



# FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

November 2013



## From the weaver's bench:

It has been a sad time for members who knew the late Barbara Price. Her loss will be felt at guild meetings and events. We can keep her spirit alive by remembering her creativity, her generosity and her positive nature. One guild member reminded me of the value and shortness of our time together. This led her to decide to be more appreciative of others, an idea that certainly rings true for me!

I have been the receiver of "other people's dreams" for a long time. Let me explain, I have inherited, been given, found or otherwise acquired projects and materials from others. Sometimes, when you confront these dreams or projects, you have no idea where to go. Other times, the materials may direct you. Sometimes it is easy and sometimes it is not. From Jo Compton's stash I found a partially knit shawl. It is glitzy and gorgeous--not my usual thing. I could see what she had in mind and from the materials, I could see how it could be finished! It is a really big piece on the longest circular needles I've ever seen. So, instead of an elegant shawl, I pared it down to an over-sized scarf! It is still in progress.

Another project that fell into my lap were a couple of knit modular squares that Wendy Jacobs started. All of the project yarns were in a basket making it easy to see the colors and yarns she planned to use. The squares have become the center piece of another knit piece. Wendy chose several Noro Yarns that are being added to the piece in rectangular strips like a Log Cabin quilt! A gift for her husband or family member?

The last project that comes to mind is a quilt top that my mother started. It has been sitting for twelve years, perhaps waiting for direction. The odd thing is that it is nearly finished. There are pins basting the last seams to sew. I just can't bring myself to finish it. I come across it every so often when rooting around in the fabric closet.

I just can't manage to get to it. I thought about it and decided I didn't want to finish it. Once finished it was the last concrete link I had with my mom. So there it was--the stumbling block! Upon reflection, I realize that I want to finish it, find a home for it with one of the grandchildren who didn't know my mom and to honor my mom's memory in some way. So one of the next projects will be finishing the quilt top and quilt!

Keep your hands in fiber,  
Myra Chang Thompson

**November meeting, First Baptist Church of Belen  
FOURTH AND BECKER STREETS on November 16,  
2013 at 1:00 p.m. : The really big yarn swap and  
sale event of the year!**

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Thanks to the following members who donated food for Barbara Price's reception on October 28:

Mary Curik; Jolene Hansen; Barbara Garrett; Chip Kimball; B.J. Boyd; Annmarie Pearson; JoAnn Powers; Ann Szklarz; Diana Dow; Barbara Bogle; Myra Chang Thompson



Barbara's daughter, Lise, wanted to express her thanks and gratitude to the friends of her mother.

## 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](http://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.



### **EVENTS!**

**December 21 - meeting at the Belen Public Library** at 333 Becker Street beginning at 10:30 a.m. Ending at 1:45 p.m. Bring a holiday edible and something you'd like to share with the group (a new idea, material, color combination, whatever you're working on currently). Election of officers. Invite a friend to join us.



**Silver City Fiber Arts Festival:** Nov. 15-16, 10-5. At Grant County Conference Center, 3031 Hwy 180 East, Silver City, NM. Sponsored by the Southwest Women's Fiber Arts Collective. To to [www.fiberartscollective.org](http://www.fiberartscollective.org) or [scfiberartsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:scfiberartsfestival@gmail.com) for more info.

**The Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts First Annual Juried Art Show** will open on Saturday, November 2 and run through December 7, 2013. Cal 352-7714 for museum hours. The show is entitled "Remember, Reflect and Rejoice!"

**Las Arañas Spinners and Weavers Guild Tapestry Study Group Show** "Connected Webs" November 1 to December 29, 2013 at the City of Albuquerque Open Space Visitors Center Gallery, 6500 Coors Blvd. NW, Tuesdays thru Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Bosque Farms Fiber Fest:** December 7 from 9-4 at the Bosque Farms Community Center. Vendor spaces are available at \$15 or \$30 depending on size. Deadline for vendor application is November 15. Contact Julie Plougmann at (575) 517-9962 or [jplougmannjr@gmail.com](mailto:jplougmannjr@gmail.com) for more information or for a vendor contract.

**3rd annual Pueblo Fiber Arts Show and Sale** put on by the New Mexico Pueblo Fiber Arts Guild to be held at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center on Friday and Saturday, November 22nd and 23rd. Laurie Webster, anthropologist and authority in early Puebloan textiles, will open the event Friday (Nov. 22) evening with a presentation entitled, "Two Millennia of Pueblo Weaving."



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### **Guidelines for the Big Yarn Swap:**

We have established the following categories for the yarn/fiber swap:

1. All acrylic yarns or unknown fiber yarns with a unit value of \$.50 (Like Red Heart Acrylic yarn)
2. Part acrylic yarns with a unit value of \$1.00 (Lion Brand Wool Ease for example)
3. Wool yarn of ordinary quality with a unit value of \$1.50 (Brown Sheep Wool)
4. Wool or other animal fiber of better quality with a unit value of \$2.00 (Lamb's Pride by Brown Sheep)
5. Luxury or exotic fiber or yarn with a unit value of \$2.50 (like Classic Elite's Sharon Mohair or alpaca)

- A “unit” or “item” should be approximately 4 ounces.  
If you have an 8 oz. skein, that’s 2 “items” or “units”.
- Assign a value to your yarn or fiber according to categories 1 to 5 above.

- Label your yarn/fiber. Please do this ahead of time to avoid chaos and confusion during the Swap.

Be sure to include:

- -Category 1 – 5
- -Number of units (for example, one 8 oz. skein = 2 units)
- -Your name
- -Anything else you’d like to include
- Bring your yarn and fiber to the meeting.

There will also be a “FREE Table”. You are encouraged to donate to the Free Table to reduce your stash!

- Here’s how it will work:
  - We’ll have a Ticket Table. Trade your yarn/fiber for tickets valued at 50¢ each for the total value of your items.
  - Your yarn/fiber goes onto the swap tables.
  - You “shop” the swap tables and “buy” the yarn/fiber you want by “paying” the owner with the number of 50¢ tickets that add up to the labeled value of the items.
  - If you don’t have enough tickets to swap, buy more tickets for 50¢ each.
  - Return your tickets to the Ticket Table at the end of the swap for 50¢ each. This way the original owner will get the money for the items sold not traded.
- The guild will have a **separate table for the yarn and book sale**. ALL yarns and books are \$1.00 each. All sales to benefit the guild. Yarn and books were donated by Jo Compton's family.

Business meeting: time again to nominate officers for the next year!