



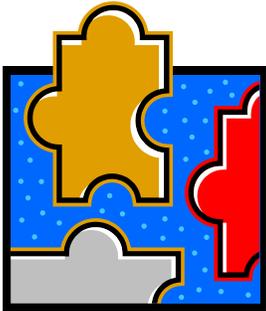
FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

July 2014



From the weaver's bench:

I am reminded of a recent incident that I would like to share with you. One of my students forgot to check her sett (gauge in weaving, the closeness of threads) and dressed her loom. As she began weaving, her cloth did not look the way she had imagined it! She was quite frustrated. She sent me a picture of her "problem" and asked for help. The incident isn't just about this particular problem but all of the problems we encounter in fiber arts or maybe even—life!



Problems crop up! Just when I thought I'd made every possible mistake, I invented a new one! Imagine my surprise! Fortunately I decided decades ago that, for me, weaving is an exercise in creativity and in problem-solving. It is the problem-solving that has kept me interested and fresh in

my approach to my craft. I enjoy, yes, enjoy a challenge and I receive them constantly. Sometimes the challenges come my way via my students who can still cause me to scratch my head and look at their problem with fresh eyes. It is an enjoyable puzzle and, at times, a tremendous headache!

One such project is a 20/2 cotton warp in two colors on an 8 shaft loom. 20/2 yarn is very fine and the project is sett at 60 ends per inch! Well, that little project has been rethreaded 4 times! It is so lovely to weave along and see no errors! Another project is a Merino and silk knit lace scarf that I have started at least 30 times! Each time I get closer to having no mistakes and a lovely pattern. Terri suggested I keep track of my start overs with a row counter. Well, maybe 30 times is an exaggeration but it feels like it or possibly more. I want my projects to be lovely without errors. I want to learn from my mistakes and stop making the same ones! I want to enjoy the thrill of a challenge and to see its unraveling into a pleasurable experience.



July Guild Meeting

**Our next meeting: July 19, 2014
at Annmarie and Bill Pearson's
home at 11:30 a.m.** We will

have a potluck picnic. The guild will furnish hot dogs and

hamburgers that Bill will grill for us Bring a lunch dish to share and a project (in progress, completed or just an idea) and plan to relax in the Bosque. Please contact Ann Szklarz to sign up. She can be reached at 864-3695. Paper goods, beverages and utensils will be furnished. Feel free to bring your children, grandchildren or a friend. No pets, please. There is a map attached to the newsletter (454 Diana Dr. NE in Los Lunas. From Route 6 in Los Lunas, head north on Los Lentos Road. Turn right on Rivas Road. Look for Blythe Gardens Mobile Home Park, turn right, then turn left. #454 is on the left.)

Goin' Surfin'?

Here's a link to explore and find new things -
<http://fiberarts.org/directories/links/>



FiberArts.org has collected a lot of links in a big variety of categories. Something for all interests – hang ten and have some summer fun!

I want to encourage all of you to have patience and not give up when the going gets difficult. To be challenged by a situation presents itself with so many outcomes—I hope you will persevere and find a solution to your own fiber arts dilemma.

Keep your hands in fiber,
Myra Chang Thompson

P.S. It is also helpful to have friends and guild members who you can ask for help!

August meeting: August 16, 2014 Linda Deblois will lead our workshop in combing and carding various fibers. We will meet at Terri Greenlee's home in Bosque Farms . **Program: Carding and Combing fleece with Linda Deblois at 1:00 p.m.**

Join us at Terri Greenlee's home (1700 Todd Place in Bosque Farms) for a hands on session of carding and combing fleece with Village Wools' Linda Deblois.

Besides refreshments, please bring 3 ounces of scoured fleece, your choice. Linda would like you to bring a sample of fleece, one with a staple length greater than 3" and one that is less than 3" staple length. Feel free to bring cards, combs and wool carding machines to use. We will get the scoop on further blending of fibers and colors from Linda. Some fibers will be available to mix! Any questions? Contact Myra @ 864-0876 or Terri at 681-7421. See map, last page.

September 20th Guild meeting Program: Let's Dye Protein Fiber Again! One of our favorite programs is hands on dyeing! Come prepared with scoured yarn or fleece (limit of 8 oz. Please) to immerse dye or paint/rainbow dye. Wear old clothes, bring rubber gloves, a couple of buckets and plastic bags for carting your dyed articles home.

October 18th Guild meeting Guest speaker: Anne Polesak, author, yarn supplier and knitting designer. Location to be announced.

November 15th, 2014 Guild meeting Guest workshop leader, Carla Wackenheim Hands on Knitting location to be announced.

Questions?

Ask your officers or any member. If we don't know—we'll find out.

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FIBER TO FINISH IS ON THE WEB Check out the guild's home on the web at www.fibertofinish.org .

You'll be able to see the newsletters on line – the minutes from each month's meeting are in the newsletter as well. There's also lots of photos posted from meetings and members' work.

Weaving Lecture & Workshop

A unique opportunity to meet acclaimed master weaver Bulmaro Mendoza, who lives in the world famous weaving town of Teotitlan del Valle, Oaxaca, Mexico, and is rarely in the United States. **Lecture & Demonstration:** Tuesday, July 15th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm **FREE!** Bulmaro Mendoza will discuss his designs, colors and weaving techniques while discussing the history of his family and traditions, the history of Teotitlan del Valle and the meaning of his designs. He will also demonstrate the use of a Oaxacan rueca/spinning wheel and have plant and dye material on display.

Workshop: Wednesday, July 16th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm \$25 (space is limited!) Bring a sack lunch. Participants will learn techniques for dyeing wool and other fibers, with an emphasis on using cochineal and indigo. To register: Call or email Daniel Goodman at [505.471.2261](tel:505.471.2261) or daniel.goodman@golondrinas.org

He will also be demonstrating and selling at Las Golondrinas during Viva Mexico! on July 19th & 20th. Call [505-471-2261](tel:505-471-2261) for more information.

What's been happening?

Our donation blankets are completed! Sue Phelps did a fantastic job of putting our knit, woven and crocheted squares together. She used all of the square to make a lovely and soft blanket for the neighbor of Jo Compton who ensured the donation of yarn last year.



She wove log cabin pieces and used the handwoven sashing pieces to create a second blanket. Excellent job to all who participated!



Fiber to Finish members Myra, Mary Curik and Ann Szklarz recently volunteered to present fiber arts activities to the Belen Art League Childrens' Summer Camp. In the first session, the students, age 7 to 14, learned to wet felt. One student, a 14 year old, commented that she would like to do wet felting when she got older because it was very relaxing. In the second session, students made key chains with Kumi himo braiding techniques and a variety of weaving techniques. Students were very responsive and completed all assignments. Cece Aragon, president of the Belen Art League, extended the invitation for future activities and perhaps a guild showing at the downtown facility. The children were great fun and enjoyed the activities.



The wet felting activity was especially fun! Thanks to all who participated.



Classified Advertisements:

Wendy Jacob's Estate Sale continues:

Cormo-Rambouillet two ply luscious DK weight yarn in dyed colors and naturals (white and brown).

Entire Weaving Studio:

- ☐ For Sale: 40", 4-Harness Schacht Might Wolf Loom with stroller. 6 treadles, bench w/ saddle bags, 8 & 12-dent reeds, leash sticks, stick & boat shuttles. Package also includes cardboard packing for the warp beam, a ball winder, a bobbin winder, a Swedish wooden swift, Schacht hardwood horizontal warping mill & a skein holder on legs.

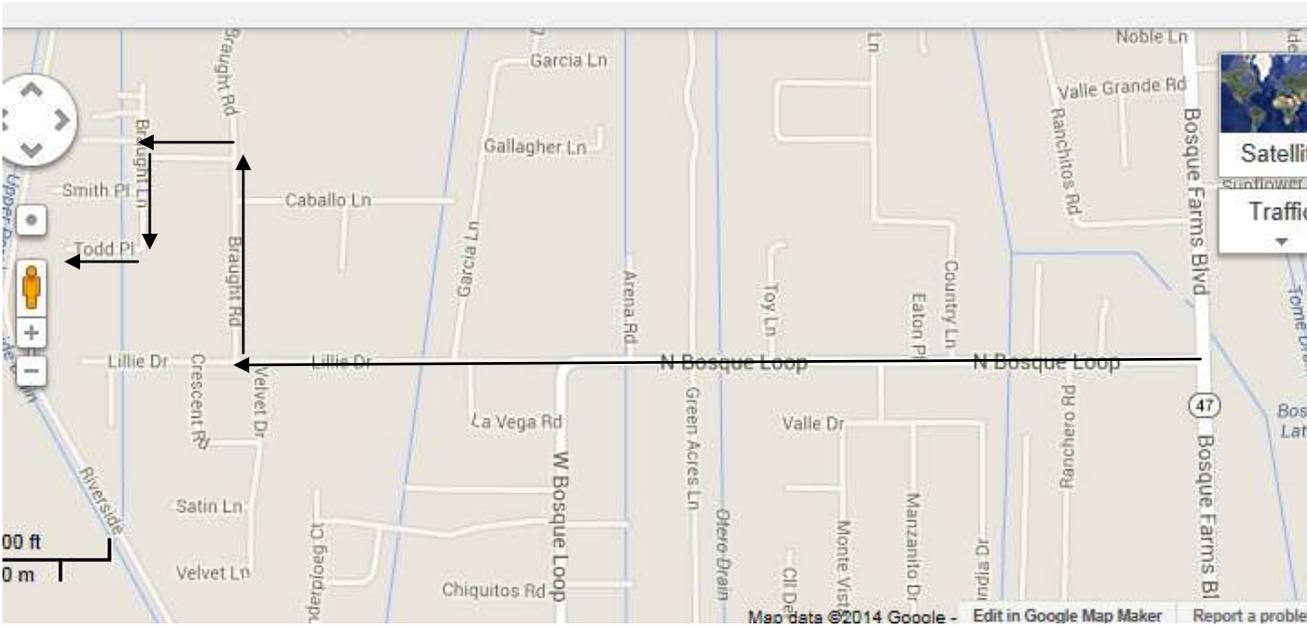
ALL OF THIS EQUIPMENT FOR ONLY \$2000 OR OBO. CONTACT MYRA CHANG-THOMPSON AT MCHANGT@YAHOO.COM OR 864-0876.

Tapestry instruction available on Wednesdays, contact Myra at 864-0876

Transparency weaving class at Village Wools on July 11, 12 and 13, 2014. Contact Village Wools at 883-2919 to sign up. Myra Chang-Thompson is the instructor.



MAP TO ANNEMARIE PEARSON'S HOUSE



MAP TO TERRI GREENLEE'S HOUSE