



FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

August 2014



From the weaver's bench:

Recently I was contacted to inquire whether I would be interested in finding a home for an older counter balance loom. Without hesitation, I agreed. We exchanged e-mails and I received pictures of the loom—in pieces. Eventually the day came when I had to pick up the loom. There were lots of parts, reeds, boat shuttles and so on. This poor loom had been stored for years in a variety of conditions! We named it after its original owner, Sylvia. Sylvia had woven fabric for her own clothing during World War II.



When the loom came home, we (Dr. Bill and myself) put it together to see if it was complete. One side piece was missing but everything else appeared to be there. Dr. Bill decided to make a replacement side piece out of old barn wood of about the same age! Only Dr. Bill would have access to such an inventory! It was cut and stained to match. The supporting legs were a bit wobbly and needed “firming up.” So

some cross braces were added to the legs. All of the wooden parts were cleaned and refinished. One other repair was needed to the rope-pulley shed device. The rope was glued together and wrapped tightly with linen thread. Now would it work?

I wound a warp of bright salsa colors and yellow for cotton towels. The warp went on easily. I used Toni Tooker's method of attaching the warp to the warp beam. I broke one thread in my impatience to get it done. Then the magic moment arrived. . . would it work? The treadle movement required a light touch resulting in a good size shed. Once in a while one of the harnesses would catch on another and required fanning apart. But that was the only problem. The loom action was smooth and effortless. I had woven several inches in no time at all.

August Guild Meeting

August 16 meeting: Terri Greenlee's home at 1700 Todd Place in Bosque Farms. Remember this is THE meeting you've been waiting for!

Linda Deblois will lead our workshop in combing and carding various fibers.. Program: **Carding and Combing fleece with Linda Deblois at 1:00 p.m.** Join us for a hands on session of carding and combing fleece with Village Wools' Linda Deblois.

Besides refreshments, please bring 3 ounces of scoured fleece, your choice. Linda would like you to bring a sample of fleece, one with a staple length greater than 3” and and one that is less than 3” staple length. Feel free to bring cards, combs and wool carding machines to use. We will get the scoop on further blending of fibers and colors from Linda. Some fibers will be available to mix! Any questions? Contact Myra @ 864-0876 or Terri at 681-7421.

I began my weaving life on a counter-balanced loom very much like “the Sylvia.” It had a few quirks too. I remember, but once you got started it worked just fine. I spent many hours of weaving on that loom. I learned so much and enjoyed myself. I hope that in restoring and placing the “Sylvia” in a good home that someone else will also weave and enjoy themselves. It is sad to think that had we not rescued the loom it might reside in the

dump or in a woodpile somewhere. Instead it can be a tool of creativity and discovery.



Keep your hands in fiber,
Myra Chang Thompson

September 20th Guild meeting Program: Let's Dye Protein Fiber Again! One of our favorite programs is hands on dyeing! Come prepared with scoured yarn or fleece (limit of 8 oz. Please) to immerse dye or paint/rainbow dye. Wear old clothes, bring rubber gloves, a couple of buckets and plastic bags for carting your dyed articles home. Let's meet at Myra's in Los Chavez for a colorful afternoon.

October 11 (change in date) **Guild meeting Guest speaker: Anne Polesak**, author, yarn supplier and knitting designer. at 1:00 at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Art on Main Street.

November 15th, 2014 Guild meeting Guest workshop leader, Carla Wackenheim Hands on Knitting location to be announced. Nominations for new officers due.

December 20 Guild meeting Holiday Party Election of new officers and celebration of the holidays. Donations of non-perishable items and money will be collected for the local food bank. Location to be announced.

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.



Classified Advertisements:

Estate Sale items Still for sale: 40 inch Mighty Wolf loom with all of the equipment needed to weave. Local fine wool yarn in natural and select dyed colors from Wendy's flock as well. Contact Myra @ 864-0876 or mchangt@yahoo.com.

Need a demonstration for your child's school? Contact Diana Dow, outreach coordinator to set up volunteers. 864-7097.

eFAN is here! For years the Albuquerque Fiber Arts Council (AFAC) has talked about publishing an electronic version of the Fiber Arts Newsletter (eFAN). IT'S FINALLY HERE! We are sending the eFAN out to all the fiber artists, those interested in fiber art, people, organizations and businesses for whom we have email addresses. This will now be a monthly newsletter. You can be added to our mailing list by contacting us at newsletter@fiberartsfiesta.org. We want you to know what is happening in the fiber community throughout the greater Albuquerque area, the region and state. If you know of an event or have information you would like our fiber readers to know about, please send the article with your contact information to newsletter@fiberartsfiesta.org Guild and club information will be accessible each month through a link on the eFAN to the [AFAC Guilds web page](#). There will also be a link to the [Calendar of Events](#) that you are used to seeing published in the paper version of the FAN.

PICNIC PICS!!!



Super Model Annemarie shows off
crochet topper
(ed. Note: I love this pic!)

This summer's guild picnic was enjoyed by a good number of members.

Thanks and kudos to Annemarie and Bill Pearson, our hosts and griller. Their home provided a gracious and relaxing place for us to enjoy the afternoon.

Everyone enjoyed a nice variety of picnic goodies and desserts.

At least half a dozen spinners plied their wheels under the pleasant shade trees.

It was a nice afternoon to sit and visit, share stories, and enjoy the company of our fiber friends.



Granddaughter Faith models her
woven shawl
Definitely takes after her grandma



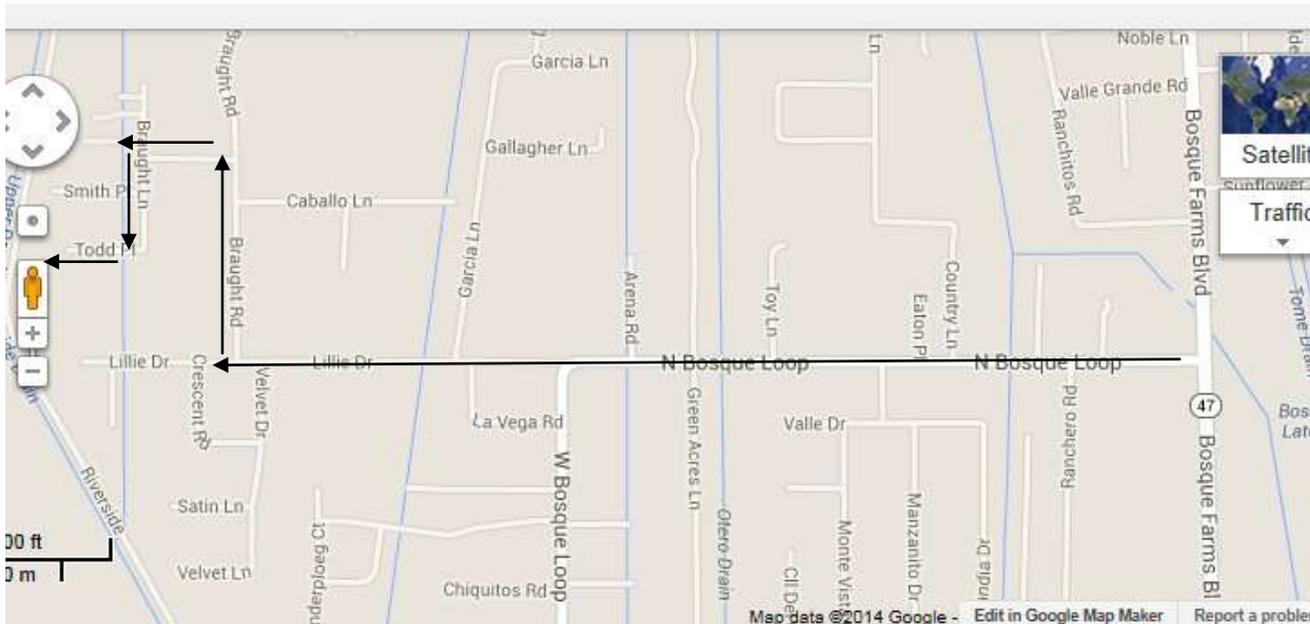
Valencia County Fair

The Valencia County Fair has been showcasing kids and animals and all kinds of homemaking and arts talents for years. The fair is at the Sheriff Posse grounds in Belen, across from Wal-Mart.

B.J. Boyd has been supporting the fiber arts display at the fair also for years now, and she's at it again this year as usual. The dates for the fair are Thursday thru Sunday August 21 -24. The "big" day for the little fiber arts building there is always the Saturday of the fair, Aug. 23. B.J. will be readying the building and accepting items for display or sale on Tuesday and Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to come and sit and visit at the building during the fair days, especially Sat., or demo spinning or weaving or any other kind of demo you might wish to share.



Give B.J. a call at 865-0299 for all the details and times and such, or just drop by during the fair days and sit a spell and visit, and enjoy the good old fashioned county fair. Who knows, one of the cows might just drop by to visit again too!



MAP TO TERRI GREENLEE'S HOUSE