



FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

April 2016



From the Weaver's Bench

When I was a child, my family took many car trips. Often it was to visit my maternal grandparents. We would drive and drive on into the night. My mom cleverly created games for us to play in the car. We "collected" license plates from different states, makes and models of cars and sang every song each of us knew. It was fun.

Recently I took a car trip to Loveland, Colorado. Actually there were several members of Fiber to Finish and Las Arañas Guilds. We traveled by caravan—two vehicles and four ladies. We met up for lunch and gas. We had lots of conversation and listened to an audio book on the way. It was great to have the opportunity to spend time with friends—away from phones, chores, jobs and so on. We had an opportunity to talk and exchange ideas and stories. If there was a lull you might work on a portable project, nap or just quietly watch the scenery change. Eventually the driver got tired and you had a chance to drive. Driving, of course, involved increasing traffic and inclement weather.

Eventually you reach your destination! You meet up with more friends. Then the fun begins.

I don't know what your experiences were like when you went to school. I think mine were okay. I spent much of my life honing my skills as a teacher. You can take the girl out of New Mexico but you can't take away the teacher. Teaching, for me, is a wonderfully creative endeavor. Each teaching situation is unique and offers its own set of challenges, two things that appeal greatly to me. I also love the moment when the student "gets it" and the light goes on! Teaching is communicating, drama, humor, knowledge, and skill. It can also be a little bit like lion taming. Sometimes you simply have to set aside your own feelings and deal with the personality and issues that present themselves. Teaching can be a tremendous challenge. I love to connect students with the things, ideas and activities that I am most passionate about. Meeting and teaching 35 new students in Loveland last week I was extremely energized. I think I'll plan and offer another class.

Keep your hands busy in fiber,
Myra Chang Thompson



April 16, 2016 Meeting at Terri & George Greenlee's home at 1700 Todd Road in Bosque Farms. Call if you need directions: 505-681-7421.

Program: Guild members will share their experiences at Interweave Yarn Fest. Refreshments at 12:45 p.m. and the program will begin at 1:00 p.m. No business meeting. Flaunt your work after the program.

Upcoming Meetings

May 21, 2016 Meeting/Demonstration at the historic Gutierrez Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW In Albuquerque.

Demonstrations will include dog trials, sheep shearing, carding, spinning, weaving and dyeing. Please sign up with Myra to participate in this event. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a lunch and we'll have a great time at the historic hacienda. For more information, contact Myra at 864-0876.

June 18, 2016 Meeting Program: Small Design Challenge

- Design a pillow top for an exhibit. Pillow forms will be given out to all interested fiber artists. Design and create a pillow top (and a backing) for a future exhibit. Any fiber technique is acceptable. Bring color ideas, drawings or any inspiration that you might want to use in designing and making your pillow. Pillow forms vary slightly in size and shape. Use your imagination! Business Meeting will follow program.



Myra teaching Hand-Manipulated Lace Weaving at IYF.

Future Programs:

The Harvey House Museum has asked us to help them pack and patch costumes in their collection. It is a fun and valuable activity. You will get to “go behind the scenes” of the museum to see their costume collection. Please give feedback to Myra, Terri or Sally regarding this project. It might take more than one date.

Classified Advertisements

Member Chip Kimball has this newly processed Rambouillet-cross roving for sale. It is beautiful for spinning and can also be used for dyeing, felting, or fondling. Myra has samples if you are interested. For more information, contact Chip at chip.kimball.sd@gmail.com



Advertise your items here. Contact Myra or Terri, and we'll place your ad in the next newsletter.

Fiber To Finish At Interweave Yarn Fest



The Gang: Jean La Hue, Terri Greenlee, Teresa Piorkowski, Carla Wackenheim, Myra Chang Thompson, Chip Kimball



Terri examines hand spun yarn with Jillian Moreno in “Yarnitecture” spinning class



Chip & Carla packing up to go home – cart 2 of 3 – where'd all that stuff come from?



Myra's student & Albuquerque resident Jean La Hue learning Tapestry Weaving

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

There was no business meeting..

Interweave Yarn Fest Marketplace -- so much beautiful yarn and fiber.

