



FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

January 2017



From The Weaver's Bench

Winter. Quiet. Cold. What to do? Head for your fiber stash! It's a good time to hunker down and engage in some quiet fiber making fun. I'm working on knitting a pair of socks for the evaluation report for the Albuquerque Fiber Arts Council. Admittedly, they are not exactly what I expected but they have a cuff, a heel, a foot and a toe. It must be a sock! It's all in the details! Making things is also about learning the small details that make that object what you originally visualized.

We had a fun time at the Holiday Lunch at Pete's Cafe. It was lovely to see everyone festive and ready for the holidays. Pamela and B. J. Boyd attended lunch; we seldom see the mother and daughter team. Carla brought a special guest, Katie Lenten. Katie raises sheep – fine fiber animals! Cat O'Connor, Vonda Temple, Shar Marquez, Jolene Hansen, Ann Bailey, Rowena Kerry, Mary Black, Annmarie and Bill Pearson all enjoyed lunch. The membership voted in a new slate of officers.

We have a rather ambitious year planned. There are a lot of fun activities, demonstrations and classes ahead. If your interest has not been addressed, please let us know!

We will probably be meeting in a number of locations this year and in the future. We are discussing our meeting dates with the First Baptist Church. We have been invited to hold our meetings at both the Tome Gallery and the Harvey House Museum. For a change, we have some nice choices. So read your newsletter carefully as our locations may change.

In the meantime, keep your hands busy and warm in fiber,
Myra

Next Meeting

January 21 Meeting – Program:
Further exploration of Inkle Weaves. Bring your Inkle loom and be ready to warp it up for something new! Bring 2 to 4 different colors. Please bring strong, smooth cotton yarn for weaving. Various patterns will be given for you to try. Set up time: 12:30, Refreshments at 12:45 and meeting at 1:00 at the Harvey House Museum.



Upcoming Meetings:

January 30, 2017 Set up at Harvey House Artful Threads: Traditional and Contemporary Fiber Art of Valencia County January 31-February 18, 2017 at Belen Harvey House Museum, 104 N. 1st St., Belen, NM 861-0581



Exhibition. Sale. Workshops. Presentations. Demonstrations. Fiber Art Raffle

Exhibition: January 31-February 18, 2017

Artists' Reception: Saturday, February 4, 10-5

Events on Saturday, February 11, to be announced

Sale: Fiber Art & Supplies, etc., Saturday, February 18, 10-5
fiber art, hand dyed fabric and yarn, roving, beads, buttons, jewelry, books, equipment, samples, seconds, leftovers, & other studio stuff

Raffle drawing: Saturday, February 18, 4:00

Workshops: to be announced. Workshops can be scheduled any day of the exhibition.

Information for Exhibitors:

Location: in the main exhibit hall of the Harvey House Museum

Set up: Monday, January 30, 10 am

Take down: Sunday, February 19, (time ?? to be announced)

Artists' Reception with Demonstrations & Refreshments: Saturday, February 4, 10 am-5 pm All members are encouraged to attend and demonstrate.

Cost: There is no charge to participate this year, however, donations are suggested.

We will have a Fiber Art Raffle to raise money for the museum. If you have something you'd like to donate to the raffle, bring it the day of set up. Vonda Temple has donated 2 pillows for the raffle.

Spaces are approximately 6'. The museum usually has a few tables, but it is not guaranteed so it would be best to provide your own table, table covering and/or freestanding display. Individual artisans or groups are welcome to share spaces.

Work in the exhibition does not have to be for sale. If you wish to sell items, you are responsible for your own sales. The Harvey House Museum does not take a percentage. ***The museum has an alarm system but is not responsible for any artwork on display. Each exhibitor is responsible for their own insurance.***

Show Pieces:

In addition to individual 6' spaces we will have an area in the center of the museum for "show pieces". This could also be your own work or even an interesting antique piece of fiber art. The portable display walls will be placed at the main entrance to exhibit these "show pieces", so bring your best piece(s) for this space (it does not have to be for sale). **Provide "title", "medium/technique", "artist name" and "price or NFS" so Cheri Reckers can make labels.**

Exhibition dates: January 31-February 18

Exhibitors should try to be present at the reception (February 4) to demonstrate and/or talk about their technique and to bring refreshments. We also need to have at least one artisan from the fiber art show to be present each day of the exhibition to welcome visitors (a calendar for sign-ups will be available during set up). Plan to sign up for at least 2 days or have another artist fill in for you. Museum Hours are Tuesday-Friday 12-5, Saturday 10am-5pm.

Fiber to Finish members are encouraged to demonstrate each of the 15 days of the exhibition. Sign-ups will be available at the next meeting. Free workshops will be offered - Please sign up. Hours are: Tuesday thru Friday 12 to 5 p.m. and 10 to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The Museum is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

February 18, 2017 Meeting: Proposed Inkle Weaving Class with Annie MacHale. Location to be determined. Bring your Inkle loom and let's learn some really cool things with Annie. Her specialty is only Inkle weaving!

March 19, 2017 Meeting: Inkle Weaving progresses. Come to the meeting with your Inkle weaving and show your bands. Location to be determined.

April 22, 2017 Meeting: A Reschedule of Annie MacHale and Inkle Weaving. More details in the next newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

Spiders' Market – Annual Sale for Las Arañas Spinners and Weaver's Guild on March 17 and 18 at the Albuquerque Garden Center on Lomas Blvd.

Interweave Yarn Fest – Loveland, Colorado, Classes, vendors and more March 30 through April 2, 2017. This is a fun even with great vendors.

Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta – May 19, 20 and 21, 2017, Manuel Lujan Complex at EXPO New Mexico



Myra's Teacher Badge for
Interweave Yarn Fest

Classified Ads:



For Sale: 48" Ulla Bergman 8 shaft Counterpane loom. Hardwood loom, lovingly restored. Made in North Adams, Massachusetts. Great tension and action. Comes with 2 reeds and a bench. \$990. Contact Myra @ mchangt@yahoo.com or 505 864-0876

Want to try something fun? Wash wool (yarn, roving, felting) and rinse in cool water. Heat water to boiling. Place hot water in a glass jar and add one packet of Kool-Aid drink mix (other brands will work—be sure it is not sweetened). Allow dye color to be absorbed—about 20 to 30 minutes. Some flavors yield extraordinary colors! It is not a cheap way to dye yarn but is extremely safe for young people!

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.

Fiber Arts on display at the Albuquerque Sunport

