



# FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

November 2015



## ***From the weaver's bench:***

The weather has taken on a distinctive cold snap and the Greater Sand Hill Cranes are back! Autumn is in full swing!

I have spent sometime cleaning up the garden and bringing plants indoors for the cold weather. It is a comfortable cycle of the year. The deep blue sky hangs beyond the colorful cottonwood and other trees. The smell of woodfires is in the air. We've had a wave of songbirds migrating to the south. Autumn is here.

Just thinking about autumn stirs feelings of pumpkin pies, wood fires and colors of autumn. Autumn in New England was about as colorful and amazing as I could ever imagine. Suddenly the air is crisp and cold. The maple and other hardwood trees were ablaze with color. The downside is that it doesn't last nearly long enough! It is also true of the autumn in New Mexico—it is colorful and the air has a special snap to it. Then it is gone, all too soon. I love the change from the dog days of summer to the coolness and color of autumn.. One of my favorite memories is riding my bicycle to work in Socorro. Along the way I could smell woodfires, frying eggs, green chili roasting and tortillas cooking.

I am working on an autumn colored warp currently. It is rust, beige and orange. It just came through my hands. I'm weaving it with a deep orange, tan, brown and turquoise. It just feels "right." I hope you are involved in a project of autumn. Something in your project that evokes pumpkins, apples, cinnamon and spices, cool days, bright skies, birds migrating and great change in the air. Take a byway down an autumn project—I'm sure you'll have fun.

Keep your fingers in fiber,  
Myra



## **Next Meeting:**

**November 21 meeting at First Baptist Church in Belen.** The address is 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Becker Avenue at 12:45 p.m. Program at 1:00 with a business meeting to follow. Program: Items made for charity from the fiber exchange. Report of nominating committee. Bring you spinning wheel, or other project and show us what you've been working on lately!

## ***Upcoming Meetings:***

**December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Holiday Party at the home of Myra and Bill Thompson.** Bring a donation for the Belen Food Bank. Election of officers. Special recognition of members. Potluck: Please bring side dishes and desserts. A entree will be provided by the guild. Plan to begin at 12:30 at 35 Cut Tree Lane in Belen.

**January 16, 2016 meeting at First Baptist Church in Belen.** Program: "What are you doing with all of the fiber you've spun?" Members will share their work and projects resulting from their spinning.



## Questions?

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

### **Officers for 2015:**

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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.



## Coming Up:

November 14, 2015 the Eastern Star will hold their holiday sale at the Masonic Lodge located at 607 Goebel Avenue in Belen. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jolene recommends the food!

Belen Harvey House Show and Sale Dates for set up: January 26 and 27, 2016. Gala opening January 28 and 29. Exhibit comes down in mid-February. More details available at the next meetings.

Members are being sought to show, sell, demonstrate and offer classes during this time. Contact Myra if you'd like to participate.

The Spider's Market, a fiber arts sale, will be held March 18 and 19, 2016 at the Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Blvd. NE. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 31 to April 3 Interweave Yarn Fest in Loveland, Colorado More information at [www.interweaveyarnfest.com](http://www.interweaveyarnfest.com) Come join the fun!

Save the date: April 1 and 2, 2016 Albuquerque Fiber Arts Council will sponsor an exhibit, "Colors of the Southwest" at the Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Avenue NE .

## Classified Ads:

For Sale: Colorado built **Loomcraft** 8shaft/harness, 10treadle jack loom. Beautiful cherry wood. Removable back beam for easy threading. Texsolve tie-ups. All 8 harnesses/shafts are loaded with plenty of flat steel heddles. One 10 dent reed and a shuttle included. Excellent condition. \$950 OBO. **Gilmore bench** with slide out drawer \$230 (retail \$365). Contact Terri at 505-681-7421 or [tlgreenlee@earthlink.net](mailto:tlgreenlee@earthlink.net)

## News:



Las Arañas Spinners and Weavers Guild of Albuquerque has given Myra Chang Thompson an additional grant to fulfill her scholarship study! It is a self-study project and has a guild involved portion.



Guild members Terri, Jolene, Sondra, Carla and Myra were at the Food Festival in the South Valley last month. Jolene's handmade items were greatly admired by the public. The last of the kumi himo kits were given away to children attending the event.



Member Megan DeBethune hosted a fleece washing at her home recently. The girls decided that it is a lot of work to wash fleeces! Megan had a great system of quickly soaking, rinsing, rinsing and drying the fleece. It is still a whole lot of work. We met a friend of Mary Curik's, Deborah Boyles who is a neighbor of Megan's!

Bobby and Diana Dow will be joining the Yucca Gallery in Old Town at the first of the new year. Good luck to you both!



If you haven't heard Terri Greenlee's grandson, Phillip Thomas Dunn, has arrived. Ask Terri to see a picture.