



# FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

December 2015



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

As I walked the dog around my rural neighborhood I was struck by many sensual things. The air is crisp and cold. The sky is blazing blue. The sun is shining high up in the sky. The sky is full of bird sounds—Western King Birds, Hawks, Greater Sand Hill Cranes and many, many migrating songbirds. What a wonderful place to call home! As I walk my “rounds” I meet the local cows and horses. They all amble over to the fence to check us over. It is a perfect late autumn day.

I would rather be indoors weaving or spinning or knitting or even sewing! But it is so lovely outside and the dog wants to run.

I spent 30 minutes weaving a Bound weave rug sample. Then I ran out of weft on the shuttle. I spent another hour separating 3 plies of rug yarn for this project. It all counts as studio time – not the kind of activity that makes you feel like you're accomplishing a project! So I wound the shuttle in readiness and switched projects.

At the spinning wheel are two pretty full bobbins of Corriedale yarn from Marion Puezer, a former guild member from Tome. I weigh them on the scale—they are BOTH exactly 4 3/8 ounces! Now I can think about plying them. They would make good socks but they must be dyed first. How can one little project lead to so many others? I ask myself that question all of the time.

I love the process of it all! In spinning, I like the washing of the fleece, flicking the locks, spinning and plying. Then on to dyeing and weaving, knitting or spinning. Each little step leads to another and eventually you end up with a project that you can wear, give away or sell. It can be very satisfying.

At a recent Las Arañas meeting, former member Ruth Baldwin was the guest speaker. Her spinning mill is in full operation. She remembered fondly the founding meetings of Fiber to Finish. She has followed her dreams and one day soon, she says, she will retire and devote her time and energies to her mill. Good luck, Ruth!

Thank you to Diana for heading the nominating committee. A special thanks to everyone who volunteers to do a job, lends a hand or make something happen for our little fiber group. Without your help we could not do it all!

Keep your hands busy and warm in fiber,  
Myra

## ***Next Meeting:***

### December 19 Holiday Party



at Myra and Bill Thompson's home at 35 Cut Tree Lane in Belen. Please plan to arrive at 12:30. The guild will provide the main dishes of ham, enchiladas and tamales. The remainder of the meal will be potluck.

The membership will vote on a new slate of officers for 2016. Members are encouraged to bring any finished items for the charity give away (hats, scarves, warm items, etc.) and a donation for the local food bank.

Members are encouraged to show and tell about any new projects. Suggestions for future guild programs and workshops will be taken.

## ***Upcoming Meetings:***

January 30, 2016 meeting will be held at the Harvey House Annual Fiber Arts Show and Sale. Set up dates are January 27 and 28 with the gala opening on Jan. 29. The show runs through February 13. Members are encouraged to host a demonstration or to offer a class, become a vendor. Further information will be available in the January newsletter.

February 20, 2016 meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church at Fourth and Becker Streets in Belen. Refreshments will be set up at 12:30 and the meeting will start at 1:00. The program will consist of a hands-on workshop in a topic to be announced.

## ***Reminder:***



Dues are due! Please bring your check or cash to the next meeting. Remember dues are only \$12 for a year. You can mail your check to our P. O. Box 1613 Belen, NM 87002 at any time.

## Questions?

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

### **Officers for 2015:**

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|-----------------|---------------------|--|
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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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## Announcements:

Slate of officers proposed for 2016:

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| <i>President</i> -       | Myra Chang Thompson | <i>Vice President</i> - | Terri Greenlee |
| <i>Secretary</i> -       | Sally Nittler       | <i>Treasurer</i> -      | Mary Black     |
| <i>Member at Large</i> - | Carla Wackenheim    | <i>Newsletter</i> -     | Terri Greenlee |
| <i>Website</i> -         | Chip Kimball        |                         |                |

### Needed:

Volunteers to serve as hostess.

Megan DeBethune has invited members to join her in picking and carding Jacob fleece. She will share her fleece in exchange for your contribution of work! It is great fun and Megan's sheep are the most gentle and beautiful creatures!



### Calendar of events:

Belen Harvey House Winter Fiber Arts Fair January 28 to February 13, 2016.

Spider's Market March 18 and 19, 2016 at Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Boulevard NE in Albuquerque. Both days from 9 a.m. To 5 p.m. Lots of lovely hand made items, books, equipment, fiber and yarn. And there's more!

Interweave Yarn Fest in Loveland, Colorado on March 31 through April 3, 2016. To register and obtain more information go to [interweaveyarnfest.com](http://interweaveyarnfest.com).

Albuquerque Fiber Arts Council is sponsoring "Colors of the Southwest" a show for all New Mexico fiber artists. This is the only time that non-host guild members can exhibit for free. April 1 and 2, 2016 at the Albuquerque Garden Center, address above. For more information: [www.abqfiberartscouncil.org](http://www.abqfiberartscouncil.org)

# NOVEMBER MEETING



## F2F minutes

November 21, 2015

President Myra Chang Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:20.

Diana Dow presented the nomination list for officers for 2016 as follows:

President – Myra Chang Thompson

Vice President – Terri Greenlee

Secretary – Sally Nittler

Treasurer – Mary Black

Chip Kimball will continue with the website and Terri Greenlee will publish the newsletter.

The Christmas party is Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 at Myra's home. It will be a potluck and the guild will provide the main dish.

The Belen Harvey House show and sale gala opening is Jan. 28. Members may participate as a vendor, exhibitor and/or a demonstrator. Cheri Reckers is organizing this year's event.

The Spider's Market will be Mar. 18 – 19'

Interweave Yarn Fest in Loveland, Colorado will be held March 31 to April 3, 2016,

The Albuquerque Fiber Arts Council is sponsoring a “Colors of Southwest” show April 1 and 2, 2016 at the Albuquerque Garden Center. This is the only time a non-participating guild member can show with with no fee.

Treasurer Annmarie Pearson announced dues are due for 2016.

Items made by members to be donated to Domestic Violence were displayed followed by show and tell.

Meeting adjourned,

Sally Nittler, Recording Sec'y