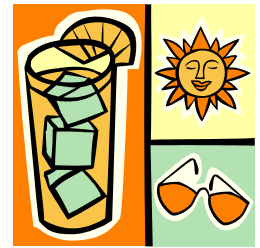




# FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

June 2013



## From the weaver's bench:

As usual we have so much news to share with our members! If you attended the Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta, you will already know about our guild's show of talent!



Our own Terri Greenlee won a third place ribbon for her hand knit and beaded entry, "Gold Strike." She entered the scarf in the Small wearables category of the knitting division. Ask Terri the story about the picture

she submitted for the initial jurying.

Next, our resident rigid heddle weaver, Donald Pippenger won ribbons for the two items he submitted as well. He received a 2nd place ribbon for his Alpaca Table Runner with an inlay of turquoise (now who suggested you add turquoise to your work??) and rust. Then the Donald won a 3rd place ribbon for his generously sized Large Kitchen Towel. He entered the functional, non-wearable category of the weaving division.



The biggest surprise came in the yardage category! My own hand-dyed and hand-woven 5 yard piece won 1st place in the yardage category! As one observed noted "Myra was 4 inches off the ground for several days."



The guild awarded a \$50 first prize award in the non-wearable art of 2 or more different fiber media to Jodi Neal of Wheat Ridge, Colorado for her original framed piece, "Off the Cuff Recycled: Denim Series."

The guild also awarded a \$25 prize in the Non-functional category of weaving to Donna Loraine Contractor of Albuquerque. This brilliant hand-dyed and hand-woven tapestry was titled "Red-Fire of the South-Recognition- FengShui Series." Donna immediately contacted the guild and sent her thanks for the honor and prize!

What a fun filled fiesta it was! It was lovely to see those who turned out. The vendor booths seemed to do well. Ann Szklarz was rumored to have made three trips out to her car to unload and freshen up for more buying! Atta girl, Ann! Get your retirement stash in order! Mary Curik and Craig Hill were selling all kinds of cool things too. Linda Walters was another of our favorite vendors.

This entire experience reminds me of why it is important to challenge yourself and enter competitions such as the AFAF. It is certainly a good way to get professional feedback. It is also a reason for trying to create a piece that speaks of you. There is no greater thrill than to see your work hung in a professional show among other highly executed works. It is not too early to start planning your pieces for the next exhibit—whether it be a local one or the next AFAF.

Keeping my hands in fiber,  
Myra Chang Thompson

## • Next meeting: June 22

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**Summer starts on June 21 !!**

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\_at the home of Terri and George Greenlee in Bosque Farms. We will be dyeing wool that day. Yes, I said WOOL. It is a slight change from what was announced earlier. The guild will pay for dye materials. So pay attention dear reader so that you will be prepared to color your woolen world! Please wear old clothes!

- Please bring rubber gloves
- Please bring no more than 8 ounces of clean, washed yarn or fleece (mark with buttons or labels to identify)
- Bring an aluminum foil baking sheet (like roasting a turkey size)
- Bring plastic bags for carrying yarn home
- It will be a potluck so bring food or beverages to share with your fellow guild members.
- Bring bug spray for yourself—just in case! And a hat, shades etc.



**July Guild meeting** will be a picnic. No business just show and tell and bring a project if you'd like to share your work. It is a picnic so please bring one of your favorite goodies to share with members. Location to be announced:  
HINT Myra's looking for someplace air conditioned.

**August meeting:** Let's dye cotton! The guild will furnish dyes and fixatives. Bring a cotton or linen garment—like a t-shirt, shirt, jumper, shift, etc. You WILL need rubber gloves, old sponges and scissors. This is NOT tie dye it is dye printing. You will need a bucket for rinsing, a plastic bag for transporting and an idea! The location is to be determined.

**September meeting:** Return to the First Baptist Church. Program to be announced. Business meeting.

**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

*Tapestry weaving class* to begin in late June. Are you interested? We will be using a variety of types of looms. Day or evening times available. Contact Myra @ 864-0876

*High quality hay:* Call Diana or Bobby Dow for prices 864-7097

**Outreach Opportunities:** Demonstrate at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center on June 27 from 3 to 4 p.m. For their summer camp. They've requested a spinning demonstration along with wool processing. Contact Myra for more information.

## **Upcoming events:**

***Las Cruces Rag Rug Festival & Gift Show*** New Mexico Women's Foundation Sat, June 22, 10am – 4pm  
Las Cruces Convention Center- 680 E. University Avenue, Las Cruces, NM [map](#)

New Mexico Women's Foundation's Rag Rug Festival showcases the highest quality work of women artisans from all over New Mexico. The two-day festival provides a venue in which craftswomen can display their creative talent and cultural assets while spurring economic growth and building community prosperity.

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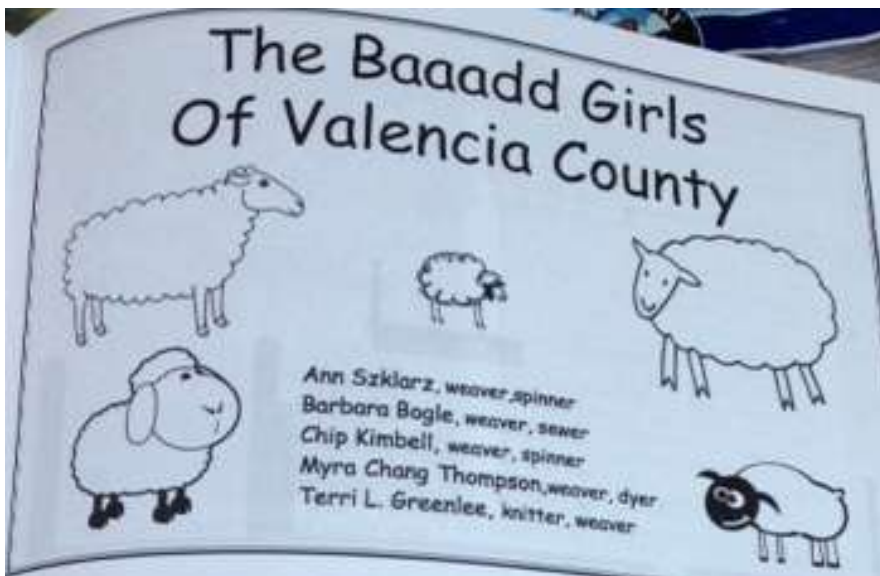
If you attended the last guild meeting, you already know about the great fun we had! Terri and Myra challenged each other to create garments out of recycled wool, cashmere, merino and lambswool clothing. The results were so different and so very stunning. Both cashmere scarves were beautiful —Myra's with the beaded dragonflies and Terri's with the colorful paisleys and beaded edges. Terri's bag was a perfect size and sported two paisleys sewn on contrasting wools. The bag was finished with a hidden beaded trim at the bottom and a very clever drawstring for closing. Myra's bag was based on a design of an old Santo Domingo pot. She used both Ultrasuede and leather for trim and sweater pieces for stripes. The bottom of the bag was reinforced with plastic needlepoint canvas and it was lined in Duponi silk to match.

What the recyclers did not manage to accomplish was challenging the membership to create their own garment out of recycled material. So now the call is out. Are there any takers?





AFAF Awards sponsored by F2F – to the left: Red-Fire of the South-Recognition- FengShui Series;, above: Off the Cuff Recycled: Denim Series



A parting thought: Did you see the advertisement on page 47 of the Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta booklet? It was the ad that guild members individually sponsored for awards. The Baaad Girls of Valencia County are: Ann Szklarz, Barbara Bogle, Chip Kimball, Myra Chang Thompson and Terri L. Greenlee.

The Fiber 2 Finish Guild ad appeared on page 53. Thanks for your willingness to support this fiber arts event!



**CORRALES  
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## Guest Artist Show

June 14 - August 27

**Opening Reception**

Friday, June 14, 5 - 8pm

4685 Corrales Road

in the Mercado de Maya Plaza

Corrales, NM 87048

HOURS: 10am to 5pm, Sunday - Saturday

## F2F Meeting Notes

May 18, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Myra Chang-Thompson at 2:30pm

### Officer's Reports:

#### President –

- Spinning demonstration at IPCC on June 27 3:00-4:00. Anne volunteered to assist.
- Angela Dite donated 2 bags of felting roving and books to the Guild.
- Happy Birthday Bobby Dow!
- We had two outreach sessions at museum for school children. Great fun.
- Next show at the museum will be in two years. We need a suggestion for the next show's subject.
- ABQ Fiber Arts Council
  - Have money for grants/scholarships/grants-in-kind
  - Any proposals need to be given to Myra by June 15 deadline
- **June meeting will be held on June 22 at 10:00 am** rather than the normal third weekend
  - Meeting will be a t-shirt dye day at Terri's house.
  - Items to bring:
    - 100% cotton shirt (wet and clean)
    - Rubber gloves and a bucket to rinse shirt
    - Potluck contribution
- July meeting will be a Picnic – location TBA
- August meeting will be a wool dye day.

#### Vice President – Nothing To Report

#### Secretary – Nothing to Report

#### Treasurer –

\$7.27 made on last raffle

\$ 1432.37 opening balance for the year

\$ 1619.51 current balance

#### Three bills for payment:

- Memorial for Maurice (Bill) Nittler \$50 to Knights of Columbus in Belen
- Program Payment to Mary Curik \$35 and \$100 for materials
- Program Payment to Myra and Terri \$35 each

Terri moved to pay bills and Anne Marie seconded the motion