



FIBER TO FINISH GUILD NEWSLETTER

May 2013



From the weaver's bench:

Despite the ever changing weather, the constant wind and the longer days, it is finally feeling like spring! Thanks, first of all, to the volunteers who came out to the Museum of Heritage and Art to take down our Colors of Enchantment show. Toni Tooker showed up with packing material and plastic bags! Many thanks for your thoughtfulness! Barbara Bogle, Diane and Bob Dow also took down articles and organized them in no time flat! Thanks to you three! Annmarie Pearson took care of the inventories and the museum paperwork. She worked to the very end. Thanks, Annmarie.

As various members came by to collect their items, we began talking about our next show. What an eager group! Linda Walters suggested a show of collaborative items. Linda sews, for example. Myra weaves. A collaboration might be Myra weaving fabric and Linda sewing it. The idea was well received and we have plenty of time to work out all of the details of this or another idea.

Andrea Chavez, the curator at the Museum of Heritage and Art, expressed a sadness in watching our exhibit come down. She noted that many viewers came in and everyone enjoyed the show! We will submit a proposal for consideration for the next two years.

So many things are going on it is hard to know where to begin. I recently took a class on woven shibori with fiber artist and weaver, Dottie Weir. It was hard work—we wove a scarf using polyester embroidery



thread (the size of a human hair!) and a heavier cotton thread that gathers the scarf. Then we painted the scarves with dye. The next step was to gather the scarf with the heavier cotton by pulling up both selvage edges. The last step was to set the polyester threads with heat using a pressure cooker!

It was such fun. Every single scarf was amazing. I'll show you mine. Oh, and I have a second one in the works!

I've been dyeing things and thinking about all of the things I want to dye. Color seems to be exploding all around me! One of our newest members, Carla Wackenheim, seems to have the same "bug" to dye. So we should include some dyeing projects – especially garments in the next few months. Anyone want to volunteer to host a dye day?

As we've been going over the membership list, I notice that we have some changes. Folks come and go as their interests rise and fall. It is sad to see some of our members move on to other opportunities. It is also wonderful to find new members with a fresh perspective and enthusiasm. Please help me in welcoming the new members!

Keep your hands in fiber! Myra Chang Thompson

• Next meeting: Saturday, May 18th

First Baptist Church in
Belen 12:30 set up and
1:00 meeting begins

Program: A Recycle
Challenge—Our own Terri
and Myra challenged each



other with some recycled knit cashmere, Merino and lambswool clothing pieces. Wait to see what they created! In their slide show, they will show you the steps they went through to incorporate the four individual pieces into fashionable accessory pieces.

June 15th meeting: To be announced—either a dye day or a program on garments. Check the next newsletter for more details.

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 photos and notes posted from some of the classes and presentations the guild has given.

Classified Advertisements:

- ⇒ Do you have something to sell? Do you want to advertise a class or workshop? Send your ad to Mary Curik! mary@fourpinesalpacas.com 505-379-4534
- ⇒ • Weaving instruction available in small group or individual settings. Contact Myra at 505 864-0876.
- ⇒ • Hay for sale \$10/bale. Call Bobby or Diana 864-7097.



Don't Miss the Fiber Arts Fiesta!

May 23, 24 & 25, 2013

Thurs. & Fri. from 10 - 6:30 and Sat. from 10 - 5

Daily entrance fee into the Fiesta is \$5. Multi-day passes at reduced rate available at door. Age 12 and under free.

Located at the EXPO New Mexico in the Manual Lujan Complex

Check it out on the web at <http://www.fiberartsfiesta.org/>

Odd threads:

We've had a busy year with lots of activities. We could not have done any of these things without your help! Thank you for volunteering, working on demonstrations and contributing to the guild.

Don Pippenger is alive and well. He has two items in the Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta. Be sure to look for them.

Claudia Vargas moved to Penasco but wishes to maintain her membership with Fiber to Finish! That's great, Claudia. Don't forget to come and visit.

2013 Membership cards will be given out soon. Your membership list will be attached to this newsletter.



Myra's hand dyed cotton sweater with New Mexico Wildflowers



Lunch at Pete's with Sally Nittler, Terri Greenlee, Ann Szklarz and Sally's daughter, Lesley



Needle Felting at the April Meeting

Above left – Jolene shows off her collection of felted chili peppers

Above right – Barb works on her creations

Left – Pam is focusd on her felting work

