



December 2017 Newsletter

*Our MFA Guild meeting will be at noon on Dec 6th
First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27 1/2 Rd, GJ.*

*Our MFA Night meeting will be 5:30pm, Dec 7th
The Craft Studio & Yarn Shop, 634 Main St., GJ.*

Message from the President

Dear Fiber Friends,

Is it really December already? Are your handmade holiday gifts all ready to go, or do you like to leave things to the last minute? Either way, the holidays are coming up fast, and next month we'll all be saying, "How is it 2018 already?"

Our day and night meeting program this month is our annual fashion show. Be sure to bring your handmade clothing and accessories, and be ready to strut your stuff! I look forward to seeing you all there.

Best,
Pamela S.



Guild Mission Statement Article II: Purpose Mesa Fiber Arts Guild is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of fiber arts: weaving, spinning, knitting, surface design, fiber dyeing and related fiber arts. The Guild seeks to advance fiber arts through shows, workshops, study groups, community involvement and a monthly newsletter. As members of the Mesa Fiber Arts Guild we have a responsibility to represent our Guild in the best possible light. Since we are a fiber arts group, it is suggested the whenever possible our members use high quality fibers in their projects when demonstrating to the public and participating in Guild sponsored events.

Second Saturdays Mini-Workshop

This month, learn simple felting with Lynne W. by making a Colorado Flag Ornament. The workshop is Dec. 9th from 1-3 pm and will be at The Craft Studio & Yarn Shop. The cost for members is \$15 (plus an \$8 materials fee) or \$20 for non-members. Spaces are limited, so **be sure to sign** up by writing to Pam G. at mesafiberartsguild.com (This is a great activity for teenagers, too!)



*Happy
Holidays*

Guild Library

The Guild now has an official space at The Craft Studio & Yarn shop that is designated for storing all our equipment, books, DVDs, etc. Any member may check out an item. There is also some donated yarn that may be used for teaching or charity knitting. If you know of or have any Guild equipment, please bring it by The Craft Studio or contact Pamela S. at mesafiberartsguild@gmail.com

Huge thanks to Michele and Jean for being our librarians this year. We appreciate your volunteering!

If you would like to sign up to teach a workshop or present at a meeting, *please* contact Pam G. at mesafiberartsguild@gmail.com

Techno Talk

Some of us love to listen to or watch something while doing our craft either for background noise or inspiration (or both!). This little corner of the newsletter will highlight a bit of the world wide web to help make your transition into cyberspace a bit friendlier, explain what might be chattered about in yakety circles, and hopefully be a place of comfortable inspiration. As always, if you have suggestions, let us know so we can include them in future newsletters.

What's a podcast? It's a digital audio file made available on the Internet for downloading to a computer or mobile device (like a smart phone), typically available as a series, new installments of which can be received by subscribers automatically. And yes, you can listen to them from your computer. Here's a sampling:

<http://www.knittingpipeline.com> the knitting podcast with a Celtic flair

www.woolful.com Ashley interviews many crafters from different areas of the fiber world.

Websites About Fiber:

www.craftsy.com Patterns, online classes, and supplies for quilting, sewing, crochet, knitting, baking, etc. Registration is free and there are many free videos to watch.

www.ravelry.com A free social networking service, beta-launched in May 2007. It functions as an organizational tool for a variety of fiber arts including knitting, crocheting, spinning, and weaving.

www.youtube.com A video sharing site. In the search bar, type in what you want to see and a plethora of videos will appear. You can make an account and subscribe to your favorites. In our home, we call this University of You Tube.

www.fiber-trek.squarespace.com We aspire to enrich the fiber world with thoughtful, deep content that focuses on the ways in which landscape, wool and community interaction.

Specialty Group News

KNITTERS/CROCHETERS: “Baby, it’s cold outside!” Time for hot cocoa (with marshmallows!), or hot tea with lemon and honey. What wonderful projects are you knitting or crocheting? Gifts for Christmas, or that yummy sweater you’ve waited to work on? (Count me in if you’re making an afghan or lap robe!) Are you learning a new skill or practicing what you already know you do brilliantly?

The November meeting was in the lovely home of Pamela S. Thank you, Pamela, for hosting.

Happy December, fiber artists! Pam

SPINNERS: Thanks to BJ and Mary K for volunteering to be our co-chairpersons.

HOOKERS/PUNCHERS:

RIGID HEDDLE WEAVERS:



Specialty Group Meetings

KNITTERS/CROCHETERS: Our next meeting, December 13, will be at the Central Library at 5th and Grand. We’re scheduled for the Mesa Room, from 10 to noon. I had to switch the time because everything was filled up at 9:30. Since Christmas is the time of giving, **please bring something to donate**. My recommendations are: something for one of Shirley’s babies, Knitted Knockers, or yarn to donate to the Women’s Recovery Center.

•You can get the free Knitted Knockers pattern at <https://www.knittedknockers.org/make-a-knocker/>. Materials are available at The Craft Studio and Yarn Shop. If you need stuffing, I have some I’d be happy to share.

•Women’s Recovery staff teach knitting and crochet to patients as a tool to help in their recovery. They’re always looking for yarn, so check your stash for something you won’t mind parting with.

•We’ve been working extra hard to expand our recognition in the community. If you’d like to contribute to those efforts, please consider demonstrating, exhibiting or teaching. Contact mesafiberartsguild@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

SPINNERS: For the next meeting, we are going to play with spinning cotton. Bring a spindle, an extra bobbin for your wheel, or even a charkha to try spinning cotton for yourself! We meet the third Wednesday of every month (during the school year) at First Congregational Church from 9:30-11:30 am.

HOOKERS/PUNCHERS: "The Rug Hookers' Holiday Get-Together planning is in process. Details will be emailed to group members soon!"

RIGID HEDDLE WEAVERS: We will not meet in November, but will meet again December 14th, at 5:30 at the Craft Studio.

Glenda Moore Weaving Scholarship

Glenda Moore, a longtime member of the Mesa Fiber Arts Guild, passed away June 17. To ensure that her love of weaving is passed on to at least one more person, Ricki H. has generously donated \$250 to the Glenda Moore Weaving Scholarship, and will donate an additional \$1 for every \$10 donated by others through December 31, 2017.

TREASURER'S REPORT 11/12/17

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	3027.74
Income	
Membership	210.00
Sunshine	16.00
Class Fees	80.00
Advertising	10.00
Total Income	316.00
Expense	
Honorarium	100.00
Class Instructor	50.00
Total Expense	150.00
Ending Balance	3193.74

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Subgroup Allotment	1832.00
Glenda Moore Memorial	275.00
Interest Total	0.03
Total Savings	2107.03

OFFICERS FOR THE 2017-2018 YEAR

President – Pamela S.

Vice President– Pam G.

Secretary – Lesly

Treasurer – Ann

Newsletter Editor – Lynne W.

Additional Key Contacts

Sunshine Raffle: Nancy G.

Hospitality (drinks, set up food): Lavonne H

Librarian: Michele P. and Jean McF.

Specialty Groups Coordinators

Knitters and Crocheters: open position

Spinners: BJ and Mary K.

Hookers: Judy Br

Rigid Heddle Weavers: Pamela S.

The Fine Print...

Newsletter: The Mesa Fiber Arts Guild Newsletter is published monthly from September through June. Deadline to submit material is the third Monday of the month prior. Publication of articles and advertisements does not constitute endorsement or recommendation by the Guild. Please email material to Lynne W. at LBHWolford@gmail.com

Business ads: must be computer ready. Monthly rates are \$5 for up to 5 lines; \$10 for 6 lines up to 1/4 page; \$10 for a half page; and \$25 for a full page. Payment must be received before ad will be printed. Send payment to: Mesa Fiber Arts Guild Treasurer PO Box 4945 GJ, CO 81501 Please indicate that the payment is for a business ad. Personal ads: are free to members. Cost to nonmembers for non-business ads is \$5/month.

Membership Dues: Payable in September-\$25 for individuals, \$35 per household. Send dues to: Mesa Fiber Arts Guild Treasurer PO Box 4945, GJ, CO 81501 THANK YOU in advance for all your contributions.

FOR SALE

Leclerc Nilus 36 inch 4 harness floor loom (has sectional warp beams that can be attached), loom folds to 14", weaving bench, Swedish bobbin winder, 6 Schacht boat shuttles(2- 20", 3- 13" and 1- 11"), spindles, 2 reeds (8 dent and 12 dent),9 bobbins 4 threading hooks, 24" metal temple, and Schacht warping board 29" x 38", -- \$750.00

Majacraft Green Suzie Spinning Wheel, lazy kate, niddy noddy, small combs,12 bobbins, 18" Valkyrie color blending hackle and some roving \$550.00

Weaving Yarn -- \$30.00

9 cones (1 very, very large cream cotton, 3 very large cream cotton, 1 small orange cotton, 1 small cream nubby cotton, 1 large black mohair, 1 medium raspberry cotton, and 1 small black rayon).

6 skeins 10/2 cotton (2 green, 2 green multi and 1 raspberry multi) approximately 4200 yards each.

If interested in any of the above, please contact Carol Curtiss at 970-275-1005 or cacur10711@aol.com

The Craft Studio & Yarn Shop has an open knit night every Monday from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. All are welcome. Please don't limit yourself to just knitting! We have crocheters, spinners, weavers, cross-stitchers, and a few sketch artists that have been known to join us. Coffee and tea are complimentary.

All MFAGuild members receive 10% off any purchase at any time. (Please show your membership card to receive your discount.)

SAVE THE DATE: May 12, 2018



COLORADO WEAVERS DAY

Host: Northern Colorado Weavers Guild

The Ranch Events Complex
McKee 4-H Building
5280 Arena Circle
Loveland, CO 80538

Auction to Benefit the Youth Ministry at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church:

Do you love to dye fiber? This set of fabric dyes – some used, some nearly full – is being auctioned to the highest bidder by Deb R. She'll have a silent auction sheet at both December meetings. All proceeds will go back to the youth ministry at St. Matthew's and a percentage will be donated to MFAG.

Powdered Procion MX Dyes (cold water - no heat required)

14 powdered Grateful Dyes, Inc

6 liquid Dharma Pigments

All dyes sold together.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
27 November	28	29	30	1 December	2/3
4	5	6 12pm Guild Mtg First Pres. Church Fashion Show	7 5:30 Night Mtg The Craft Studio Fashion Show	8	9/10 Felted Colorado Ornament 1-3 pm @ Craft Studio
11	12	13 10:00 am Knitters Central Library First Day of Hanukkah	14 5:30 pm Rigid Heddle Weavers The Craft Studio	15	16/17
18	19	20 9:30 am Spinners	21 9:30 am Yarn & Yak at The Craft Studio. All are welcome!	22	23/24
25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30/31
1 January	2 2	3 0	4 1	5 8	6/7

JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3 Noon - Guild Mtg First Pres Church	4 5:30 pm Night Guild Craft Studio	5	6
7	8	9	10 9:30 Knit group	11	12	13 1 - 3 pm Second Saturday Workshop
14	15 ML King Day	16	17 9:30 Spin group First Congregational	18 9:30 Yarn & Yak Open to the public Craft Studio	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 5:30 pm Rigid Heddle Weaving group Craft Studio	26	27
28	29	30	31			

December 2017

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