



<http://www.mesafiberartsguild.org>

May 2011

**CALENDAR**

**May 4 - Guild Meeting:** at noon, First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road in Grand Junction;  
**Program: Election of Officers, announcement of Member of the Year, & presentations of members' Challenges for the year**

**May 7 - Weaving Group** – 9:30 AM; meet at Redlands United Methodist Church, 527 Broadway, Hostess: Bonnie Wollin, 245-5427

**May 11 - Knitting Group:** 9:30 AM; meet at Paula O'Donnell's house, 14370 Sage Brush Lane, Glade Park, 243-3598

**May 18 - Spinning Group:** 9:30 AM; meet at Barbara Reger's home, 22567 Fruitgrowers Road, on Antelope Hill near Eckert, CO.

**May 19- Navajo Weaving and Tapestry Group:** 9:30 AM; meet at Paula O'Donnell's house, 14370 Sage Brush Lane, Glade Park, 243-3598.



**Upcoming Guild Events**

**Guild Display & Show, City-County Courthouse**  
 July 1 through September 2011

**Navajo Weaving Workshop, The Art Center,**  
 September 24-25, 2011



**Refreshments for May's Guild meeting - a POTLUCK provided by members.**

*Thrums from the President*

Greetings all! Our year is coming to an end, and we have a busy schedule. First, if you have not voted for our Member of the Year, you have until April 27th to do so. You can email, phone or snail mail me with your choice before that date. Your options are; Carl Hochmuth, Paula O'Donnell or Dolores Schroeder. We will present the winner at the May meeting.

Second, the nominating committee has the following slate of officers for your consideration: President, Ellen Higgins; Vice President, BJ Lester; Secretary, Jude Sirota; and Treasurer, Dianna Roberts. We will also take nominations from the floor. Come prepared to VOTE!!

Lastly, Tangle has once again generously agreed to donate a \$25.00 gift certificate to the Guild. If you have participated in Show and Tell this past year, your name has been placed in a pool for as many times as you have participated. A winner will be drawn at the May meeting. The Guild is donating an additional \$25.00 so the winner will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to Tangle!

Don't forget your 'challenges', I'm really looking forward to seeing what everyone has accomplished this past year. Also, our May meeting is 'pot luck', so bring food!!

I want to thank you for allowing me to be your president these past two years, I don't know where the time has gone! Have a great summer! Happy fibers! Bobbie

**\$\$\$ Treasurer's Report \$\$\$**

Opening balance	\$ 2537.35
Credits	\$ 366.00
Expenses	\$ 752.35
Current balance	\$ 2151.00

Memberships: Individual 53; Family 4

## WELCOME!

Welcome to new members in March, Mary Jo Nuttall & Tangle, Inc.; and in April, Jennifer Cirka, Renee' Herring, and Mike & Cindy McDermott. An updated member list has been sent via e-mail. See Caroline Manganello if you did not receive and need a paper copy.

## April Snapshots

Weavers learn warping back to front, plus some show & tell...



Guild Meeting Highlights: Kim & Carol present, gourd raffle, rug, bear, & business



### 2010/2011 Officers

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

## Grand Valley Art Students League

Artists and Artisans coming together at the point of creation! Please consider joining in this extraordinary experience working together, sharing knowledge, matching teachers and students as well as mentors and grasshoppers. Any media or craft, any skill level, any style. Once a month, Grand Valley Art Students League meets in an Open Studio at the Art Center, the 2nd Saturday of the month. Participants can come and go or come and stay from 10-4. Because we rent the Art Center for that time period, dues are \$40 a year -- or just over \$3 per session. Carve, draw, spin, paint, sculpt, knit, bead, collage, weave, make a book, work on a laptop, felt, write, embroider or hand-stitch, crochet, scrapbook, make prints, anything creative that can be done with a small kit. (No toxic chemicals or substances, please!) While these aren't free art lessons, you can learn by watching and find inspiration for your own work from the work of others. Demos and discussions happen all the time. The public is welcome to visit, but only members can come to work. For an application, either join us at an Open Studio, or email [gvaltstudentsleague@gmail.com](mailto:gvaltstudentsleague@gmail.com). For more information, contact Donna Bergman 314-7463.

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## Summer Fiber Events

**Intermountain Weavers' Conference 2011: A Conference for Fiber Artists July 21-24, 2011 - at Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado.** The website below will take you to details of the conference, registration information, and downloadable schedule.

<http://www.intermountainweavers.org/Conference/>

The fee for IWC members for the entire conference is \$335 and for non-members it is \$365. This fee does not include workshop supply fees, room or meals.

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## Members' Items

Spinning Lessons  
With **Dean Minion**  
\$100 pays for wheel rent and supplies  
243-3045

## April Guild Minutes

The April Guild meeting was called to order by the President shortly after 12:00. Donna introduced Cindy and Mike McDermott, from SunCrest Orchard Alpacas. Renee Herring, a knitter and crocheter new to the area, joined us, also. March minutes were approved after a correction of Jennifer Cirka's last name. Carolyn's report on the treasury activity and balance was approved as printed. Judy helped clarify information on money from donations to last month's exchange /sale. \$90 from the sale of Handwoven magazines will go to defray expenses for November weaver's workshop and \$25 from the sale of yarn will be deposited in the guild general fund. Jude moved to accept this distribution, which was seconded by Sally and approved by those in attendance.

Newsletter: Paula was commended for all her efforts in our behalf with the newsletter over the last 4 years!

Committee and activity reports were discussed. Donna brought up the need for a "back-up" individual to help with the Sunshine/Clouds committee. It was agreed that this would be beneficial for the guild and can be addressed by new officers.

Old Business: Deborah discussed the Art Show at City Hall to be held July through September. Anyone interested in showing items is to contact Deborah by e-mail or phone. There will be sign-up sheets available for volunteers to help hang items for the show.

The three nominees for Member of the year were announced. Ballots were available for members to vote for one of the following: Carl Hochmuth, Paula O'Donnell, or Dolores Schroeder. The winner will be announced at the May meeting.

New Business: It was brought to our attention that a couple of the By Laws needed changes in wording. After a discussion of the original wording and the possible new wording, Pat moved that the changes be accepted. Donna seconded

the motion and the changes were approved by members in attendance. (See Bylaws as approved below)

Betty B. has very kindly audited the books for the guild for several years. Since the by-laws state that there should be two individuals auditing, Mary volunteered to help Betty this summer.

The slate of officers for the 2011-2012 year was read. Other nominations will be accepted at the May meeting. Voting for the new officers will be held at the May Guild meeting.

Gladys discussed information about the Mesa Fiber Arts Guild working in conjunction with the Art Center to sponsor a Navajo weaving workshop in September. More information will be shared at the May Guild meeting.

It was proposed that money for the various committee events be able to be carried over from one year to another year in order to make a larger amount available. A motion was made by Ellen to that effect, seconded by Carolyn, and the motion carried. It was noted that special-event forms are available and should be completed and submitted to the vice-president prior to event approval by the guild.

Jude talked about the upcoming Llama Club Show at the Veterans' Park on May 21-22. A sign-up sheet was passed around for guild members to sign up.

A wonderful gourd carved by Carl was the raffle item. Susan Taylor was the winner this month!

Refreshments were enjoyed after the meeting was adjourned at 12:45. Mike McDermott provided information about his Alpaca fiber mill on east Orchard Mesa, as well as a "Fiber Expo" for 2011 to be held during the Palisade Peach Festival in August. Fiber artists are invited to participate and can sell items from the expo with the hope that this will expand next year with classes and workshops.

Nine individuals showed wonderful items for show and tell, then our program

presenters, Carol Curtis and Kim Sutherland were introduced. They shared words of wisdom on "Teaching What You Know". We appreciated their advice to share techniques and skills with humor, patience and positive reinforcement. Respectfully submitted, Trulie Oliver, Secretary



## Bylaws of Mesa Fiber Arts Guild

### ARTICLE I: NAME

1. The name of this organization is the Mesa Fiber Arts Guild.
2. The principal office of the Guild will be in Mesa County, Colorado.

### ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Mesa Fiber Arts Guild is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of fiber arts: weaving, spinning, knitting, surface design, fiber dyeing, and related fiber arts. The Guild seeks to advance fiber arts through shows, workshops, study groups, community involvement, and a monthly newsletter.

### ARTICLE III: MEMBERS

1. Membership in the Guild is open to any interested individual without discrimination on basis of sex, color, religion, country of origin, or fiber-work ability.
2. Members waive all claims of liability against the Guild for loss, theft, or damage of personal property or work at any Guild-related function.
3. To further the mission of the Guild, each member is encouraged to participate in at least one outreach /community event each year.

### ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

The Guild will meet monthly from September through May.

### ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

1. The elected officers of the Guild are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor.
2. New officers will be elected at the May meeting and will assume their offices at the September meeting.

3. The term of each office is one year, beginning in September of that year. The officers- elect and the past officers will meet during the summer to set the calendar and prepare a budget for the new fiscal year.

4. Duties of the officers are:

a. President will chair Guild meetings, solicit and appoint committee chairpersons as needed, and represent the Guild as necessary.

b. Vice President will assist the President as necessary, act in the absence of the President, and chair the Program Committee.

c. Secretary will take the minutes of the Guild at each meeting and submit them to the Newsletter Editor for publication. Secretary will also take care of any Guild correspondence.

d. Treasurer will collect, record, report, and disburse Guild monies; pay any applicable taxes/fees; coordinate the membership list; produce a monthly and year-end report and submit such reports to the Newsletter Editor for publication.

e. Newsletter Editor will write, edit, and distribute a monthly newsletter from September through May, and, if deemed necessary, during the summer months.

### ARTICLE V: FINANCES

1. Annual dues for new and renewing members will be \$20 per person, \$30 per family. Dues for new members who join after the end of February will be \$10 per person, \$15 per family.
2. Dues are payable in September.
3. Guild monies will be kept in a Guild bank account: the Treasurer and one other officer will have joint access to the account. No funds will be disbursed from the Guild account unless a written, itemized receipt is presented to the Treasurer.
4. All funds collected in conjunction with Guild workshops or other Guild-related activities (except for materials fees) will be handled by the Treasurer and channeled through the Guild treasury prior to the event/activity taking place, whether or not the Guild retains any of the funds. The Vice President will submit a written report to the Treasurer that documents all revenue and expenses associated with the event /activity.
5. The President will appoint two members to audit the Treasurer's books, at least annually and when there is a change in the office of the Treasurer.

6. The Guild's fiscal year will run from September 1 through August 31.

### ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

1. Committees will consist of at least one person appointed by the President who, in turn, may request the assistance of any other members. The President may appoint any additional standing or temporary committees as she/he deems necessary.

2. Standing committees will be as follows:

- a. Executive Committee - all officers make up the Executive Committee.
- b. Nominating Committee - The Executive Committee will serve as the Nominating Committee and will present a slate of nominees at the May meeting of the Guild.
- c. Program Committee - will coordinate monthly programs (including scheduling, contacting presenters, and making arrangements for equipment and facility use); oversee Guild workshops, activities and events; and handle all funds collected in association with such workshops, activities and events. The Vice President chairs this committee.
- d. Hospitality Committee - will organize and coordinate the refreshments for monthly meetings (this includes the purchase of necessary paper products, etc.).

### ARTICLE VIII: SPECIAL EVENTS

- 1. Any member who would like to propose a special event for the Guild such as a demonstration, workshop, seminar, trip, etc. (all referred to as a Special Event) will submit a Special Events Sponsorship Request form (as attached hereto or later modified/replaced) to the Vice President for the approval of the Program committee.
- 2. Requests can be submitted at any time from September to May.
- 3. The Vice President will present each reviewed Special Event for approval of the membership (together with the Committee's recommendation) at the next regularly scheduled Guild meeting.
- 4. Sponsors of an approved Special Event are responsible for carrying out all aspects of their Event. The sponsor will collect all fees and submit them to the Treasurer. In addition, the sponsor will submit a written report to the Vice President that documents all revenue and expenses associated with the Special Event.

5. The Program committee may assist but is not responsible for conducting such Special Event.

### ARTICLE IX: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

All items not specifically covered in these Bylaws will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, latest revision.

### ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended at any business meeting of the Guild by two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that the written amendment was published in the Guild newsletter prior to the meeting at which the vote is taken.

Adopted by the Mesa Fiber Arts Guild on March 1, 2006. All provisions of these Bylaws, except those that define the duties of the officers, shall be effective upon approval. All other provisions will be effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

*Note: hereafter, the Bylaws will be posted on the website.*

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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 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:** Payable in September -\$20 for individuals, \$30 per household. Send dues to Treasurer: PO Box 3585, Grand Junction, Colorado 81502