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November 2011

CALENDAR

November 2- Guild Meeting: at noon, First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road in Grand Junction; **Program: Baskets, Big & Small by Sandy Martin.** Refreshments for November Guild meeting will be provided by Carolyn Manganello, Phyllis Simmons, and Shirley Boyce.

Group Meetings in November

November 5 - Weaving Group – 9:00AM - 4:00 PM. *Iridescence Workshop* by Bobbi Irwin at Presbyterian Church, 3940 27-1/2 Road in Grand Junction. Bring a brown bag lunch and your looms warped.

November 9 - Knitting Group - 9:30 AM; Hostess: Dean Minion, 243-3045. Topic: "Everything Crochet" Don't forget to bring worsted weight yarn & appropriate size crochet hook!

November 16 - Spinning Group: 9:30 AM; Hostess: to be announced.

November 17- Navajo Weaving and Tapestry Group: 9:30 AM; Hostess: Sally Breckenridge, 263-7991

Don't forget to wear your nametag to the Guild meeting!!



Thrumms from the President

I hope everyone has their creative fibers flowing after our *Zentangle* session. We will need them when we start our Challenge this month. At the November meeting we will draw postcards or pictures for the bags we will make by May. If you haven't brought in a postcard yet, you still have time to turn them in before the drawing.

The Fact Finding/New Idea committee has started their task of exploring new resources for the Guild. Thanks to those who have volunteered their time and energy. They are looking forward to getting everyone's input during this process. Thanks also to those who helped out at the "Have a Heart for the Community" sale, especially Nancy Jewell for organizing the event.

For our new members: our December meeting will be a potluck and gift exchange. If you want to participate in the exchange, you will need to bring a fiber-related gift. A lot of the gifts are handmade items so it's fun to see the presents get opened even if you choose not to take part in the exchange. We still need a Guild Historian who can organize and archive the articles and photos from the years past.

Are you ready for basket weaving? *Ellen*

2011/2012 Officers	
President	Ellen Higgins
Vice President	BJ Lester
Secretary	Jude Sirota
Treasurer	Connie Solomon
Newsletter Staff	Judy Brock & Gail Phillips

Treasurer's Report

BALANCE FORWARD 1994.69
 > INCOME 592.49
 > EXPENSES 126.42
 > OCT BALANCE 2460.76
 Current Paid Memberships - 49 members

REMINDER: If you didn't pay dues in September or October; annual membership dues are now due!

Thank you Thank you!

Thank you to the participants in the MFAG City Hall Art Show! Lori Gregor was impressed with all the wonderful work. The spinning wheel added a great touch. Thanks also for help with set up and take down. Deborah Robinson.



October 2011 Group News & Snapshots

Creative Fun with Zentangle™!



Guild Meeting Show 'N Tell



Weavers

17 weavers met at Sally B's home on October 1st, where Sally gave an informative presentation on shadow weave. It's always fun to see what she has on her various looms! Show and tell was delightful as always, and new member Elizabeth N. was introduced. Former member Ruth S. and her daughter-in-law were able to join us as well. We are all looking forward to the November 5th Iridescence Workshop with Bobbi Irwin!



Knitters

Thanks to Shirley B. for the following: At the Guild knitting group, during show and tell, Mary Jo displayed a beautiful baby blanket she had

crocheted for the Mesa County Nurse Family Partnership program. This is a program for low-income, first time moms who are followed by RN's through the pregnancy and until the child is two years old. The moms are taught parenting skills, nutrition, and related needs of the baby.

Mary Jo is just one of the Guild knitters who contribute not only to the NFP, but to Latimer House, and Homeward Bound. The others are Kay, Deborah, Michelle, Nancy, and Shirley. Other Guild members have donated yarn that is used in these items.

If there are other members who would like to contribute items to be donated it would be greatly appreciated. There is no need to worry about sizing-----there are children and adults of all sizes who would enjoy having a handmade treasure.

Spinners

The Spinners met October 19th at Ellen H's home. They are looking at possibly using their group's funds to sponsor a dye workshop by Candy Tobin.

Navajo Weavers

The Navajo/Tapestry Weavers' group members are meeting October 20 at the home of new member Elizabeth N. In addition to working on tapestries and Navajo rugs in process, they continue their discussion of ways they might utilize the subgroup funds for this year.

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October Guild Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM.

Ellen H. announced that it is National Spinning & Weaving Week.

Our Program Zentangle™ Creative Doodling given by BJ Lester. Darilee Simms of Georgia, our original presenter, had an emergency necessitating she return home and could not come to our meeting.

She gave BJ a "short course" on Zentangle which BJ shared with us. The simple instructions challenged all members! Someone mentioned that weaving a complex sweater may be easier than Zentangle™! For more information see the web site at zentangle.com

September Minutes: Jude offered a few minor corrections. A motion was made to accept the minutes with changes and it was seconded. Members approved.

There were no questions about the Treasurer's report as it was published in the newsletter; members accepted them as printed. Connie S. went over the 2011-12 budget. The sub-group allowance has been increased, plus whatever carry over each group had, if any. No questions or comments were made from the membership. Carl H. made a motion to accept the budget, BJ L. seconded and it was carried by a show of hands. There was a short discussion of what sub-group money can be used for. The original purpose was "education and promotion of fiber arts". The members decided that the original intention was adequate and it did not need to be changed.

We need a volunteer to be Guild Historian. If you are interested, see any of the Guild officers or Paula O'D.

Judy Br. reminded members that if they wish to submit an article, ad, group report, or other information for the Newsletter she needs it by the 3rd Monday of month. She welcomes pictures of Guild activities.

Sally B. needs the meeting dates & hostesses from sub-group leaders to put on web site. Send all information to Judy B. or Gail P. and they will get it to Sally to put on the web.

OLD BUSINESS

Nancy J. talked about the "Have a Heart for the Community" arts and crafts sale to benefit the Counseling and Education Center. It will be on Friday, Oct 21st at Immaculate Heart Church. Set up begins at 2:30 and the sale starts at 4PM. Postcards are available from Ellen H. if you want to send invites to your friends and family. The CEC gets 25% of each sale.

The Board proposed a change to the Guild Bylaws. As currently written, our fiscal year does not jive with our change of officers. For accounting purposes, we need to change the fiscal year to July 1. Members voted unanimously to make the change.

A sheet was sent around so people can indicate that they have participated in Guild Activities including volunteering, show and tell, demonstrations, etc. This will be the record of participation rather than having the secretary keep track of who has done what

for the Guild. This is an incentive program to participate and further the goals of the Guild. The result will be drawings in May for a gift card. Be sure you contact Ellen H. or get your name on the list during a meeting when you have done a good deed for the Guild.

This year's Challenge is making a 16" X 18" bag based on a postcard brought by individual Guild members. The bag will go to the donor of the postcard in May. Be sure to bring your postcard next month if you missed this month's meeting. Put your name on the postcard so the recipient knows who they are making the bag for.

NEW BUSINESS

The Fact-finding, new Idea Committee is looking at new ways we can reach out to promote the fiber arts, increase membership, etc. They are starting by looking at what other guilds are doing. Anyone can submit ideas to the committee and they will poll members for ideas. Committee members are Michelle A., Judy Br. Donna H., Gladys M. and Dolores S.

Sunshine and Clouds Committee (i.e. Nancy G.) sent Phyllis S. a card for her recent surgery. For the Raffle Dolores S. donated your choice of one of three knitted hats. Connie S. was the lucky winner! **SHOW AND TELL:** As usual lots of beautiful things were shared with the members. Don't forget to sign the participation sheet if you brought something to share.

We introduced a new member who came in late: Leslie P. is a teacher, near to retirement, who knows lots of our members. She wants to get some sheep and learn to weave. Welcome Leslie!

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10PM.



Fiber Celebration 2012 - Juried Exhibit

Call for entries for the Northern Colorado Weavers Guild in the 38th annual juried exhibit, Fiber Celebration 2012. The exhibit will be at the Longmont Museum & Cultural Center from March 9 (opening reception) through April 29, 2012. Pieces representing fiber media of all types are welcome, including weaving, spinning, dyeing, basketry, sculpture, felting, quilting, papermaking, knitting, crocheting and embroidery. Post mark deadline for entries is December 14, 2011, which is significantly earlier than in prior years.

Entry form and details (.pdf format) can be found at the website: <http://www.fortnet.org/NCWG/> on the Fiber Celebration page. For additional information, please contact us at ncwg@comcast.net or Julia Bottom at j.bottom1@yahoo.com

COLORADO Weavers Day 2012

Mesa Fiber Arts Guild members may want to get this event on their calendars now! The Rocky Mountain Weavers Guild is sponsoring Colorado Weavers Day on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden, CO. Featured speakers are: World renowned fiber artist Anita Luvera Mayer and Deborah Chandler, founder of Mayan Hands and author of "Learning to Weave."



From the Newsletter Staff

Thanks to all who submitted news and photos for this newsletter! You will remember that this year individual group reports are to be in the newsletter so we can focus on programs and new business at our Guild meetings. The deadline for inclusion in the newsletter is the 3rd Monday of the month prior. You may want to designate specific members of your group to gather reports and take photos. To get your group's latest news in the newsletter, we appreciate your e-mailing the group reports to Gail Phillips (Nativeplant2001@yahoo.com), and photos to Judy Brock (jnjingj@yahoo.com) by the monthly deadline. THANK YOU in advance for your contributions!

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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 Judy Brock care of 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