



FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

July 2015



From the weaver's bench:

At our last meeting there was a very colorful dye day. The dye pots were simmering and the clothes line was soon filled with beautifully colored yarn. Carla found the most gorgeous red dye from Dharma Trading Company. There were pots of violet, turquoise, teal, and other colors. Mary also experienced "space dyeing" on her alpaca yarn. The results were truly lovely. I took some of the left over dyebaths home. I dyed some hand spun silk with the turquoise and exhausted the bath. It was so much fun—if you weren't there you missed a good time! See the attached pictures.

I've recently dyed some roving at a dye session with my partner in crime, Carla. When it was spun up it had nice color highlights. Although there was a lot of garnet color it blended with the other colors to produce more of a rich brown. I spun



some natural brown alpaca and plied it with the colored roving. It was okay but was missing some depth. So I went shopping in the stash and found some black Welsh Mountain Sheep top. This spun up easily. When plied with the rich brown yarn it had drama and dimension. Then I knit up a sample on "smallish" needles. The colors from the roving show up like little jewels! Now, if I only

had more of that Welsh Mountain Sheep top to spin! I can easily see myself in a rich brown vest-- hand knit, hand spun and hand dyed.

I recently went to a presentation by Lin Lecheng and Nancy Kozikowski at the Albuquerque Museum. Both artists are tapestry weavers. Nancy's weavings are very familiar to us in New Mexico. One of her tapestries hangs in the Albuquerque Airport. Lin Lecheng is an artist and professor at the Academy of Art and Design at the Tsinghua University in China. Both artists are working to bring tapestry textile art from the American Southwest to China. Nancy found that some of the folk weaving of rural China is very similar to Native American art and weaving. Additionally, both artists have restarted and renamed the Lausanne Biennale to "From Lausanne to Beijing" International Fiber Art Biennale.

Annual Picnic July 18, 2015

Next meeting at Megan and Chris Debethune's home -2655 Highway 47 – exactly one mile south of the Tome Fire Station on the east side of the road. Look for the Fiber to Finish picnic sign! This is a potluck picnic. Megan and Chris have offered to grill some of their home produced mutton. The guild will provide burgers and sauerbrats. Please bring your current or just finished project to share with members.



It has been a great tapestry exhibit in the past and is sure to be in the future. Works of both artists were on display at the DSG Fine Arts Gallery in Albuquerque. One of Lin Lecheng's tapestries, "The Sheep" was on display.



Summer is here and lots of things are on the horizon! IWC (Intermountain Weavers Conference) is at the end of the month in Durango. In September, the annual State Fair. Lots of exciting things going on! Don't forget our annual picnic at the home of Megan and Chris Debethune on June 18. Keep your hands in fiber, Myra Chang Thompson



Dye Day Gems



Myra's dyed silk

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



August 15 Meeting After a very busy spring and summer come and see what members have been doing. Carla has some new ideas for spinning yarn that she learned at the Interweave Yarn Fest in Colorado. Terri has been working on a complex knitting project. Barbara and Myra will have returned from the IWC in Durango—full of ideas and inspiration. Location to be announced. Plan on meeting at 12:45 with refreshments at 1:00. Bring your summer

projects to share and feel free to bring something to work on! We will meet at Terri Greenlee's home in Bosque Farms!

Coming Up:

IWC: Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado July 23, 24 and 25, 2015. Exhibits, vendors and beautiful scenery.

Saturday, July 18th at 2:00 “Billy the Kid” exhibit Grand Opening at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts

Saturday, July 25th at 2:00 Richard Melzer and John Taylor present “ A River Runs Through Us: True Tales of the Rio Abajo”



See tons of info about the festival at:

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