



FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

November 2014



From the weaver's bench:

Welcome Autumn! Several members have mentioned that with the change in seasons they have found a change in their energy. This has led to new projects, clearing away old projects and just a renewed energy. Long may it last!

Recently the guild had a table at the Jubilee Festival in Los Lunas. It was a lovely setting with many interesting vendors and visitors! Sales were slow but our spinners attracted a good crowd all day long. The public had many interesting comments to make about spinning and hand made items.

We would like to participate in the Jubilee Festival again. Perhaps we could make this our primary venue and work towards that end. It also forces us to consider our primary objective: to further the teaching and practice of fiber arts. To that end we would like to go back to our policy of selling **only fiber arts made by our members**. Sadly it would mean that we could not include woodworking materials, photos or books. We would like to encourage members to find their own venues where their non-fiber items could be sold. In the meantime we encourage you to create special, one of a kind items that would be suitable for this venue.

Chip Kimball, our webmistress and secretary, has accepted a job in South Dakota. We wish her the best of luck in her new job and home. She and her husband, Joe, recently purchased a new home and are excited about the prospect of settling in. Chip, we will miss you!

Have you noticed that, after the time change, the light at dusk has a particular clarity about it? It is one of my favorite times of the day when the light has such a special quality that lights up objects in the environment to make them clearer and better defined.

I recently took a ripsmatta weaving class. It was such fun! The instructor was highly skilled and knowledgeable. Her weaving samples were inspiring! She unlocked many of the mysteries of rep weaving. I was energized by her and her weaving. Several people in the class felt the same way. Some people are planning rugs and table runners for 6 to 8 people as a result. Inspiration is such a good thing. We were all exposed to a myriad of creative possibilities. It was a great class. I wish you all the same type of experience. Keep your hands busy in fiber,
Myra

November 15 - Guild meeting & Program:

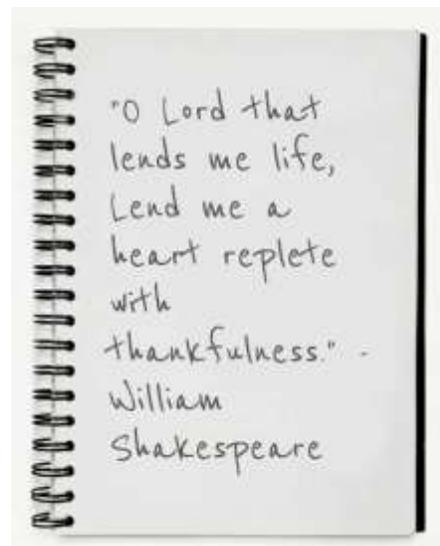


Knitting with Carla Wackenheim
at the First Baptist Church at Fourth Street and Becker Street in Belen. Refreshments at 12:45 with the knitting program at 1:00. We will meet in the classroom behind the

church's office (the same room we used for the big yarn sale last year).

For the program you will need cotton yarn. It can be sports weight and a size 5 knitting needle OR Peaches and crème yarn with a size 7 needle. Don't worry if you don't have the exact size needles—the guild has several extra pairs! You will need a small ball of the cotton yarn—enough to make a beautiful washcloth. Carla has several levels of difficulty planned—including reading charts! She will also answer individual questions and assist with special requests as time allows!

Business meeting: We will present a report from the nomination committee.





December 20, 2014 Holiday Party at Barbara Bogle's home 1336 Don Pasqual Rd. NW in Los Lunas. The event begins at 12:45 with a potluck meal. Bring a donation for the Belen area food bank and come prepared to enjoy a seasonable time. The gathering will include an election of new officers for the next year. Suggestions for donations to the Belen area food bank: coffee, tea, rice, beans, peanut butter, packaged foods, canned meats, tuna, and pasta.

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.

Things that may be of help to you:



Using your umbrella swift. An umbrella swift is an adjustable device that is used to hold skeins of yarn for winding into balls. It can also be used to create skeins of determined lengths! Using a cloth measuring tape, find the spot around the opened area that corresponds to 1, 1.5 or 2.0 yards. Your adjustable threaded device can help determine this. I marked a spot on the shaft that corresponds to 2 yards on my umbrella swift. I tie a yarn on and wind the yarn on the swift. I like using 2 yards skeins for dyeing so my pencil mark on my shaft reflects this. I simply wind the yarn on until I have the number of yards needed for my project. It works well. I wind the yarn on using the lower portion of the swift. A quick push propels the swift and I simply count the revolutions.

Winding a warp of different colors? When you need to add a new color, simply cut off the “old” color and tie on the new color with an overhand knot. Each time you want to change colors, cut off the old and tie on the new! It is very easy.

At a recent workshop, our instructor suggested that we leave a pair of leash sticks in the warp, behind the back beam to act as an additional tension device. The leash sticks are tied together but ride behind the back beam and above the warp beam. Neat idea!

Bosque Farms Fiber Fest – The show this year is Saturday and Sunday, December 6-7, the first weekend of Dec. It will be at the Community Center in Bosque Farms. The times will be Saturday 9-4 and Sunday 10-4. Still some room for vendors – contact Julie Plougmann at jplougmannjr@gmail.com or at 575-517-9962.