



FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER



February 2013

From the Weaver's Bench:

So much is happening right now! We have a great exhibit at the Museum of Heritage and Art in Los Lunas, Spiders' Market is coming up in March and the Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta is also looming on the horizon!

If you haven't been to the museum to see our exhibit, drop everything and go. Special thanks to the members who hung the show: Terri Greenlee, Annmarie Pearson, Chip Kimball, Toni Tooker and Barbara Bogle. Despite the framed pictures that insisted on falling off the wall—okay out of my hands—everything is up! The opening reception was held last Saturday. We had a nice crowd of visitors and great demonstrations. Bobby Dow was using his drop spindle and lucet. Ann Szklarz was busy at her spinning wheel with “before and after instruction” yarn samples. Terri Greenlee offered knitting advice and knit. Chip Kimball worked on a knit sweater of hand spun yarn. Janice VanHavermaat worked on a mixed media piece. Myra was busy with finger manipulated lace weaves. Joann Powers kept the great wheel spinning with members dropping in to get instruction on cotton spinning. The food was great! The company was great!

Besides viewing the terrific exhibit, it was great to have time to visit with members. Although the weather was bad and other events in the county competed with our opening we were so pleased to see those who turned out. I especially enjoyed spending time with members like Toni Tooker, Terri Greenlee, Chip Kimball and Ann Szklarz. They have such positive perspectives and outlooks! Make sure you take time to see each and every item on exhibit! You will be surprised and delighted by what you see. Jaye Whorton was also overheard saying she'd have to rejoin the group!

Keep your hands happy and warm in fiber,
Myra Chang Thompson



Special Event!

Saturday, February 9 is our day to demonstrate and provide food at the Harvey House Museum. We will sponsor a sale on that one day only. Annmarie

Pearson will be in charge of the sale. The guild will collect its usual 20% of the sales. An inventory form is included in this newsletter for you to use for this one day sale. Please arrive at 12:00 to have your sale items checked in and displayed. Hope you can come!!

Next meeting: February 16

The February guild meeting will be held at the Museum of Heritage and Arts in Los Lunas on February 16. We will have a brief business meeting at 1:00 and in lieu of a program, we will provide demonstrations for the public.



Other days where members can sign up for demonstrations at the Museum of Heritage and Arts are: March 2 from 1 to 5 p.m., April 6 from 1 to 5 p.m.. May 3 or May 4 for take down of the show. Contact Myra to sign up.

Volunteers are needed for February 27. We will host an arts and crafts project and read a fiber related story at the Museum. To volunteer, call Dorie at 400-2715.

FUTURE MEETINGS: March 16 at the Museum of Heritage and Arts – demonstrations and a program

April 20 at the Museum of Heritage and Arts – demonstrations and a program

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 photos and notes posted from some of the classes and presentations the guild has given.

A New Fiber Event in New Mexico

This coming September 28th & 29th, 2013, the City Park in Moriarty will be the site of the First Annual Heart of New Mexico Fiber Gathering. The Gathering and the Moriarty Chamber of Commerce are partnering to host this event in support of the 4-H clubs in Torrance County and Santa Fe County. Visit their web site at www.heartofnmfibergathering.com for more information on the things you can expect to enjoy there. Fiber 2 Finish has been invited to have a booth and/or demonstrations, or we may just drive up to Moriarty for a visit; our level participation is still in the early planning stages. We will keep you posted at meetings and in the newsletter about the possibilities. Save the date on your calendar and get ready for some more fibery fun.



A Nice Note from Myra - -

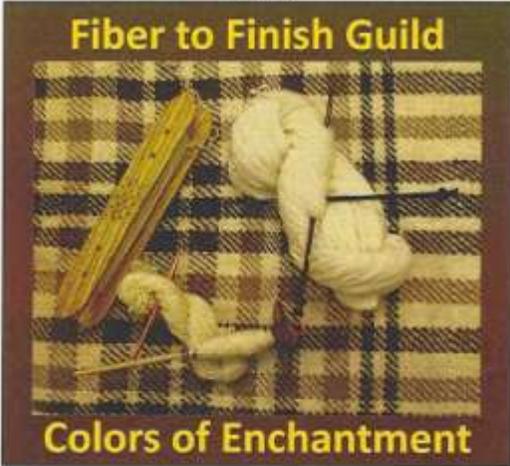
I have a 6th grade weaving student currently. During his first lesson he wove an Inkle band. He secured the ends and proudly wore the band home. In his second lesson, he wove two separate pieces of plain weave fabric to sew into gauntlets. He chose red and gold colors. The gold consisted of a gold mercerized cotton yarn and a gold metallic thread. His weaving was even and consistent. But the best thing was that his energy and excitement for the projects infected me as well. I love teaching weaving. Teaching weaving to children is a bit different than teaching adults. Children have very little fear and so much courage. They don't know that it might not work and they aren't concerned. It is a refreshing outlook. We can all learn from the children.

Pictures from Colors of Enchantment



Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts
presents

Fiber to Finish Guild



Colors of Enchantment

Fiber to Finish promotes and demonstrates the use of fiber for hand spinning, weaving and other fiber and textile arts. The group also utilizes the local area for materials, resources and inspiration.

Demonstrations on opening day include: Cotton spinning with JoAnn Powers, lucet cord making with Diana Dow, weaving with Myra Chang Thompson and Annmarie Pearson, knitting with Terri Greenlee and spinning with Bobby Dow, Ann Szklarz, Chip Kimball and others.

Colors of Enchantment
January 26—April, 2013

Grand Opening January 26th

12:00 PM: Presentation

"Jergas, the Textile of Commerce"

By Myra Chang-Thompson

1:00-4:00 PM: Demonstrations

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F2F Officers Meeting January 24, 2013 7:00 pm Barbara Bogle's house

In Attendance: Myra Chang-Thompson, Terri Greenlee, Barbara Bogle, Chip Kimball, Diana Dow, AnnMarie Pearson
Museum Exhibit

- Myra did the labels today and will finish the displays tomorrow
- Demonstrations will be all afternoon on Saturday, Jan 26.
- There will be a sign up sheet for 2 people for Saturday demonstrations every other weekend during show.
- Wednesday kids program February 27 – Myra, Barbara, Diana

Treasurer:

- Terri gave bank statements to Anne Marie
- Ann audited the books at the end of the year and everything was fine
- Treasurer's duties:
 - Collect money and deposit
 - Biggest event – Harvey House show – Terri gave Anne Marie a reconciliation on a flash disk
 - All financial files are on flash disk
 - Membership list
 - Send new/changed emails to Mary to put in newsletter
 - Raffles
 - 10% of all sales at meetings go to F2F
 - Terri will continue to print membership cards

Vice President Duties:

- Stores materials for hanging displays and brings it to all shows
- Presides over meetings in absence of president
- First one president checks with on new ideas

Secretary Duties:

- Take minutes and email to Mary by 1st of month
- Business notes required, rest is summarized

Meeting notes:

- Website out of date – Chip to help Mary?
- Myra gets complaints that members didn't receive the newsletter – she will forward all complaints to Mary
- Harvey House Exhibit
 - Setup on 2/1/13
 - Signboard and brochure needed
 - Samples of work – NFS
 - 2/9/13 demonstrations
 - Some sales permitted on demonstration day
 - Members will handle their own displays and sales. Anne Marie will take money.
- Ideas for Future Programs
 - 2013 is "Year of the Garment"
 - Any technique
 - Anything to wear
 - Needle felting class – recycled garments
 - Photographing your own work
 - Pieced clothing
 - Sock class – not a meeting day – Terri
 - Swing knitting
 - Finishing techniques/tailoring
- Officers agreed to sponsor a \$50 mixed media award for the Fiber Arts Fiesta in May.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm