



FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

July 2013



From the weaver's bench:

Sadly we are unable to secure a location for our July picnic. Instead of meeting, take the day to work on a special project or technique. In August, you can report to the guild what you accomplished!

Every Monday a friend in Albuquerque e-mails me a picture of flowers from her yard. The great thing is that she has tons of flowers and it is so neat to get a flower "delivery." My friend, Martha, uses the flowers to inspire her felted creations. It is one of my favorite ways to use colors—by letting the colors of the flowers inspire me!

Some of my favorites are New Mexico wildflowers. Although some of the flowers, like Sand Penstemon are very subtle and simple, they can deliver quite a visual impact. Brightly colored Blanket Flowers are another favorite. The yellows, reds and oranges contrast with the dark center and green foliage is a great combination. I found a nice range of creamy whites in some yucca flowers in my yard. The Globe Mallow comes in a variety of shades of pink and orange set against a dusty green stem and leaves. I'm torn between running to find yarn to match these colors or dragging the dye pot out to dye them!

Don't be limited to wildflowers. Gardens, fields and irrigation ditches contain many plants that might tempt your color usage. Currently I have some "bubble gum pink" hibiscus flowers in my yard. The bright pink is set off by an outlining of red. The lovely flowers sit atop a rich, bright green. The stamen also contains a yellow-orange color that is a lively contrast to all of that pink! So look around, find something in a flower that inspires the color of your next project. Remember our theme for this year is garments.

Oh by the way, did you see the current issue of Spin-Off? It features an article about Louie Garcia. He warns us to be patient when spinning cotton! How well we know!

Keep your hands in fiber,
Myra Chang Thompson

• Next meeting: August 17th

August 17th meeting-- At the First Baptist Church in Belen at 1:00 p.m. Myra will lead a class in dyeing cotton t-shirts or cotton fabric, 1 yard max. Fee for class: \$3.00 each to cover materials.



Things you will need:

Be prepared with clean, prewashed 100% cotton shirts or fabric. Other cellulose fibers are acceptable. Blends with polyester will not take the dye.

Rubber gloves

Wear old clothes and/or an apron

Paint brushes, variety of sizes

Plastic bag to transport your dyed item

Inexpensive sponges (I like the "pop up ones" the best)

Cardboard box (flattened and covered with a plastic bag) large enough to put inside your garment

Process: This is NOT tie dye - it is dye printing. Myra will show you some of her dyed shirts and materials. She will walk you through the process of using sponges, spray bottles or paint brushes to create a design. Then you will complete a piece for yourself. When you return home, you will need to place your garment in a hot dryer for 45 minutes at the hottest setting to "set the dye."



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Sock-Yarn Shawls, 15 Lacy Knitted Shawl Patterns by Jen Lucas is a great addition to your knitting library. It is not for the beginning knitter but the intermediate and advanced knitter will be rewarded with many great potential projects.

- **No July Meeting**
- **The next guild meeting will be held on August 17** - see details page 1
- **September 21 meeting: Program: Bring an item you have recycled and present it to guild members.**
Remember the program Terri and Myra gave on recycling cashmere sweatpants and other woolen items? This is your challenge to produce one article of clothing for sharing with other members. It can be something already in your closet that you have refashioned, repurposed or remade OR it can be a thrift store find that you have completely or partially recycled. Everyone is encouraged to bring an item!

Questions?

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

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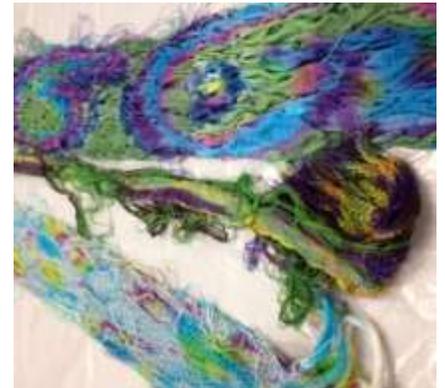


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Members' projects:



Everyone is so busy! Deby Gallogly recently finished spinning 4 ounces of roving that Myra dyed. Then she knit a beautiful lace shawl. It is just gorgeous. Great work, Deby!



Barbara Bogle wove a Tencel scarf for the woven Shibori scarf class. Myra also wove a Tencel scarf and an all cotton scarf for the same class. The ladies had great fun dyeing the scarves. They all got heat set pleats. Ask to see them!

Terri and Carla ALWAYS have something that they're knitting. Terri loves to knit sox and lacy things. Carla's fine shawl with Scottish thistles was nearing completion. She had a nice collection of dyed rovings from the dye day. Diana and Bobby and moving landscaping rocks so their hands are full! We know Jolene is busy and will have numerous things to show at the next show and tell.



Chip recently completed a lovely present for her dad. It is a twill throw with a cotton warp and a wool weft. She worked hard to finish it in time for Father's Day. It looks like an Indigo dyed piece.

