



FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

January 2014



From the weaver's bench:

Happy New Year! January is named after Janus, the god of the doorway. The name has its beginnings in Roman mythology, coming from the Latin word for door. As the first month of the year, January is the door to the year. As a young

student, I was shown an illustration of Janus whose profile faced in two directions. One profile faced the past and the other faced the future. An interesting image! It also seems appropriate to look back on the last year as we to look forward to our new year.

At our last meeting, we held our seasonal party. It was lovely to see you all! I can still see the table filled with delicious treats! We were treated to the recognition of officers and guild members who served during the last year. The membership also voted to re-elect their officers. Ann Marie cheerfully collected dues. Carla shared her latest knitting project (three strands of ultra fine yarn) and her acquisitions from the Crownpoint Rug Auction. The Dows were in attendance with new jewelry. Janice brought her lovely granddaughter, Amber. Amber recently learned to knit! Terri treated us to her basket of garments. It's funny, the basket did not look THAT big! Chip revealed the donation for the nursing home. The lovely crochet shawls were delivered that very day! No meeting is complete without seeing what our own Jolene is up to in projects.

Jolene completes so many projects—her offering was incredible! Mary brought raffle gifts and her own collection of “cool things.” It was a fun day and the library staff made us feel right at home.

Winter has the tendency to cause us to hunker down and change our activities to more sedate ones. Sitting by the wood stove knitting, crocheting in front of the television and so on. But it is also a time to look back on the projects we completed and begin to plan the next set of projects. I know that many of you have some

Next meeting: Jan 25

1:00 at the First Baptist Church in Belen

We will be back in the Annex. Do you have a fiber question? Which knitting needles are best? How do I correct this mistake? What is the best material to use for ____? Come with your questions and have them answered! Terri and other knitters will answer knitting questions. Ann Marie and Chip will answer crochet questions. Myra will be available to answer weaving questions. Ann and BJ will answer spinning questions. Sewing, quilting and other questions will be answered as well. Don't forget to bring an edible treat to share.



projects in mind and others have the materials on hand in the “stash.” Whatever project you are contemplating, think of the “theme” for the guild for the next year. The topic of “Silk” has been suggested. . . . any other suggestions?

2013 was an amazing year with a huge variety of challenges and surprises. We suffered the loss of two guild members, Wendy Jacobs and Barbara Price. We also lost our friend, Everett Bogle—husband of Barbara Bogle. It is a reminder of the uncertainty of this life and the deliberateness in which we should try to live it. Happy New Year !

Keep your hands in fiber,
Myra Chang Thompson



Carla Wackenheim does beautiful fine knitted lace work!

February 15th meeting 1:00 at the First Baptist Church. Topic: Wet felting for embellishing a garment. Come and create a felted piece to be applied to a future garment. Bring an apron, rubber gloves and a plastic bowl, plastic dish pan (approximately 6 to 8 quarts) and your imagination. All materials will be provided by the guild to make a “sheet of felt.” Use this sheet of felt to embellish a vest, scarf, jacket or other garment!

March 15, 2014 – location not confirmed Topic: Play Day—NO business meeting just a time to play with fibers! Bring a friend and plan to have some fun—bring whatever you are working on and be prepared to tell about it.

April 19th: 1:00 First Baptist Church of Belen Topic: Exotic Fibers and Fabrics from Chip Kimball's travels
Chip has acquired fabric from the many exotic places she's traveled. She's going to empty her closets to share them with us. Bring a friend and plan to have a fun time.

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 photos and notes posted from some of the classes and presentations the guild has given.

Rena Cash made this large scale (about 3' by 3' !) needle felted hanging for her son in the service, who will be deployed this spring. He is in a medical unit and the work incorporates symbols from their logo. She needle felted all the artwork onto a merino prefelt base.



Amber, on the right, is Janis VanHavermaat's granddaughter. Amber is following in her grandma's fiber footsteps!





Classified Advertisements:

For Sale: Wendy Jacobs' Estate: 40" Mighty Wolf 4 shaft loom for sale with all of the items you'll need for setting up a studio! Fine yarns, commercial yarns and roving also available Call Myra @ 864-0876 or mchangt@yahoo.com

For Sale: 45", 4-Shaft Nilus LeClerc Loom. Excellent condition with bench. Older, well- built loom that has been used for rug weaving. \$800. Contact Myra Chang- Thompson at 864-0876 or mchangt@yahoo.com.

For Sale:40" Harrisville 4-harness loom with 10- and 12-dent reeds and bench and how to weave book - \$600 22" Schacht rigid heddle loom with 10- and 12-dent reeds and trestle stand and how to weave book - \$75 Excellent warp board - \$40 Tapestry and hand looms to sell as a set \$30 Contact Barbara Garrett at garrettimpressionart@gmail.com or call at 565-2204

For Sale: Schacht 4-heddle Baby Wolf Loom and Accessories

26 inch weaving width Excellent condition, nice workshop loom, easy to take along.

\$975 Contact Mary 505-379-4534 Lots of extras:

- stroller
- adjustable bench
- wolf trap
- raddle
- lease sticks
- boat shuttle
- 2 reeds : 8 and 12
- weaving temple
- pattern holder

Do you have something to sell? Do you want to advertise a class or workshop? Send your ad to Mary Curik! mary@fourpinesalpacas.com 505-379-4534

Crocheted Shawls Donated to Belen Nursing Home for Christmas



Ann, Myra, Terri, and Chip – modeling shawls made by Chip, Ann, and Sarah and Annmarie Pearson; Myra made the flowers.



Chip Kimball and Andrew, representative at Belen nursing home accepting our Christmas donation

Fiber to Finish - 2013 Christmas Party



Mary had a bag full of show and tell projects; on the floor are Dori's rugs from pendelton selvedge.



Jolene showed some of her handmade items left from the many she made for Christmas gifts - she was probably busier than Santa's lves!



Sarah showed off the first sweater she knit!



Terri helped Don Pippenger, making a vest from his weaving fabric. As a thanks, Don made this beautiful shawl for Terri.