



September 2017 Newsletter

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

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

Message from the President

Dear Fiber Friends,

Fall is in in the air (or at least the hint of it), and exciting new things are everywhere I look. We have a full schedule of programs for both our day and evening meetings, as well as new workshops starting in October. The website has gotten a new look, and new features are coming soon. Be sure to peruse MesaFiberArtsGuild.org to see the changes.

Our Guild Challenge this year is to participate in the First Friday Art Walk downtown, kindly hosted by The Craft Studio & Yarn Shop. We'd like to have members there demonstrating their fiber arts, as well as items to show and/or sell. Be sure to sign up for a time slot to demonstrate and submit an item to display.

Pam G. has done a fantastic job lining up programs for both our day and night meetings. This month, the day meeting program will be "Hand Yoga" with local yoga teacher Suzi Potratz, and the evening meeting will feature "Handcare for Handcrafters" with our own Susan C. Since so many of our fiber arts involve repetitive motions and the chance for repetitive stress injuries, these programs will offer useful insight on how to take care of our hands, two of our most important tools.

Hope to see you there!

Best,
Pamela S.

Second Saturdays Mini-Workshops

You asked, we listened! Starting in October, we will have mini workshops on the second Saturday of each month. First up is Kumihimo with Judy B. on October 14th. The workshop is from 1-3 pm and will be at The Craft Studio & Yarn Shop. The cost for members is \$15 (plus a materials fee) or \$20 for non-members. Spaces are limited, so be sure to sign up by calling Pam G. (913) 485 9953.

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

Community Involvement

What's so important that it's written into our bylaws? Community Involvement! There are lots of opportunities for educating the public about who we are and what we do as fiber artists. Here are a few of the upcoming opportunities for community involvement, demos, and workshops:

First Fridays Art Walk - October 6th at The Craft Studio & Yarn Shop

- Demos
- Items to Show/Sell

Second Saturday Workshop - October 7th at The Craft Studio & Yarn Shop*

*Yes, we're aware Oct. 7th is the first Saturday. It's a long story about how we got dates mixed up. For October, our Second Saturday Workshop will be on the First Saturday. Thanks for your patience in this matter.

If you would like to sign up to teach a workshop or present at a meeting, please contact Pam G. (913) 485 9953.

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.

Specialty Group News

KNITTERS/CROCHETERS: Our Knit/Crochet group has had a great summer! Many thanks to our hostesses, Mary Jo N., Lavonne H. and Paula O.! We NEEEEED someone to take over as coordinator. It's not difficult and much has been done already. Please let Pam G. know at our next meeting that you'd love to step up and volunteer.

SPINNERS: The Spinners Group met during the summer at First Congregational Church.

HOOKERS/PUNCHERS: The Rug Hook & Punch Group has continued to meet through the summer, meeting typically on the fourth Saturdays, 10 am - noon, at The Craft Studio.

Some group members are planning to attend the Denver ATHA Hook-In on Sept. 16th. We are continuing to work on our 2017 challenge - a three dimensional hooked piece. The group is discussing a wool dying get together in October, more details as they become available.

Specialty Group Meetings

KNITTERS/CROCHETERS: Pam G. is graciously hosting on Sept. 13th with thanks from her husband. Feel free to bring a snack.

SPINNERS: The spinning group coordinator for 2017-18 is Ricki. The group will continue to meet at the First Congregational Church on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am. Please bring a few dollars to help defray the cost of the room rental.

HOOKERS/PUNCHERS: We will meet Sept. 23rd and Oct. 28th at The Craft Studio at 10 am. Our schedule will change during the holidays, so please contact Judy Br. for meeting information in November and December. New "hookers" are always welcome.

RIGID HEDDLE WEAVERS: The NEW Rigid Heddle Weavers group will meet at The Craft Studio on Sept. 27th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Please contact Pamela S. for more information.

Grand Valley Weavers is a new social group that focuses on weaving. We will be having our first meeting on September 9, at 9:30 am.

Grand Valley Weavers is separate from the Mesa Fiber Arts Guild. To find out more about Grand Valley Weavers, visit <http://grandvalleyweavers.weaveit.com/> or contact Sally B. at sallyb@weaveit.com.

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.

Mesa Fiber Arts Guild
Treasurer's Report
August 28, 2017

Balance 5/16/17	4737.73
Income	
Membership	
Sunshine	
TOTAL INCOME	0.00
Expense	
Glenda Moore memorial	25.00
P.O. Box Rental	64.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	89.00
Balance 8/28/17	4648.73

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: open position

Specialty Groups Coordinators

Knitters and Crocheters: open position
Spinners: Ricki
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.

Thank you...

From Lynn H.:

Our Knitting in Antarctica book will soon be available for pre-order on Amazon and is slated for mid October launch. **Heartfelt thanks** once again to MFA guild test knitters who helped make this book happen.

The Craft Studio and Yarn Shop now has looms and spinning wheels. Several of our MFAGuild members are teaching classes. Make sure to check out thecraftstudiogj.com for a calendar of events. Or, stop in – coffee, tea, and hugs are always complimentary.

Open Knit Night is Mondays from 6:30-8:30 pm.

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

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
28 August	29	30	31	1 September	2/3
4	5 Labor Day	6 Noon Guild Meeting First Pres Church "Hand Yoga"	7 5:30 pm Night Meeting Craft Studio "Handcare for Handcrafters"	8	9/10 Salida Fiber Fest Grand Valley Weavers
11	12	13 9:30 Knitting/Crochet Pam G.'s home	14	15	16/17 Denver ATHA Hook-In
18	19	20 9:30 Spinning First Congregational	21 9:30 Yarn & Yak Craft Studio	22	23/24 10:00 Rug Hookers and Punchers Craft Studio
25	26	27 5:30 Rigid Heddle Weaving Craft Studio	28	29	30/1 October
2	3	4	5	6	7/8

october

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25 September	26	27	28	29	30/1 October
2	3	4 Noon Guild Meeting First Pres Church "Social Media for Fiber Arts"	5 5:30 Night Meeting Craft Studio "Social Media for Fiber Arts"	6 5:30 – 8:00 First Friday Art Walk Demos/Show-or-Sell Craft Studio	7/8
9	10	11 9:30 Knitting/Crochet	12	13	14/15 1-3 Mini-Workshop Craft Studio "Kumihimo" by Judy Br. (970) 485 9953 to reserve your spot.
16	17	18 9:30 Spinning First Congregational Church	19 9:30 Yarn & Yak Craft Studio	20	21/22
23	24	25 5:30 Rigid Heddle Weaving Craft Studio	26	27	28/29 10:00 Rug Hookers and Punchers Craft Studio
30	31	1 November	2	3	4/5