



Some funnies we can look back on and laugh about NOW.

How did the health experts lie? They said a mask and gloves was enough to go to the grocery store. When I got there, everyone else had clothes on.

This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog—we laughed a lot.

Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.

Being quarantined with a talkative child is like having an insane parrot glued to your shoulder

What's the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand.

Zoom meetings are just modern seances



"There's someone who wants to join us."
"Elizabeth, are you there?"
"We can't hear you."
"Can you hear us?"





President's Notes

April 2021

We are getting closer and closer to seeing each other in person hopefully at the September meeting depending on the recommended practices at that time and everyone's comfort level. Challenging times create innovative solutions so maybe we can figure out a hybrid meeting format. I am really looking forward to seeing all of you in person again in the not-too-distant future. We all just need to hang in there for a little longer for hugs all around. Don't get discouraged, the end is in sight.

As always, I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and back to seeing family and friends.

Please review the minutes from the March meeting that are included at the end of the newsletter to catch up on the last meeting if you were unable to attend.

Thanks again to Mara and Mary for stepping up to the plate and serving on the nominating committee. Mara will present the slate of officers for the membership's consideration at the April meeting. The vote on the slate will take place at the May meeting and the term for the new board officers will begin on July 1st.

I am still working on the donations to the Buena Vista and Salida Boys and Girls Clubs but hope to get them finalized by the May meeting. Marjie Gray and I had a zoom meeting with Julia Makowski at the Buena Vista Library who assembles weekly kits for kids ages preschool through 5th grade to pick up and make at home. There are approximately 38 kids in the pre-K category, 30 kids in the k-2nd grade category and 20 kids in the 3rd - 5th grade category. Julia was extremely impressed with the Guild's library display last year and would like to plan out 3 weeks of fiber projects in October to correlate with the Guild's Library Display. The Board voted to donate some supplies for the fiber art kits for the kids. Julia is also planning an outing this fall where the kids will go to the rodeo grounds to see a sheep dog work sheep. Robin Ziperman has agreed to be a resource to talk to the kids about the process of how the wool becomes cloth and will show off some of her beautiful work.



Mara's slide show at the March meeting of "Andean Textiles Arts to Peru" and a tour of Tinkuy and the indigenous weavers there was enlightening. The presentation included a visit to Cusco where there was a parade of many countries' weavers, a display of their traditional methods, and demonstrations as well as workshops on their textile techniques. She also toured Machu Picchu and the Inca ruins. It is utterly amazing what these weavers can do with fairly rustic looms and equipment that showcase weaving techniques that have been passed down from generation to generation. When we see each other in person again, Mara offered to bring some of the items from her tour to a meeting.

Several members showed off their projects in Show and Tell. Remember you can see a slide show of members' show and tell projects from the February meeting at <https://www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org/> and the Weaving Study Group projects at <https://www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org/weaving.html>.

I hope to see all of you on Friday April 2nd on the Zoom Meeting which will start at 9:30 am. Look for the link for the meeting in an email at the beginning of that week to all members with instructions on how to join the meeting. If you have not yet downloaded the Zoom app on your phone, tablet or computer please do so. It is free. Here is the link to download the Zoom app in advance of the meeting. <https://zoom.us/download>. If you don't download the app in advance, it will ask you to download it when you join the meeting. All participants will have their audio muted when they initially join the meeting. If you want to comment on something or have a question, just raise your hand. When it is your turn to describe your Show & Tell item, your audio will be unmuted so all of the attendees can hear you.

Since there are quite a few of us who participate in the meeting you might want to join the meeting at least 15 minutes early at 9:15 am. You will go to a waiting room and I will admit you to the meeting. See you all then and be sure and stay safe.

Judy Curran
President



SPECIAL STUDY GROUPS

Do you have a special interest that you would like to pursue with fellow fiber artists? Just send an email to Sandee Jaastad at sandeejaastad@gmail.com with your request that she send your email invitation to the membership to form a group for your special interest by responding to you at your email address. Then you are off and running in organizing a group and setting up monthly meetings. It is a great way to meet other members who not only share your passion but will offer a wonderful source of knowledge and encouragement.

The next Zoom Weaving Study Group will be Tuesday, April 13th at 9:30. A link will be sent a day or two before the meeting. Also do not forget to take a look at the Art Clothing Group projects at <https://www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org/art-clothing.html>. Their next Zoom meeting will be Thursday, April 22nd and again a link will be sent to the members before the meeting date.



If you have any equipment items, books or other fiber related articles you want to sell be sure and send a brief description to Beth at bethscully57@gmail.com and Mara at karmannghia64@gmail.com with photos, prices and contact information. Don't forget to let both Beth and Mara know when your items sell so that they can remove them from the newsletter and web page.



HCFG STASH SALE

NOW'S THE TIME TO START SORTING & GATHERING YOUR EXCESS STASH
FOR THE NEXT STASH SALE !!

A GREAT WAY TO MAKE ROOM (& A LITTLE MONEY) FOR THOSE NEW SUP-
PLIES & PROJECTS!!

WHEN? SOMETIME THE END OF JULY, 2021 (EXACT DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED
LATER)!!

WHERE? IN SUE KEYES' YARD AT 410 OURAY AVE. (CORNER OF OURAY &
GRANT) IN SALIDA!

ALL ITEMS MUST BE PRICED & TAGGED, INCLUDING YOUR INITIALS, AS YOU
WILL BE REIMBURSED 100%!! SUCH A DEAL!

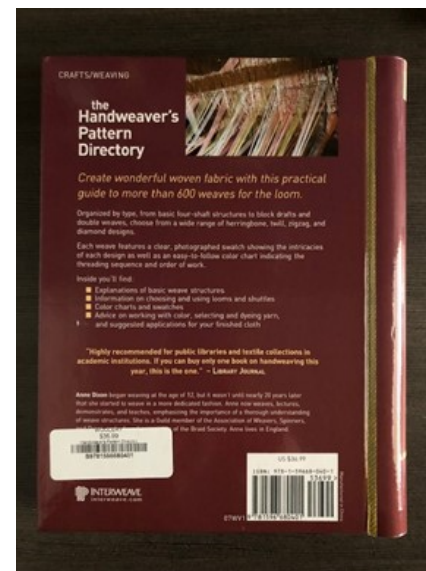
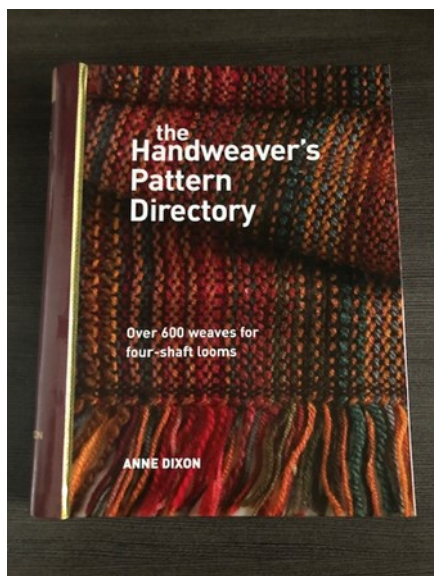
THERE WILL BE A CENTRAL CASHIER SO NO NEED TO HAVE CHANGE AVAILABLE!
WATCH FOR UPDATES & REMINDERS!



ISO: Looking for a friend. Schacht Sidekick wheel. Please let me know if you have one you'd like to sell. Text Robin @ 719 966-9038

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For Sale:
The Handweaver's Pattern Directory
Brand new copy
\$37
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LOOM FOR SALE!!



Contact:

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HCFG MEETING MINUTES March 5, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President, Judy Curran at 9:38 AM. Twenty members were in attendance and Judy introduced our newest member, Leanne Lockhart. Leanne brought our membership count to 53.

MINUTES

Karen moved to accept last month's minutes and Sue seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rita reported that as of March 1st, we have \$3667.83 in checking and \$2153.14 in savings for a total of \$5820.97. No bills are due. We earned 5 cents in interest and received the new membership fee.

Judy reported that the Board approved \$20 to be paid for two members (\$10 each) to attend the Global Quilt Guild round table discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs:

Today's program will be Mara's talk and slide presentation of her trip to Peru.

Next month's plan was to have Kit Salway do a workshop on Beaded Cuffs but we are waiting on more information about whether that plan will hold.

Mara attended the Global Quilt Guild round table discussion and said they discussed how to put effective virtual quilting lessons together. She said they discussed ways to use "Zoom" for lectures, workshops, classes, and speakers. The classes they offered were \$500 so not many people are interested.

Fashion Show:

Diane has been talking to Gene and they have discussed whether it will be feasible to have it, as currently planned, in October 2021. They talked about speakers and a textile artist in northern New Mexico was suggested. We all talked about possible alternative plans such as an afternoon tea instead of the usual luncheon. It was pointed out (since we lost money on the last Fashion Show) that a tea would be much more cost effective as far as food expense. Frank asked if we could consider having our vendors in the main room to save our costs for the facility. For the tea, we would be serving desserts only. The facility provides drinks included in their price. We talked about possibly going outside for some of the event. Diane is going to check on possibly using the Steam Plant's tent. Marjie suggested that we use the pavilion at Mt. Princeton and Diane will check on the price for that



Minutes con't.

Judy had some thoughts on catering. The Asian Palate will do catering and also Spark Provisions. We could even provide the desserts ourselves if there are enough volunteers to do so. She also suggested we sell tables instead of seats so people would not worry about sitting with strangers.

Karen suggested switching the event to a summertime date so we could be outside. Diane mentioned that previously people were opposed to that because vendors thought their wool products would not sell well in summertime but Laura said her friend, who attends venues to sell her wool creations, sold out in the summertime.

Diane mentioned the ongoing concern about safety and the uncertainty of what to expect regarding Covid protocols in October 2021. We don't want anyone to be uncomfortable.

Newsletter:

Beth informed us that she has not had any items for "Tips and Tricks" in the newsletter and she would like us to send her some. She wants to have some for each month's newsletter. She requested we send her any ideas for that via email.

Nominating Committee:

Mara and Mary have a volunteer for President although it is fine to have more than one candidate if anyone else is interested. We still need someone to fill the positions of Vice President, Secretary, and Programs Co-Chair.

Leanne asked what the Vice President's duties were. Judy said primarily the VP is back-up for the President. But the VP also is often assigned to the handling of special events such as the Stash Sale, Library Display, and Holiday Party. This year Sue is handling the Stash Sale and it will be at her house. And there, likely, will be no Holiday Party this year.

It was suggested we consider moving up officers from year to year as it might be a way to grow our leadership. Janet liked a two year overlap of terms for officers.

Judy mentioned the by-laws were revised recently to where there is a maximum of three years for each officer. She urged the committee to work on lining up some candidates soon as we need to present the slate at the next HCFG meeting.



Minutes con't.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weaving subgroup: The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 9 at 9:30 on Zoom. Frank offered to lead the Zoom meeting.

Art Clothing subgroup: The 4th Thursday-March 25th at 1:00 on Zoom.

The BV Restaurant, Bread and Salt is requesting art to be displayed at their restaurant. Their deadline is March 19 and there is no commission on the work.

Chaffee Arts is offering a discount of \$5-10 to renew their memberships.

Judy asked for Board approval of our donations of equipment or materials. She has not heard back from the High School. But Kiki, who is with the Salida Boys and Girls Club wants spinning related things and she also suggested materials for putting "sun photos" on shirts etc. Sue, who is at the BV Boys and Girls Club suggested a Cricket loom for the kids and requested washable wool. The Board approved a \$250 valued donation to each recipient.

Rita suggested we have an explanation in our newsletter regarding how our dues are used to help the community. Beth said we could do a "special edition" of the newsletter which would show our contributions to the community and it could be part of our membership drive. And she also suggested we take pictures of what we donated and the kids who received the donations. We could then make a collage of these photos and post them around town in places like "Serendipity" and "Hodgepodge" etc.

Mara introduced her friend, Laurie, from Ft. Collins.

SHOW AND TELL

To see the items presented, go to the HCFG website where they are all posted.

Cheryl showed some knitted throws, placemats, a runner and rag rug.

Karen showed some woven placemats.

Kathy showed us some side by side weavings with butterfly pattern.

Sandee did various weavings to show.

Marjie used tips from her color class to do some colorful dish towels.



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PROGRAM

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Our meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

TIPS & TRICKS

Want to help out your fellow fiber artist? If you have a tip that you use to make things easier and more efficient for your fiber art projects, please send them to Beth at bethscully57@gmail.com so that they can be shared with others. Please put “Tips and Tricks” in the Subject Line so they don’t get lost!