



FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

February 2015



From the weaver's bench:

Inspiration: the process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something creative.

I have been thinking and talking to others about what inspires each of us. For me, I find inspiration in the natural world. It is not only visual but involving all senses. Certainly the sight of a spectacular sunrise or a bird's flight can be inspiring. The smell of a warm, moist dish of curry evokes another type of inspiration. The feel of a silk fabric or the feel of a ball of cashmere each create an inspiration. Who has not been inspired by the rich, chocolate taste of a Belgian truffle? The sound of a rousing piece of music can stimulate and "carry you to another place." Inspiration is all around us. We react to the inspiration in a variety of ways usually involving our own creativity.

Last evening the sunset was glorious—reds and violets set against a blue grey sky with stray clouds dotting the horizon. It was truly inspiring! The idea of dyeing yarn or fiber in those colors remained with me. That is the way inspiration works for me! Then as I looked toward the mountains, the huge full moon rose. The buttery yellow and bright moon contrasting against the deep blue mountains evoked another inspiration for a woven piece. So what inspires you?

The "Artful Threads" exhibit at the Harvey House was very busy on the day of demonstrations. Faith Pearson talked with visitors as she wove on a rigid heddle loom. Many guild members participated in the demonstrations. Bobby Dow, Don Pippenger and Carla Wackenheimer worked on projects as they interacted with visitors. Terri Greenlee was busy photographing guild members' work. Ann Szklarz demonstrated her drop spindle and continued to sample different fibers. Cat O'Connor also used a couple of different drop spindles—no one wants to tire of their spinning!

Remember that the exhibit continues through Saturday, February 14. Take your friends and family by to view the work of Valencia County fiber artists and consider buying a raffle ticket! Take down will occur at the end of the day on the 14th. Checkout will begin about 1:00 until closing..

In the meantime, keep the hands busy with fiber!
Myra Chang Thompson

Next meeting: February 21, 2015

Meeting is on February 21 NOT February 14 as previously noted.



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

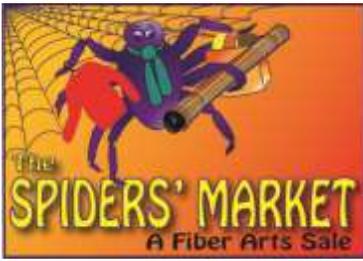
to her spinning wheel. Members will offer tips for caring for the wood of your spindle or wheel. Myra will help you make your very own drop spindle out of commonly found objects. Other members will share their secrets and tips as well!

12:45 refreshments 1:00 program at First Baptist Church in Belen at the corner of Fourth and Becker Streets.

Please review your By-laws and Sales Function Guidelines before the next meeting. They are sent as attachments with the newsletter.

Reminder: Dues are now due! Dues for Fiber to Finish Guild of Valencia County are a mere \$12.00 a year. 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.

Coming Events:



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

Free: McCall's Needlework & Crafts magazine. Many issues, 1970's thru end of publication. I'll bring them to the February guild meeting, but if you want to see them sooner, call Terri at 505-681-7421.

Food for Thought --Cashmere First

Marcy Tilton (<http://marcytiltonblog.blogspot.com/>) writes, designs patterns for Vogue, has an online fabric store, and blogs about her sewing and travels. In her January 23, 2015, blog she wrote: "Sew the Cashmere First", a direct quote from Sally Peterson, at a Design Outside The Lines retreat. We now know her as 'cashmere Sally', a pretty cool moniker!

The phrase is really a metaphor for working with your best fabrics in the here and now. How might this apply to our spinning, weaving, knitting, and other fiber arts and hobbies? If you are going to invest your time, effort and labor in a project why not use the very best materials you can afford?

Questions?

Ask your officers or any member. If we don't know—we'll find out.

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Upcoming Meetings

March 21 Meeting ROAD TRIP!

Join us for a road trip to **Spider's Market**, featuring handmade works of art – from functional to decorative sponsored by Las Arañas Spinners

and Weavers Guild, and then **lunch Sadie's (East side) Restaurant** at 15 Hotel Circle (Just off of I-40 and Eubank).

We will depart from Los Lunas Transportation Center at 8:30 a.m. And return after lunch. If you would like to join in, please sign up with Myra 864-0876 or Terri at 681-7421. Please let us know if you would like to share a ride.

April 18 Meeting Coil Baskets with Janice Van Havermaat

Join us for our April meeting and make a small coil basket. Janice will furnish the twine used for the core of the baskets.

You will need to bring a large (about 2 ½ inches long) blunt needle and dk weight yarns in colors of your choice. Rug yarn works very well. Some yarn will be available for use. Bring a friend! Meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church at Fourth and Decker Streets unless there is a conflict.



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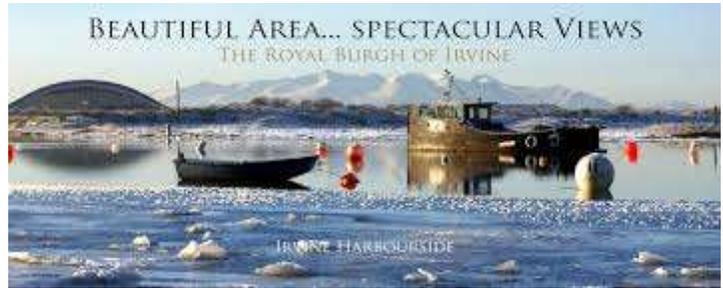
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FIBER TO FINISH IS ON THE WEB Check out the guild's home on the web at www.fibertofinish.org . You'll be able to see the newsletters on line – the minutes from each month's meeting are in the newsletter as well. There's also lots of photos posted from meetings and members' work.

MEET A MEMBER: CARLA WACKENHEIM

Carla was born in Irvine, Ayrshire, Scotland. Ayrshire is the birthplace and home of Robert Burns, the 18th century poet. He is most noted for writing "Auld Lang Syne."

Carla was educated at Notre Dame College in Bearsden, Glasgow. Bearsden is known as the only "dry" borough in Glasgow area..no pubs/bars or boozing places!



When asked about her fiber beginnings, Carla said "I don't remember starting in fiber..it was always there. Knitting was taught in elementary school to both sexes. I learned from my Granny before I went to kindergarden or primary one as it's known in Scotland. It was just something we did."



When asked about her favorite project she quipped "My favorite type of project is challenging. I don't care what it is, just let it be something I haven't done before." And her favorite activity is one she's going to do next. Carla admits "I have ADD (attention deficit disorder) of crafting!"

Carla was asked about where she finds inspiration for her work. She answered "My favorite place to look for inspiration is museums/art and other peoples' work. I'm always looking for a way of putting my flavor into it."

When asked what she would like to accomplish this year she said "I would like to finish off some of my UFO's (unfinished objects) that have been hanging on needles for years and also become more proficient in weaving and dyeing."

When asked about something she'd like to aspire to do she noted that "something I've always wanted to do...I'd like to become more efficient in budgeting my time..too many projects..not enough time.". Carla was asked what other interests she has, she stated "I read voraciously. I have 3 dogs I disparage constantly but love to death. There aren't enough hours in the day to do everything I want. Something has to give..usually housework!"



Artful Threads Exhibit at Harvey House, Belen

