



FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

January 2015



From the weaver's bench:

It is the beginning of another wonderful year! Your officers: Terri Greenlee; vice president, Annmarie Pearson; treasurer, Sally Nittler; secretary and myself as president wish you all a very Happy New Year. Each year is a entirely new slate for us to make our marks. I wish you all happy creating and learning in the year ahead.

I am reminded of wonderful things that happen at our meetings. At the holiday party, Carla was giving both spinning and knitting instruction. Terri is frequently asked for knitting and spinning advice as well. Janice is always ready to share her latest project and technique with who ever asks! I am always happy to answer weaving questions! I remember how frustrating it was as a young weaver when I had to figure out a problem on my own. Sometimes learning takes many, many repeats. Toni shared her latest project of two scarves. She walked us through the steps she took—from the original inspiration to choosing the colors for her scarves. It was a great strategy for what you can do with an idea! The other form of sharing that took place were the many projects members shared with the guild. Debby Morton brought some hand-dyed and hand spun yarn that was drop dead gorgeous! Barbara Bogle showed a number of items that included some of her expert sewing. Busy hands are happy hands!



Thank you to Barbara Bogle for inviting us to her home for the holiday party. The food was good, the decorations were

jolly and the company was very fine. We collected a box and two bags of food for the Belen Food Bank. The Belen Food Bank serves the entire county! We did a nice job of supporting our community. Thanks to Rowena Kerry for carting our donations to the food bank. Thank you again. (cont'd next page)

January Meeting January 31, 2015—*This is a change from our usual date.* We have been invited to participate in “Artful Threads: Traditional and Contemporary Fiber Art of Valencia County” exhibit. We will demonstrate at the Harvey House Museum from 12:30 to 3:30. Everyone is welcome to come and show the public what they do! No business meeting scheduled.

We are sponsoring an exhibit at the Harvey House. Fiber to Finish Guild members are encouraged to exhibit their work at this venue. We would like to share with the public the different types of fiber art we produce. If you have exhibited in the past, we ask for more recent items of your fiber work. This will be an exhibit only. If you wish to sell items, please contact Cheri Reckers at 861-0272. If you have questions about an item's suitability, please contact Myra at mchangt@yahoo.com or 864-0876. Items will be juried by a committee prior to hanging. PLEASE provide the volunteers on January 27 or 28 with an inventory of the items you wish to exhibit. An inventory form is attached to this newsletter. **Set up:** January 27-28, 12:30- 3:30 Volunteers needed! **Contact Myra** **Take down:** February 14, 12:30-3:30 Volunteers needed! **Contact Myra** **Demonstrations & Refreshments** will take place: Saturdays-January 31 & February 7, 12:30-3:30. Fiber to Finish will furnish refreshments on January 31.

Reminder: Dues are now due! Dues for Fiber to Finish Guild of Valencia County are a mere \$12.00 a year. I think you realize what a good deal it is! Please make your check out to Fiber to Finish Guild of Valencia County. You may mail your check to our post office box: P, O. Box 1613 in Belen, NM 87002 or to Annmarie Pearson at 454 Diana Drive NE in Los Lunas, NM 87031. Remember your dues go to our educational programs, workshops, activities, sales and exhibitions. Fiber to Finish Guild is an excellent way to meet new friends and learn new skills.

(cont'd) We have several new members: Barbara and Ray Armstrong; Mary Black; Christopher Debethune; Claudia Landavazo; Peter Lupsha; Deborah Morton; Megan Simons; Sondra Redwood - We warmly welcome you! Your ideas and input are always welcome. This is your guild and we hope to be as responsive to your requests as possible.

Finally, at this time of the year, we have an opportunity to make resolutions for ourselves for the coming year. We can apply these resolutions by showing people we love our exuberance for their presence, learning to live life in the moment, having fun every day, savoring and appreciating our food, shelter, liberty and loved ones, creating great joy around us (especially with fiber), and always, always leading with our hearts.

More than ever, keep your hands warm in fiber,
Myra Chang Thompson

Coming Events:

January 17, 2015 Barbara Garrett, a member and salad maker extraordinaire, will exhibit her work at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Culture. An opening event is planned for January 17. Congratulations, Barbara!

Harvey House:Artful Threads Exhibit

Fiber to Finish Guild will demonstrate on Saturday, January 31!! Please note!

Harvey House Raffle drawing: Friday, February 14, 3:00



Spider's Market March 20 and 21, 2015 at the Albuquerque Garden Center on Lomas.

Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta • May 21, 22 and 23.

Deadline for entries is March 2! For more informati

on: www.abqfiberartscouncil.org **Manuel Lujan Building at Expo New Mexico. An event you should not miss!**



Upcoming Meetings

February 14, 2014 meeting Spinning Workshop- Tuning up your spinning wheel and learn from others. Come to this hands-on meeting prepared to

“tune up” your spinning wheel or spinning skills.

Don't have any spinning skills? Learn to use a drop spindle or try spinning on a spinning wheel. It will be great fun for all. Terri will show you her “tool kit” attached to her spinning wheel. Mary will offer tips for caring for the wood of your spindle or wheel. Myra will help you make your very own drop spindle out of commonly found objects. Other members will share their secrets and tips as well!

12:45 refreshments 1:00 program at First Baptist Church in Belen unless otherwise noted.

March 21, 2015 meeting: Are you interested in attending Spider's Market in Albuquerque? It is scheduled for the same day as our meeting. We'll take a poll at the January meeting.

April 18, 2015 meeting:

Program: Coil Baskets with

Janice Van Havermaat. Fiber to Finish Member, Janice will present a hands-on program of making a small coil basket.

More details in the next newsletter.



Classified Advertisements:

Weaving instruction: All types taught from rigid heddle to off-loom. Flexible schedules are available. Call Myra 864-0876.

For Sale: Low Endophyte Grass Hay. Excellent quality, great bale weight. Deals available! Call Myra @ 864-0876.

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.

CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES



Debora's hand spun
hand dyed yarn



Carla's knitting



Jolene's combo shawl
and lap blanket



Janice's coiled, felted,
and beaded creation



Terri and Myra



Barb and her
weaving



Pam and BJ



The Dows



AnneMarie and her shawl



Bobby and concho belt



Ann and her lace shawl
– yes it will be bigger



Toni described her project work for two scarves at Weems.