



# FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

May 2018



## From the Weaver's Bench

Well, the truth is friends, I have had very little time on the weaving bench! It is sad but true. In the country there is a mad rush to get garden and farming chores done, probably all of the time but especially in spring. So I have been tending to tender plants and seedlings, cleaning up last year's bounty and so on. It is also the time when you assess replacing plants and trees. So many decisions!

In the midst of this flurry of activity there is teaching, applying for teaching jobs, household chores, keeping in contact with friends and family and, you know, so much more. Then there is the never ending call of the fiber!

Frances Zellner, administrator of the Belen Harvey House, has created a lovely poster advertising our "Artful Threads II" show at the end of the month. The graphic was made by Carla Wackenheim, a Shibori dyed cotton piece. I think you will agree that it is a knockout! So we will proceed on with the show.

Just this week Shar Marquez, Mickey Davidson and I participated in the Bosque Farms Elementary School Agricultural Fair. It was filled with so many different activities! We met "Cookie" the 2 year old buffalo, "Sundance" the 2 year old alpaca and so many children! We were just a small part of the total lineup. We were given the title "Sheep to Shawl." So I demonstrated carding and spinning. Shar and Mickey demonstrated weaving. We found most of the children were so eager to participate in the activities we presented. We also introduced a new aspect of agriculture to the children.

One afternoon we were overrun by two pre-school classes, 3 and 4 year olds. There were so many cute, wiggly bodies! They turned out to be a very

**Next meeting: May 19, 2018 - Program: Planning and organizing the "Artful Threads II" Show at the Belen Harvey House.** Refreshments at 12:45 and the meeting to begin at 1:00. This will be a working business meeting. Of course, you should bring whatever projects you have been working on!

### Dates of Importance:

**Tuesday, May 29, 12 to 4 p.m. -Set up for show**

**Saturday, June 2, 12 to 5:00 p.m. -Artists' reception for Artful Threads We will provide refreshments and demonstrations for this event!**

responsive and captive audience. One little girl in the first row gave me the title "Magical Myra." I kind of liked that. All of the children who came to our presentation received a "sheep bracelet." This consisted of a single or two ply hand-spun and hand dyed yarn! It was a fun time. The school provided two snacks a day, breakfast and lunch. So, we will probably be invited back and you may want to join in on the fun.

On a personal note, I have been offered a contract to teach a 3 day dyeing class at Interweave Weavers Conference in Durango, CO in 2019. I have applied for this conference several times and finally my time has come! So I expect I will be doing a lot of extra dyeing this year. Stay tuned for a colorful time.

In the meantime, keep your hands busy in that fiber!

Myra Chang Thompson

## Upcoming Meetings:

Saturday, June 16 - Take down from 3 to 5:00 p.m. This is also our next meeting day.

Program: Evaluate the sale, exhibit and procedures in order to hold a more successful event in the future.

July 21 Summer Picnic with a hands-on outdoor, messy activity. We need a volunteer to invite us to their home. Shade is preferred.

August 18 meeting - Program to be announced.

## Upcoming Events:

**ABQ Quilt, Craft and Sewing Festival is coming to ExpoNM on May17,18 and 19.** This is a fun event. You don't have to buy anything! It is worth looking and gathering ideas! Myra has coupons for \$5 off admission!

**New Mexico Fiber Crawl - May 18 to 20, 2018**

Check out all the information at <http://www.nmfibercrawl.org> .

There are events at participating locations throughout New Mexico, including Tierra Amarilla, Taos, Espanola, Los Alamos/Jemez Springs, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque. Just to mention a few:



NEW MEXICO FIBER CRAWL



**Nob Hill Fabrics - Ice Dyeing Demo - May 18 - May 20, 2018, 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM.**

This fun and simple technique produces amazing, one-of-a-kind fabrics, garments and scarves with nothing more than some soda ash, Procion dye powder and ice. No two pieces are the same. Perfect for last minute gifts and kids crafting projects.

**Nob Hill Fabrics - Silverado Apparel+Home: A New Mexico**

**Textile Success Story - May 18, 2018, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM.**

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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 are also lots of photos posted from meetings and members' work. We're also on Ravelry ([www.ravelry.com](http://www.ravelry.com)), join our group "Fiber To Finish of Valencia County".

## Photos from Gutierrez-Hubble House and Bosque Farms Elementary School Ag Day



## Photos from the April Meeting - Catherine Williams, Inkle Weaving

