



# FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

March 2014



## *From the weaver's bench:*

If you didn't attend the February meeting, I can tell you that you missed a really fun activity! Sizes and shapes were dependent upon the serving platter, pizza pan or cookie sheet that was chosen. Everyone was successful in completing a wet felted batt! Next time we will take our batts and further embellish them using needle, thread, yarn, beads, buttons and whatever else you'd like to use. More on the program later in the newsletter. It was such fun to observe others play with fleece and soapy water!

Have you noticed that the days are a little longer? Although the official first day of spring is several weeks away—spring is on its way! It makes me think of spring colors and things I'd like to make or dye. Recently



I went on-line to see what colors the color forecast experts were predicting. At the Pantone Institute's website I found a surprising array of colors. Placid Blue,

Dazzling Blue, Radiant Orchid and Violet Tulip are one set of colors. Freesia represents a clear yellow. Cayenne and Celosia Orange constitute the reddish colors. Hemlock, a light and bright green is a near neutral. The real neutrals are Paloma (a lively grey) and Sand (a rich light brown.) So there are ten new colors for the spring. Most of the colors are tranquil but "strong" enough to stand on their own or in combination. See what you like at [www.pantone.com](http://www.pantone.com).

Now back to spring or the end of winter. I witnessed the first northern migration last week when I saw a huge recreational vehicle towing a four wheel utility vehicle with Minnesota license plates headed north! It made me think that our leggy Greater Sand Hill Cranes will be leaving us soon. We have several pairs that have entertained us this winter. When one juvenile sees me, he jumps for joy with an exuberant set of wing flaps. It is simply joyful to see! The birds do not seem to be bothered by large equipment like dump trucks and fire trucks. Surprisingly the birds simply walked off to another part of the pasture without incident! I admit, I will miss them when they head for their summer home. I will be happily surprised, one day next fall, when I hear them calling from great distances overhead announcing their return.

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## **March 15 Guild Meeting at Terri and George Greenlee's home at 1700 Todd Place in Bosque Farms; Meeting starts at 1:00**

**Program: Embellishing Wet Felted Batts**

Please bring your wet felted batt created at our last meeting. We will add yarn, beads, buttons and embroidery to our pieces. The guild will provide: sewing needles, some embroidery floss and crewel wool yarn, buttons, and some beads. If there is anything special that you would like to add to your piece, please bring it. You will also need scissors, pin cushion, needlefelting tools (if you wish), laces and ribbons are optional. Remember we would like to incorporate this batt with a garment.

**Reminder to the raffle winners:** It is your job to provide a gift for the next raffle. All proceeds of raffle ticket sales go to the guild.

Business meeting to follow. Discussion will include holding a fashion show.

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I have watched these cranes closely. They leave me fluffy, downy white feathers. I'm interested in the variation of colors between the individuals. The juvenile I described above is mostly a drab brown/sand color. The adults are more grey/silver. Of course there is that shock of red on their heads that make them stand out. Those three colors themselves lead me to more possibilities. Wait and see what happens!

Keep your hands tucked in fiber or yarn,  
Myra Chang Thompson

April 19, 2014 meeting Program: Chip Kimball Shares Textiles From Her Travels at the Belen Public Library on Becker Avenue at 10:30 a.m. To 2:30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please remember the change in meeting 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](http://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.



**Felting at the February Meeting** (thanks, Terri, for pics!)

more felting.....



### **Classified Advertisements:**

**From Wendy Jacobs' estate:** Rambouillet-Cormo-Merino cross yarn in light gold, happy pink, dark and light natural colors \$17.00 each; 40 inch Schacht wolf with stroller. 4 shaft. 6 treadle with bench and saddle bags; Reeds 12 and 8 dent reeds with cardboard packing leash sticks, stick and 6 boat shuttles, Swedish wooden swift, Horizontal Warping mill. 1 yard around, bobbin winder, and cone holder. \$2,000 or best offer. Contact Myra at [mchangt@yahoo.com](mailto:mchangt@yahoo.com) or 864-0876

**46" LeClerc maple loom** , 4 shaft 6 treadle, bench with storage included. A high castle shelf is perfect for mounting a lamp or draft. It is a sturdy loom perfect for rugs, tapestries as well as fine weaving. \$800 or best offer. Must sell to make room! Contact Myra @ [mchangt@yahoo.com](mailto:mchangt@yahoo.com) or 864-0876.



**Pat Green Picker** - This is the perfect fiber-preparation tool to tease, open and blend fibers to prepare them for carding. Carding unteased fibers can damage both the fibers and the carder teeth. Infinitely faster and more thorough than hand teasing. Size 24" long, 24" high, 12" wide, weight 28 lbs. \$850 new; asking \$375 Contact [mary@fourpinesalpacas.com](mailto:mary@fourpinesalpacas.com) or 505-379-4534

This is a continuous process machine which passes the wool from the front to the rear, where it can drop into a box or container. You can expect to **pick 6 to 10 pounds an hour** with relatively little effort. The picker will tease and blend your wool prior to carding, giving you a greatly improved batt when carded. Try spinning the fibers directly from the picked condition to create a more interesting and irregular texture. Dyed shades put together through the picker can be spun into fascinating variegated yarn. The Triple Picker's 600 ultra smooth and polished points are perfect for exotic and fine fibers. Especially impressive on kid mohair and adult mohair, picking it into a fluffy cloud suitable for spinning directly from the picker. Also excellent for blending dyed colors and exotic fibers with wool. Great for long wools such as Romney and Border Leicester. The Triple Picker is nicely finished in a beautiful maple.

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

### **Upcoming events:**

**Spider's Market** March 21 and 22, 2014 from 9 a.m. To 5 p.m. At the Albuquerque Garden Center located at 10120 Lomas Blvd. N. E. Sponsored by Las Arañas Spinners and Weavers Guild.

**Native American Weaving 1860-1880:** through April 13 at the Wheelwright Museum in Santa Fe. The display is from Ft. Lewis College in Durango, CO.

**Sandy Voss New Handwoven rugs:** March 14-April 30 at Marigold Arts, Canyon Rd., Santa Fe, NM.

Fiber to Finish Minutes for February 15, 2014 meeting

Refreshments were served by Barbara Bogle and other members.

A PROGRAM ON WET FELTING WAS PRESENTED BY TERRI GREENLEE AND MYRA CHANG THOMPSON. TERRI BEGAN THE PROGRAM BY SHOWING THE GUILD A YOUTUBE VIDEO ON THE INTERNET ON SIMPLE WET FELTING ([WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=0DUDVDYPT\\_0](http://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=0DUDVDYPT_0) OR SEARCH FOR HOW TO WET FELT.)

MEMBERS AND GUESTS PARTICIPATED IN THE CREATION OF WET FELTED BATTS. THE PROGRAM WAS HELD IN HONOR OF WENDY JACOBS, A FORMER MEMBER WHO PASSED AWAY LAST AUGUST. DIANA DOW'S BATT REFLECTED THE COLORS SHE WORE THAT DAY. EVERY PARTICIPANT COMPLETED THEIR BATT. TERRI REMINDED MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO RETURN WITH THEIR BATTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING. AT THE NEXT MEETING WE WILL BE DOING FINAL EMBELLISHMENTS TO THE BATTS. EVERYONE AGREED THAT THE WET FELTING WAS FUN. ALL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES WERE PROVIDED BY THE GUILD.

*Business meeting:*

SARA AND JODI PERRY WERE GUESTS OF JANET ELWOOD. THERESA HOFFMEISTER WAS A GUEST OF BARBARA BOGLE. VALENE MITCHELL WAS MYRA CHANG THOMPSON'S GUEST. GUESTS WERE WELCOMED AND INTRODUCED.

Annmarie presented the treasurer's report. 3 bills were submitted for approval to be paid. \$23.33 for membership cards and copies, \$30.00 to Mary Curik for Alpaca roving and \$94.00 for our postal box for the year. The motion was moved by Diana Dow, Seconded by Barbara Bogle and voted on by the membership. Checkbook balance of \$1,665.81.

SARAH PEARSON WAS THANKED FOR PREPARING THE MEMBERSHIP CARDS. THERE WERE 5 RAFFLE PRIZES. SHOW AND TELL FOLLOWED WITH MEMBERS SHARING THEIR RECENT WORK. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

*Submitted by Terri L. Greenlee*