



FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

October 2016



From The Weaver's Bench

Ruth Ronan, an excellent weaver and member of Las Arañas Spinners and Weavers Guild, was a guest presenter several years ago. She showed us her fabulously woven and hand tailored garments. When asked about a specific technique, Ruth replied and said, “This is how I do it.” For a long time afterwards, several guild members would approach me about a weaving question. When I responded, they said, “That's not what Ruth said.” I reminded them of Ruth's disclaimer statement—it is the way she does it and not the ultimate way for it to be done!

Well, the truth is that there are many, many ways to do something in weaving. We all learn a special technique and use it until we can replace it with something else more efficient or easier or more to our liking. I avoid saying “This is the only way to do”

Partly because, as a teacher, I know better. My students, of all ages, have time and time again, taught me easier and more efficient ways to do things! So when confronted by contradictory instruction or advice, relax. Chances are they are both okay and will get good results. Try them all and see what suits you!

When I first learned to weave in a formal class setting, I learned to warp the loom from front to back. I also tied my warp to the front rod. Many years later, someone showed me how to lash my warp the the front rod. Oh, my gosh! It was so much easier on my hands. Correcting errors was easier and I obtained great tension. So I adopted a new method. I also learned to warp back to front so I could judge what was best for me. I know that there are many ways to do things—be brave and adventerous try something new!

It has been my year! I have been so busy and productive. I had a chance to teach in a national conference, implement a grant for fiber arts, present to a group of “Oasis” folks and now I've been accepted in the 4th Annual Juried Art Show at the Museum in Los Lunas. It's just like my mom said, “Hard work pays off.”

Keep your hands in fiber,

Myra

P. S. I took a trip to the Taos Wool Festival. My goodness there were lots of lovely things on display. Terri and I ran into the Dows. Our friend, Don Pippinger, has recently had a heart pace maker installed. He looks great and he says he feels better. Drop him a card and let him know you're thinking of him. His address is: 401 Dailies St. Belen, NM 87002

October Meeting at the First Baptist Church of Belen on the corner of Fourth and Becker Streets. Program: Unveiling of the Pillow Project! It's been on the calendar for months so now it's your time to show your pillow. Be prepared to speak about your pillow. Bring any finished Inkle weaving you may have. Be prepared to share your work! Refreshments at 1:00 and meeting will begin at 1:15. You will be asked to form a nomination committee.

November 19 Meeting Program: We will meeting at the Belen Art League for our Pillow Cover show. Nominations for officers to be announced. Refreshments at 1:00 and brief meeting at 1:15. We will hold a showing of the pillows at the Belen Art League as a juried show. At the conclusion of the exhibit, you may donate your pillow to the Domestic Violence Center, OR include it in a silent auction with the proceeds to go to a charity OR give it to someone OR keep it!

Questions?

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

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