



FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

August 2015



From the weaver's bench:

Oh my! Summer is well underway! We have been sweltering with hot temperatures and more humidity! It was a great July picnic at Megan and Chris deBethune's home. If you weren't able to make it—you missed a fun time.

Oh my! I am late again getting the newsletter out! My apologies. It has been such a busy summer. Barbara Bogle and I attended Intermountain Weavers Conference in Durango. We both took weaving classes and learned a lot. Be sure to ask us about our classes at the August meeting. Barbara learned how to design cloth for clothing. I worked with “new millennium fibers” which included bamboo/copper, bamboo/stainless steel, linen paper, and other “new fibers.”

Oh my! I just returned from 4 days in San Antonio, Texas. It was hot, humid and, did I mention humid? While visiting the city I took time to visit the San Antonio Art Museum. It was surprising! Their collections were vast! I viewed one exhibit of “Spanish Colonial” works. There were two gorgeous Saltillo woven sarapes. Saltillo sarapes were often woven of very, very fine wool—and these were. Also of note was a great modern woven textile in the contemporary exhibit. Sadly I missed an exhibit of Picasso designed tapestries!

San Antonio is famous for many things such as the Alamo and the River Walk. Both of which I visited several times. The Alamo was spectacular and the grounds surrounding it were gorgeous. I had no idea that such tropical plants could flourish there. The River Walk was such a lovely idea. Below street level, the walk is just inches above the river. The river and walkways were full of barges of people and pedestrians out for a good time. There were many interesting shops and restaurants. I decided that 4 days was just enough to scratch the surface. Now that school is starting soon and summer will be winding down, it is time to get back into projects. Many of you have been organizing and cleaning out your stashes. Hurray for you! Being organized is always a good thing. I like being able to locate things I seek. Staying organized helps.

So whatever projects you are considering or currently enjoying—keep it up and keep your hands in fiber,

Myra Chang Thompson

Next Meeting August 15, 2015

2015 at Terri Greenlee's home at 1700 Todd Place in Bosque Farms. Refreshments at 12:45 and meeting starts at 1:00. (Terri's house is located off of the North Bosque Loop where it heads south—take Lillie Drive . Turn right on Braught Drive, left on Dolly Lane and left again on Braught Lane. Todd is the second street on the left.) **Program: Sharing projects. Come see what everyone has been working on over the summer.**

A Note of Thanks...

So many people come into our lives through the years that it's hard to remember all the little pieces of them that are left with you, like the yarn scraps you put away to keep. As we finish packing up for our final move to Arizona, I also take along a big part of myself that would not have been there had it not been for the Fiber to Finish Guild. I have been so blessed to come to know so many talented, creative, sharing, caring, just plain good people through the guild that have given me so much along the way. (...I hope that you might have picked some little bit from me as well that you can take along.)

I look at pictures from the past meetings and workshops and there are so many smiles! All of those smiles have helped me to find my own little corner of the fiber arts world. I can't single out each and every one of you, but I do want to mention a few, and please know that all of you are in my thoughts. Thanks to BJ Boyd – her passion and her attitude, her unwavering belief that you can do it; Deanna Baca – more than once she found time for me though I know she didn't really have that time; Bobby and Diana Dow –always a good story, always the encouraging word (I hope Bobby still has his painted underwear); Don Pippenger – my rigid heddle loom inspiration; Annemarie Pearson – the most smiles and energy; Jolene Hansen – really keeps her hands in fiber; Myra - her unflagging dedication to keep us all going; and many more....

....Thank you all so very, very much for just being who you are, and lots of hugs to all of you!!! - *Mary Curik*

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's also lots of photos posted from meetings and members' work.

Upcoming Meetings



September 19th Meeting Program and place to be announced in next newsletter

October 17th Meeting Program and Location to be announced

Classified Ads:

Weaving instruction of all kinds. Call Myra at 864-0876

Meet this month's member: Megan deBethune

Megan deBethune was born in Mesa, Arizona. She was educated and grew up in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. She chose to live in Valencia County where she can keep and enjoy livestock. She enjoys exploring and learning about her Scottish and Norwegian roots. One day, it is a dream of Megan's to visit abroad.

Megan's formal education included "some college" courses. Originally she wanted to be a veterinarian. She decided otherwise when she was led to believe that all vets are required to provide euthanization services at the owner's request. At the time, she lost her enthusiasm for college. She has, instead, learned many other skills and continues to strive toward learning even more. Her mother taught her to crochet when she was only six. At eighteen, she wanted to learn to knit and taught herself—she was unable to find a teacher! As Megan has progressed to become the fiber artist she is becoming today, she drew courage from the memory of teaching herself to knit. Megan also taught herself to spin!

Megan says she most likes projects that she can work from start to finish. Most recently she has nearly completed a handwoven vest from home grown, hand spun wool from her very own sheep. This was a very fun project for Megan. Chris, her husband, is the proud recipient of the vest. She also loves making things that would otherwise be thrown away. She specifically likes to back her hand sewn quilts with denim from worn out jeans.



She doesn't have a preferred activity. She greatly enjoys teaching her children to enjoy the crafts she enjoys. She is always looking and searching for ideas. She likes to continually think of different ways to do something. In the near future, Megan hopes to complete the handwoven vest and to complete a king-sized quilt. Someday, she hopes to have a Morgan horse who can be ridden and driven. She hopes to include her children in this activity. Megan's primary interests are her family, horses and livestock, fiber and textiles. She finds that they support each other, though it does require some management.

As an added note, Megan is a very quick learner. She recently tied on to an old warp with a new one—and away she goes! She is the owner of a small herd of Jacob's sheep that she loves to speak about.

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