



FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

December 2014



From the weaver's bench:

It is less than 3 weeks before the beginning of winter and it already feels like winter! The Greater Sand Hill Cranes have made their way here and are feeding and flying in the valley. Next stop: Christmas! Hold on to your hat!

Several interesting things have happened recently. First we, as a guild, participated in the Fifth Annual Jubilee Arts Festival. \$5,600 were raised in support of Valencia Shelter Services Outreach to domestic violence victims! The Valencia Shelter for Domestic Violence has been one of our "projects of good acts" for several years.

Second, at the November meeting we introduced 4 new people to knitting - two of them were children, Alejandro and Faith! The knitting workshop was very popular. Carla did a great job motivating people with her examples and instruction!

Third, we have signed on to participate in the Harvey House "Artful Threads" exhibit of traditional and contemporary fiber art of Valencia County. The exhibit will run from January 29 to February 13, 2015 at the Belen Harvey House Museum. Cheri Reckers is the person in charge. There is a flat \$20 fee for a 6 foot table space or no charge if the group provides an item for the raffle. I told Cheri that our group would demonstrate on January 31. We will not be selling items but merely exhibiting our work. If you wish to sell items, you must arrange separately with Cheri. You will need to sign up to help, demonstrate, exhibit or take down by calling Myra at 864-0876 or Diana at 864-7097.



Dec. 20 – Our Annual Holiday Get-together!

at the home of Barbara Bogle - 1336 Don Pasqual Road, NW in Los Lunas at 11:30 a.m. The guild will provide a ham and beverages. Members are asked to bring side dishes, or desserts *and* a donation for the local food bank. (Suggestions include: canned meat dishes, non-perishable food, coffee, tea, rice, beans, peanut butter, sugar and breakfast foods.) Rowena Kerry will be in charge of the collection of the donations for us.

The December meeting is also our annual meeting where we vote for our officers. The nomination committee presented the following:

President:	Myra Chang Thompson
Vice President:	Terri L. Greenlee
Secretary:	Sally Nittler
Treasurer:	Anmarie Pearson

Other nominations, of course, will be accepted. It is our only piece of business before the guild. Bring projects you've been working on, completed or want to complete to the meeting. Your spinning wheels, knitting, crocheting, etc. are all welcome. Questions? Contact Terri at 681-7421.

Fourth, Terri Greenlee and Myra Chang Thompson participated in the "Fiber Arts Cruising Route 66." an exhibit sponsored by the Albuquerque Fiber Arts Council. The exhibit was held at the San Ysidro Old Church in Corrales Terri's entry was a shawl--woven on 8 shafts with space dyed yarn entitled "New Mexico Sunset." Myra's entry was a woven transparency of linen, wools and novelty yarns and entitled "Kansas State Flower." Fiber artists were challenged to interpret "cruising Route 66" using their respective mediums. The exhibit was held in November. (cont'd next page)

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Lastly, four guild members Bobby and Diana Dow, Annmarie Pearson and Myra Chang Thompson, participated in the Second Annual Juried Art Show entitled "Getting Around New Mexico—Then and Now." Annmarie crocheted a long vest for the show. Myra's entry was titled "Sunflower Rug from the Bosque." The rug was woven of linen warp and wool weft. Bobby and Diana Dow created a pendant necklace and earring set. The jewelry was titled "Sonoran Sunrise." The pieces contain a Sonoran Sunrise stone, turquoise beads and 3 hand stamped copper beads. Bobby made the stamps himself. The exhibit is open until January 10, 2015. The Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is located at 251 Main Street SE in Los Lunas.

We liked the Jubilee Art Festival venue so much that we would like to focus on creating items for sale at that sale.

Keep your hands (warm) in fiber,
Myra Chang Thompson

Coming Events:

Harvey House Exhibit – Set up: January 27-28, 12:30-12:30

TAKE DOWN: FEBRUARY 14, 12:30-3:30

Demonstrations & Refreshments: Saturdays-January 31 & February 7, 12:30-3:30

FIBER TO FINISH GUILD WILL DEMONSTRATE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 31!! PLEASE NOTE!

RAFFLE DRAWING: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 3:00

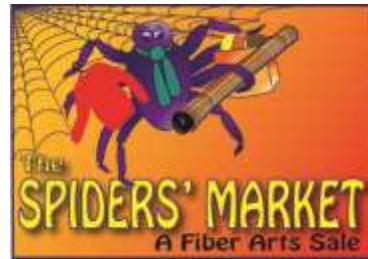


Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Board meeting on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at Pete's Cafe in Belen.

January 31, 2015-- This is a change from our usual date. We will demonstrate at the Harvey House Museum from 12:30 to 3:30. Everyone is welcome to come and show the public what they do! No business meeting scheduled.

February 14, 2014 - Spinning Workshop- Tuning up your spinning wheel and learn from others. More information in the next newsletter.



Spider's Market March 20 and 21, 2015 at the Albuquerque Garden Center on Lomas.

Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta – May 21, 22 and 23. Deadline for entries is March 2!

For more information: www.abqfiberartscouncil.org
Manuel Lujan Building at Expo New Mexico. An event you should not miss!

Questions?

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

2013 Executive Board

Pres. Myra Chang Thompson

V. Pres. Terrie Greenlee

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Treas. Annmarie Pearson

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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.

From the October Meeting – Knitting Workshop



More related thoughts:

I recently took THE best weaving class from Las Arañas Spinners and Weavers Guild at Village Wools. The instructor was Joanne Tallarovic from Flagstaff. She specializes and teaches “rep weave.” Rep weave is a closely sett warp in which thick and thin wefts are woven. Pattern blocks can be arranged. Joanne's system for warping and weaving is magical. I cannot believe how much I learned. Joanne was very generous with her advice and had many “new tips” that will make my weaving a lot more problem free and pleasurable. I will have my samples to show at the next meeting. Some of the samples are quite amazing and others were not as successful due to the way the colors were wound in the warp. My advice, have some fun—take a class! You'll learn so much and there is so much to share. Myra

Terri writes: "Meanwhile I'm knitting a camera sock which interrupted the hat knitting which paused the lace knitting. There's also a sock on the needles for when I'm bored with other knitting. The camera sock needs to go into the mail to Afghanistan this week. I should write up a pattern and show all the math." And, you know, Terri works full time!

Sally Nittler had a great birthday and refused to divulge her age! Isn't she 39 like the rest of us?

Claudia Vargas-Landavazo has rejoined the guild. It was so nice to see both she and her son at the last meeting. Jo Ann Powers brought a Socorro knitter with her, Jean Pody. We were happy to see Deby Gallogly and Vonda Temple. Vonda's a new knitter!!

Carla gave us the low down on reading knitting graphs: yarn overs, K2tog (knit 2 together), ssk (slip, slip knit), pssso (pass the slip stitch over) and the symbol that looks like a bird foot print (my keyboard doesn't have an equivalent) (slip, slip knit 2 together as if to knit and slip the slipped stitch over) Hint: the last stitch on the needle will be on top. Really, that's what my notes say!

Classified Advertising:

Fine wool in skeins for sale from Wendy Jacob's estate. Some dyed skeins, natural white and brown available. \$15.00 a skein. Call Myra 864-0876.

Merry Fiber Christmas!

