



# FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

October 2014



## From the weaver's bench:

Now the air has a real crisp snap to it in the morning. Autumn has arrived. You can imagine the vivid colors of autumn in the Sandias, Jemez or Sangre de Cristo Mountains! What inspiration! Autumn is a time of change. Speaking of changes, our friend, Deby Gallogly lost her beloved husband, Mike recently. We send our prayers and thoughts to you and your family. Other changes—our secretary, Chip Kimball, is taking a new job with BLM in South Dakota. We will sure miss her! Chip has agreed to continue to work on our wonderful website.

If you missed the last meeting, you missed a lot of fun. Vonda Temple, one of our new members, dyed some lovely yarn. It was such fun to observe Vonda experience dyeing for the first time. Terri and Chip got down on the grass and painted some fiber/yarn. Both were very pleased with their results. Bobby and Diana sat quietly creating two gorgeous skeins of hand dyed yarn. Carla dyed everything, it seemed, turquoise! Jolene is always working on some project or finishing one!

One of the things I've noticed about dyeing—the dye you mix up may not look like the color name! I mixed up 3 different red dyes trying to get a good “lipstick red” color. Everyone commented that it looked mauve. It did too. But after the dye was applied and it was set with heat the color was a very nice cheery red.

And if you missed the meeting you missed Jolene's chocolate-chocolate cupcakes with German chocolate icing. Wow, what a treat!

One more bit, we recently camped at El Morro National Monument. There were camels there with a reenactment of the U. S. Army Camel Corp. It was a great experience for everyone. Chatting with the camel owner, he soon realized that I was very fond of camels. I had the opportunity to ride Richard, the camel! I also came home with a gunny bag full of fine camel down! How's that for sharing fiber? I'll let you know what it becomes!

Keep your hands in fiber,  
Myra

## October 11th - Guild meeting & Program:

**(Note change in date) at 12:30** for refreshments and 1:00 for the program. Meeting will be held at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts on Main Street in Los Lunas.

**Program:** Designer, dyer and knitter, **Anne Podlesak** will discuss her path from the world of the theater and costume design, through historic clothing restoration in museums, to her current job as the owner and indie dyer at Woolly Wonka Fibers. She'll give a short history of her background, what inspires her, the pitfalls of designing on a timeline, and upcoming projects. She'll also have on hand lots of yarns and fibers to browse, plus patterns and samples of many of her designs.

**A bit about Anne Podlesak**, the owner and dyer at Woolly



Wonka Fibers. Anne's been knitting since she was about 5 or 6 and seriously knitting in high school. She has been spinning for about 12 years. She lives near Los Alamos. She also is an independent knitwear designer, with patterns published in Twist Collective,

Spin-Off magazine, several Jane Austen Knits issues, as well as The Unofficial Harry Potter Knits magazine. She has an upcoming book with Interweave Press, scheduled to be released in the fall of 2015. Her self-published designs include two collections of fairy-tale themed knitwear pieces, as well as multiple individual designs released through her website and Ravelry. For more information about Anne browse the following:

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RAVELRY DESIGNER PAGE:

<HTTP://WWW.RAVELRY.COM/DESIGNERS/ANNE-PODLESAK>

WEBSITE: <WWW.WOOLLYWONKAFIBER.COM> .



**October 18 Jubilee Festival** from 9 a.m. To 3:30 p.m. To benefit the Valencia Shelter Services. Want to sell your items? The guild will have a booth and will charge a mere 10% commission on sales. Contact Myra for signing up and for scheduling demonstrations at 864-0876.

**November 15, 2014** at the First Baptist Church in Belen Program: **Introduction to Lace Knitting with Carla Wackenheim** A brief business meeting with nominations for officers will be held.

**December Holiday party and meeting** on December 20 at the home of Barbara Bogle. A short business meeting with the election of officers will take place.

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## Questions?

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

### **2013 Executive Board**

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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 lots of photos posted from meetings and members' work.

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## **Classified ads:**

**For Sale:** Alpaca Fleece in colors: true black, bay black, brown, medium brown or light fawn. Suri alpaca fiber is also available in beige and is very glossy. Call Dorene Freese at 865-9300

**For Sale:** Wendy Jacobs' wonderful yarn in white, some dyed colors and natural brown. It is Cormo-Rambouillet-Merino fiber. \$20 a generous skein. Call Myra 864-0876



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### *Richard the camel and Myra*



#### ***The Camel***

The camel has a single hump;  
The dromedary, two;  
Or else the other way around.  
I'm never sure are you?

- Ogden Nash



Custom dyed skeins from Anne available through Wooly Wonka on the Internet