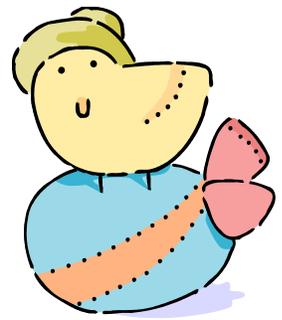




# FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

March 2013



## From the weaver's bench:

Have you been to the Museum of History and Art to see our "Colors of Enchantment" exhibit? It is a very professional and inspiring body of work.

Recently I visited the Mesilla Valley Weavers' ongoing exhibit, "Threads Through Time. The exhibit was held in a corridor of the Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces. There was no theme, merely a showing of members' work. The works ranged from beautifully woven Tencel scarves to tapestries to simply woven pieces. The exhibit demonstrated the wide range of interests and experience of the members. Several items were attached to wood branch pieces while others were professionally mounted. Work reflected everything from textiles completed by seasoned weavers and beginners alike. One impressive item at the entrance to the exhibit was a series of professionally created banners. Two hung on the right and left sides and a third hung between the first two, horizontally. They were very nicely done.

**Mesilla Valley Weavers Guild** was formed to stimulate interest in the artistic and technical development of the fiber arts. Membership is open to weavers, textile artists, and others interested in the fiber arts. They will be attending the Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta in May as a guild "exchange."



When you travel, look for exhibits to visit. It was well worth the time and the museum housed another great exhibit, historic quilts.

Keep you hands in fiber,  
Myra Chang Thompson

•Next meeting: **Saturday, March 16, 2013** at the Museum of History and Art in Los Lunas. There will be a tea social and demonstrations beginning at 1:00 with a showing of your latest creations. Plan to demonstrate until 5:00.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

New members include:

**Carla Wackenheim**, a lifetime lace knitter, spinner and weaver from Rio Rancho.

**Janet Elwood**, former president of the Socorro Fiber group and weaver from Socorro.

**Georgette Franke**, a weaver from Lemitar, New Mexico also joined at our last meeting.

Welcome to you all. I hope all of our members will make you feel right at home!

## Coming up:

**April 6** Demonstration at the Museum.

Sign ups include Bobby and Diana Dow and Barbara Price, more volunteers needed— contact Dorie at 400-2715

**April 9** Demonstrations for elementary school students at the Museum. Volunteers needed, call Dorie at 400-2715

**April 20** April Guild Meeting

**April 27** Volunteers needed for take down

Remember dues are due!  
\$12.00 per year, mail to  
Anmarie Pearson at 454  
Diana Dr. NE in Los Lunas, NM  
87031 or P. O. Box 1613  
Belen, NM 87002



## 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](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 photos and notes posted from some of the classes and presentations the guild has given.

### Classified Advertisements:

- ⇒ Do you have something to sell? Do you want to advertise a class or workshop? Send your ad to Mary Curik! [mary@fourpinesalpacas.com](mailto:mary@fourpinesalpacas.com) 505-379-4534
- ⇒ Classified: Interested in tapestry weaving? Contact Myra at 864-0876 A new class is being organized.
- ⇒ Rug Weaving at Village Wools Saturday and Sunday April 13, 14, 20 & 21st 10-4 pm Call Village Wools at 883-2919 for more information.
- ⇒ Weave a Garment at Village Wools Saturday and Sunday June 1, 2, 8 & 9 10-4 pm. Call Village Wools at 883-2919 for more information.



Taos Fiber Marketplace  
April 19 - 21  
Taos Convention Center  
[www.taosfibermarketplace.com](http://www.taosfibermarketplace.com)



Las Aranas - The Spider's Market  
March 22-23, 2013  
Albuquerque Garden Center 10120 Lomas Blvd NE  
[http://lasaranas.org/spiders\\_market.htm](http://lasaranas.org/spiders_market.htm)

Check out the Feb. 27 issue of Valencia News Bulletin for story and pictures on the **Colors of Enchantment** exhibit at the Los Lunas museum!  
Online : <http://www.news-bulletin.com/2013/02/27/la-vida/colors-of-enchancement.html>

## Confessions of a real procrastinator

I'm a procrastinator. I admit it. I wait until the proverbial last minute, not to begin but to finish projects. Last summer in the heat I painted a 6 yard cotton warp in 4 different chains. It was touched up later with an indigo dye bath "dip." Then it sat in the studio, neatly bound and chained—waiting. Then suddenly the deadline got closer so I sprang into action. Sort of. The loom was warped in sections, eventually getting completed.

It was so amazing to see the painted warp stretched across the loom. The colors blended into each other and the separate chains matched up! It was magic. I could have spent days just gawking at it—it was so, so cool. But weaving had to start. Wouldn't you know it? I actually had 15 pounds of cottons in all the right shades of blues and greens! I could remind my husband that I was finally prepared! My large stash of yarn had finally "repaid" me by having the right yarn! I didn't have to run to town or order yarn on the Internet. I was prepared.

After patting myself on the back, I decided to blend colors together. What fun! At one point, I had 5 separate shuttles weaving the warp. It was a little difficult to keep the random order working. The additional weft colors added to the dimension of the colors in the warp. Oh, and I found a great cone of mylar in my stash. It had fallen off the cone and was in one incredibly large tangle. A large tangle that took 4 hours to unsnarl. But it really made the weaving sing. So it must feel like I'm falling further behind?

No, after some strategic planning and focused weaving I actually finished in the nick of time. My entry was in just under the wire. Next time? Well, I'd like to be more timely. Any suggestions? Myra

Wednesday, February 27, Dorie Sanders, Barbara Bogle and Myra Chang Thompson held an arts and crafts project at the Museum for pre-schoolers. Myra read Charlie Needs a New Cloak. Barbara, Dorie and Myra taught the children to draw, stamp and create sheep on paper. It was great fun and we were honored to celebrate one of the children's birthdays.

## **Shawls Showing Off at the Museum**



Carla and her lace knit shawl - this would be an "everyday" style of shawl!



Terri and her shawl of many colors!

## Yarn Vacation

By Terri Greenlee

My mother, sister, and I have created an annual tradition of a “girls only” vacation for a week in February. We alternate years between California, Washington, and New Mexico. This year, our fourth, we were back in the Central Coast wine country at my mother’s house. The “rules” of the vacation are to rest as much as possible, knit, crochet, bead, or craft to our heart’s content, and visit yarn and bead stores, especially ones we haven’t visited before.

Mission accomplished! We had occasion to take a quick overnight trip to Bakersfield for a wedding (my mother’s friend’s granddaughter). My sister and I, not being invited to the wedding, had plenty of time to explore yarn and bead stores in Bakersfield. The yarn store in the old downtown area had some nice novelty yarns on sale, and a knitting book on sale to add to my library. The bead store was getting rid of their yarn section so I picked up some novelty yarns for future projects, including silk, which will go very nicely in a woven scarf. My sister, the bead-crocheter, found several bead colors to add to her collection. And we both found some tools we needed in our toolboxes.

Back home from our little side trip, we visited Ranch Dog Yarns in Atascadero where we found the yarns for this year’s socks. Both my mother and sister picked out yarn for their socks which I will eventually turn into socks hopefully in time for next Christmas or next year’s vacation get together.

We all had a nice relaxing week and good visit. Next year we’ll be going to Washington, and if we plan it right, the Madrona Fiber Arts Winter Retreat will coincide with the trip. I’m already thinking about what yarns I will need by then.



*My score: future socks for my mother, sister, and aunt, a new winter scarf for my husband, silk yarn on sale, and a few novelty yarns for weaving or kumihimo projects.*



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### **EASTER EGG- CITEMENT!!**

#### **Wet Felting Easter Eggs Free Felting Pattern & Tutorial**

Make these felted Easter eggs by wet felting around a plastic egg! Check out the tutorial (lots of pictures!) at:  
<http://livingfelt.com/blog/?p=3350>

#### **Needle Felting Easter Eggs – Fun & Easy Free Felting Tutorial**

These eggs are needle felted with a coarser core of wool, then needled for colors and design over the base. Check out the tutorial at:  
<http://livingfelt.com/blog/?p=3298>



Fiber To Finish Guild  
Minutes of the Meeting February 16, 2013

Call To Order

- The meeting was called to order by President Myra Chang Thompson

Treasurer's Report by Annmarie Pearson

- 6 members paid dues in January; Annmarie will send reminders to unpaid members
- Harvey House sales: \$60
- Bank balance: \$1482.86
- Expenses: \$21.51 for guild brochures, \$9.00 for stamps

New Business

- The Board recommends sponsoring a \$50 award at the Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta (AFAF) in the Mixed Media category. Terri Greenlee moved to sponsor the award, seconded by JoAnn Powers, passed by the members.
- Myra presented the available list of AFAF awards that need to be sponsored for anyone interested.
- Mary Curik described the Enchanted Lace Makers AFAF kids' Kumihimo Make-N-Take activity. If anyone has yarn to donate she will be happy to have it. Terri will collect yarn for Mary at the March meeting.
- The Guild will be doing demonstrations at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts on 2/27; we expect lots of kids in the 6 year old age group.
- We will be demonstrating at the Museum on 3/2 and 4/6. The March and April meetings 3/13 and 4/20 will also be held at the Museum.
- The Colors of Enchantment show will be taken down on 5/3 and 5/4.
- Myra gave Julia Dendinger of the News-Bulletin a tour of the show at the Museum. Three school groups also visited the show at different times during the month.
- The Los Lunas Middle School would like a demonstration of the Great Wheel.

Guests

- We welcomed several guests at today's meeting, including Janet, Carla, and Georgette from Socorro, members of the Socorro Guild.

Show and Tell

- Members showed off their finished projects and works-in-progress. Photographs happened; we hope to see them soon.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Terri Greenlee.