festival. Contact Gladys Miller at 242-5701.

October 10-11 9am Sharp - **Double Weave Workshop with Sally Breckenridge.** Learn how to do double weave on 4 and 8 shaft looms. Emphasis on structure and color manipulation. Contact Sally Breckenridge at 263-7991

Plan ahead for
Colorado Weavers Day
 At CU Boulder
 Spring 2010

The conference is being coordinated with the year-long exhibition at the University of Colorado Museum of Natural History's exhibit of pieces from the Joe Ben Wheat Collection. Ann Lane Hedlund, who worked with Dr. Ben Wheat and edited his book on the subject, "Blanket Weaving in the Southwest" will

be the lead keynote speaker. Also speaking will be Dr. Suzanne MacAuley, an art historian and ethnographer, at the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs. Her talk will focus on the importance of place in the creative process.

Registration packets will be available after the first of the year. For questions or information, contact Jane Patrick at janep@schachtspindle.com

LOOM WANTED:

A rug weaver in Wisconsin would love a Rio Grande walking loom. Prefers the 54" or 60" width. Please email or call Julie if you have one that you'll part with. Contact Julie at bramblewool@sawmat.com or 920-837-2167

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.

Cost: \$35.00 plus your yarn.

Dates and supplies to be discussed at September Guild meeting.

2008/2009 Officers

President Bobbie Rickerd

Vice President Dean Minion

Secretary Linda Gregory

Treasurer Ellen Higgins

Newsletter Editor ... Paula O'Donnell

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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 read, Monthly rates are \$5 for up to 5 line, \$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

Minutes of the Mesa Fiber Arts Guild
May 6th, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Anita Larson. Minutes were read and Jude noted that the thank you note from the Llama Club is for our donation to their show. The minutes stand as corrected.

The Treasurer's Report was given.

Jude Sirota thanks all who volunteered at the Llama Show. As a result there were several new members who stopped by to visit with us.

The Navajo Weavers have signed up their hostesses for the next year. The Navajo Weavers have decided to meet in June and in August. In June they will go to Glenwood Springs to visit the Mountain Valley Weavers workshop and store.

Sally was concerned that although there are quite a few Weavers who meet on their Saturday, very few of them attend our Guild meeting. The possibility of night meetings was discussed, noting that finding facilities for the meeting might be difficult. Next year's Executive Board will continue this discussion.

The Knitters Group will meet at Paula's house this month.

June will be a picnic at Ellen's, using the remainder of the knitting group's funds. Dolores brought the bears that the knitters have dressed for the Children's Center. Also, there is an afghan made by Donna's knitting class which will also be given to the Center.

The Spinners will be meeting this month at Anita's where Candy Tobin will come to give a workshop.

Nancy Groenert reported that the Sunshine Club took flowers to Trulie Oliver after her knee replacement surgery. Donna Bergman brought a felted treasure bag for this month's raffle. It is noted that Betty Hebrew is doing very well and is expected to attend today.

Gladys said that there are two dye workshops being planned. Gladys will do a natural dye workshop, probably sometime in August, and she sent around a sign-up sheet. The date for Laura's session has not been set.

Anita announced that once again we have been asked to participate at the Fruita Middle School Renaissance event. She encouraged everyone to take part as this is a really fun event for the kids and reminded everyone that teaching is a part of our mission statement. The event is May 19th from 8AM to 11:30 AM, in the parking lot at the school. Pete said that he demonstrated knitting for the Whitman Elementary 5th and 6th graders. He will suggest to the organizers that our guild is available for future events.

Anita thanked everyone for a terrific year. She thanked all the officers for their help and cooperation. The slate of new officers for next year was announced as follows:
Sunshine Chair, Nancy Groenert
Refreshments, Dolores Schroeder and Deborah Robinson
Newsletter Editor, Paula O'Donnell,
Secretary, Linda Gregory
Treasurer, Ellen Higgins
Vice President, Dean Minion
President, Bobbie Rickerd
Laurie Hahn moved that the officers be elected by proclamation, it was seconded by Jude; motion passed.

Anita announced the "Fiber Artist of the Year". Those in the running were, Carol Curtiss, Jude Sirota, and Donna Hochmuth. Anita said that after counting the ballots several times, it was a tie. Jude Sirota and Donna Hochmuth will share the 2009 title of Fiber Artist of the Year. Flowers, Certificates and a cake were presented to the winners.

Meeting adjourned,
Donna Hochmuth, Acting Secretary