



FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

November 2016



From The Weaver's Bench

The colors of the bosque surrounding the Rio Grande have certainly been ablaze with color. With temperatures falling and birds migrating it is the perfect time to start a cool weather project! What will yours be?

I have always dreamed of owning a Cranbrook loom. One of my Weavers Guild of Boston friends had one and it was gorgeous! I always said "someday." I check the on-line ads frequently and found one in Colorado. It was not perfect—a bit wider than my dream and certainly more expensive than I had saved up! I contacted the party and the price was firm so I walked away from it. Several weeks later the selling party called me and said "The loom will be cut up and taken to the landfill. I think you should make an offer." So after careful

thought I did! The adventure began! I got my Cranbrook loom.

One of my friends and I borrowed her husband's "rig" (pick-up truck and 16-foot trailer) and headed north. We had a fun time finding places to park the rig. Going in and out of gates proved to be an anxious time. Our timing through Denver and Colorado Springs could not have been better. Although the traffic was heavy, it kept moving and so did we. We made it up and back with the loom and not a single ding to the rig! The loom arrived in good shape as well.

So now I keep visiting the studio to see if "it" is still there. Of course, it is. There are still plenty of things that need to be cleaned. It will be a while before it is all set up and ready to

Our November 19th Meeting will be held at the Belen Art League, 509 Becker Avenue in Belen. The meeting will start at 1:00. All pillows for the exhibit are due. The exhibit will be set up with members discussing their pillows. There will be time to share projects and ideas. A brief business meeting will be held to nominate officers for the next year.



On Sunday, November 20, 2016 The Fiber to Finish Guild will hold an opening reception for the "Great Pillow Show" from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Set up will be at 12:30. Members are encouraged to attend and bring finger food for our guests. The exhibit will come down on Friday, November 25 at 3:00 p.m. Please contact Myra if you can help.



warp but I'm planning a wool rug. Stay tuned and I'll let you know how the loom, named Janet, is progressing.

I spent a couple of days at the Los Lunas Middle School. Catherine Williams, the teacher, is teaching a weaving class this semester. I gave a spinning demonstration and then showed students how to use a drop spindle. It was great fun. Some of the students took to the spindles immediately and others struggled. In the end, we produced yarn that they will incorporate into their individual projects. Their projects include Inkle weaving, tapestry weaving, pattern weaving and so on.

Keep your hands in fiber,
Myra

Upcoming Meetings:

Our **December 17 meeting will be held at Pete's Cafe in Belen.** Come and join us for lunch at 12:30 and our meeting following. Please call Terri or Myra to make a reservation. It is our annual election of officers meeting. Please attend.

Events:

The Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Art is hosting their 4th Annual Juried Art Show. The exhibit runs until December 31, 2016. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are three woven items by member Myra Chang Thompson. Former member, Sally Idione, also has a watercolor in the exhibit.

The Belen Art League, 509 Becker Avenue, Belen, is sponsoring "The Great Pillow Show" gala opening on Sunday, November 20, 2016 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Set-up is scheduled for 12:30. The show will feature our pillows on display. The opening will include a wine and snack reception. Please plan to attend.

Classified Ads:



The studio is bursting with a new loom! I must part with an 8 shaft Berga Ullman Contramarche Finnish loom (see photos below). It is 56" wide, with a weaving width of 48". It is made of hardwood. It is perfect for tapestry or rug weaving. It comes with 8 and 10 dent reeds and lease sticks. It comes with a bench that has storage and a shelf. \$990.00 Contact Myra at 864-0876 or mchangt@yahoo.com



I must also part with a 4 shaft Gilmore Compact loom. Also made of hardwoods, it is 32" weaving width with an overall width of about 37". It has both stamped steel heddles and Texsolv heddles. It has great movement and features a removable back beam with a folding warp beam for easy threading. It is a workhorse and easily fits through a doorway. It comes with a stainless steel 10 dent reed, lease sticks and a Gilmore bench with sliding drawer. Lovingly used with little visible wear for only \$800. Contact Myra at 864-0876 or mchangt@yahoo.com.

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.

Photos from the October Meeting:



Above, L to R: Annmarie's pillow, Jolene's shawl

Next page, 1st row: Jolene's pillow, Cat's pillow, Barbara's pillow

2nd row: Shar's pillow, Myra's pillow, Vonda's pillow

3rd row: Shar's Halloween pillow, from Shar's daughter, Shar's Christmas cross-stitch

4th row: Claudia's pillow, Alejandro's art

