



FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

January 2016



From the Weaver's Bench

Welcome 2016! A new year and a new outlook! How will this year influence your fiber work? We've had a large number of grey, cloudy days lately – and more on the way! My reaction is to turn to color! So I set up a warp with bright citrus colors – lemon yellow, lime green and ripe orange to lift my spirits. What will you do?

Recently my computer died. I hemmed and hawed about what to do. Finally I chose, against the advice of my friends, to have it fixed. It took ages! It was also the holidays with massive traffic jams in the package sending world. When the “thing” came back it was full blown Christmas. Even I couldn't ask my husband to work on my computer at this time. So I waited. It wasn't really a big deal as I had a “back up” old computer. The problem was the old computer works differently than my regular one! You know, you fall into patterns of behavior or habits that can lead you down the primrose path! Eventually the computer was fixed and life resumed. That's the way it is: an interruption, a fix and then we resume. But, I must admit – I'm so glad to have my computer back!

This new year also begins with a couple of new items. The board has recommended that we hold business meetings quarterly. Fiber to Finish Guild rarely has a lot of routine business to conduct at every meeting. It is a reasonable change for us to make. Business meetings will be held during the months of January, April, September and December. If you have any questions or concerns, please inform one of your board members. The second new item is the election of new board members: Mary Black is the new Treasurer, Carla Wackenheim is our new Member at Large, and Terri Greenlee is the new newsletter editor. Thank you to Mary Curik, Annmarie Pearson, and Diana Dow for your years of service! Your contributions made our guild a richer experience for all.

This year we'd like to provide more programs that are



January 30 Meeting

Harvey House Museum in Belen, 12:30 p.m. The museum is located at 104 North First Street in Belen. Please bring refreshments. A brief business meeting will be held. We will participate in the opening reception and demonstrations. **Remember: Items for exhibit are due January 26 & 27!!** There is also an opportunity to participate in the Fiber Arts and Supplies Sale on February 6. All information pertaining to the Artful Threads Show is attached to the newsletter.

Reminder: Dues are now due!

Dues for Fiber to Finish Guild of Valencia County are a mere \$12.00 a year. I think you realize what a good deal it is! Please make your check out to Fiber to Finish Guild of Valencia County. You may mail your check to our post office box or give it to a Guild officer. Our address is:

Fiber to Finish Guild, P. O. Box 1613, Belen, NM 87002

Your dues go to our educational programs, workshops, activities, sales and exhibitions. Fiber to Finish Guild is an excellent way to meet new friends and learn new skills.

Upcoming Meetings

February 20, 2016 Meeting – We want to encourage the children, grandchildren and their friends to attend a program on **three dimensional wet felt making**. All materials will be provided by the guild. Members are encouraged to bring newspapers, plastic sheets, dishwashing detergent and a plastic container (like a dishpan or shoebox.)

March 19, 2016 Meeting – Special presentation of **The Ec-lec-tick Senior Players at the First Baptist Church in Belen**, at the corner of Fourth and Becker Streets. Refreshments at 12:45 and the program at 1:00. Show and Tell will follow the program. Be sure to bring recent projects to share!

appropriate for the children and grandchildren of our guild. Stay tuned this year for lots of fun, hands-on projects and programs.

Keep your hands warm in fiber,

Myra

Coming Events:

Spider's Market

March 18-19, 2016

Albuquerque Garden Center
10120 Lomas Blvd. N. E. in
Albuquerque.

Hours are 9-5

Friday and Saturday



Classified Advertisements

Tapestry Weaving Class – Weave a small tapestry and learn basic tapestry techniques. All materials included. Use of loom, tools, cotton warp and wool weft. Tuesday, February 2 from 1 to 4 and February 3 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Harvey House Museum in Belen. Cost: \$25.00 Instructor: Myra Chang Thompson To sign up, contact Myra at 864-0876

Advertise your items here. Contact Myra or Terri, and we'll place your ad in the next newsletter.



Mary Black's Handwoven Scarf



Felted Chair seen at a yarn store near Seattle



Artful Threads

Traditional & Contemporary Fiber Art of Valencia County

January 28-February 12



Special Events:

January 30---Opening Reception

-Fiber art & beading demonstrations

February 6---Sale: Fiber Art & Supplies

-Fiber art, hand dyed fabric and yarn, beads, buttons, jewelry, books, equipment, samples, leftovers & great stuff from our studios!

February 12---Last chance for Raffle Tickets

-Winners will be drawn at 3:00

Workshops will be offered(more details to come).

Belen Harvey House Museum

104 N. 1st Street, Belen, NM 87002

861-0581 Tuesday 9-4 Wednesday-Saturday 12:30-4

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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 are also lots of photos posted from meetings and members' work.

Minutes of the December meeting:

The annual holiday party was held on December 19, 2015 at Myra Chang Thompson's home with a potluck luncheon. Ham and tamales were provided by the guild. The meeting included the election of officers for 2016. All offices were uncontested. The 2016 Executive Officers are: President – Myra Chang Thompson, Vice President – Terri Greenlee, Secretary – Sally Nittler, Treasurer – Mary Black, Member at Large – Carla Wackenheim.