



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





So many coronavirus jokes out there, it's a pundemic.

What's the difference between COVID-19 and Romeo and Juliet? One's the coronavirus and the other is a Verona crisis.

Day 121 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture!"

If I keep stress-eating at this level, the buttons on my shirt will start socially distancing from each other.

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch them with a six-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!

After years of wanting to thoroughly clean my house but lacking the time, this week I discovered that wasn't the reason.

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.

Take care of yourselves and stay safe!



## **President's Notes**

May 2021

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

Even in these challenging times the Guild has 54 members. What a tribute to our organization of talented fiber artists. 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.

It is a bittersweet moment for me as I step down from my position as President of the Guild. It has certainly been a challenging as well as a rewarding couple of years. Even though I may be stepping back from the limelight I plan to remain off stage to help in any way I can. The Guild is a great organization with a wealth of talented and dedicated members, and I am truly proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization.

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

As you know, the Guild does not meet in the summer months so May will be the last meeting until September. The top priority for the coming Zoom meeting is the vote on next year's slate of Board members and we have a full slate of candidates to consider. Since there is only one candidate per position and we can't have a show of hands in person Robert's Rules of Order allows that the single candidate can be "deemed" as filling the position. So, at the meeting I will announce the slate and barring anyone else volunteering to fill the position I will call for a Motion to deem the positions filled, request a second to the Motion and then deem the slate accepted. Following are the candidates for the 2021-2022 Board:



President: Laura Deer  
Vice President: Pat Hensley  
Treasurer: Rita Leydon  
Secretary: Leanne Lockhart  
Program Chair: Mara Kali  
Program Vice-Chair: Penny Smith-Kerker  
Newsletter Editor: Beth Scully  
Immediate Past President: Judy Curran

Thanks again to Mara and Mary for stepping up to the plate and serving on the nominating committee. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those members who will be retiring from the Board, Frank Campbell, Amy McCrary, and Kay Krebs for all their help the past year or two. The time and effort they devoted to their respective positions was greatly appreciated and I look forward to working with the new Board in the coming months.

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 April meeting at <https://www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org/> and the Weaving Study Group projects at <https://www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org/weaving.html>.

Laura and Mara led a great brainstorming discussion on what the future holds for the Guild given the current environment of COVID-19. A summary of the ideas that were batted around follows later in the newsletter. If you were unable to attend the April meeting and have thoughts on any of the topics discussed please email Laura at [ldeer007@gmail.com](mailto:ldeer007@gmail.com) or Mara at [Karmannghia64@gmail.com](mailto:Karmannghia64@gmail.com).



I hope to see all of your smiling faces at 9:30 AM on the May 7<sup>th</sup> Zoom Guild Meeting. Remember the presentation will be the Guild Challenge: MAKE A HAT that represents your heritage OR a past life. I can't wait to see what everyone has made.

Continue to wear your masks and stay safe out there.

**Judy Curran**  
**President**

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### **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](mailto: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, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 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, May 27<sup>th</sup> and again a link will be sent to the members before the meeting date.

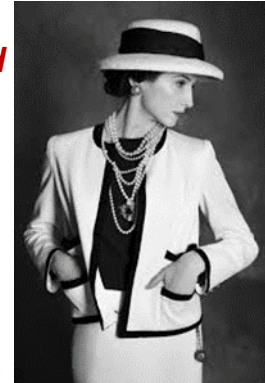
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***Programs ... Guild Challenge for 2021 ... May 7, 2021***

***Hat from your heritage or from someone in the past that you would like to be ...***

***(Coco Chanel ... Love that elegance!)***



### **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 AVAILA-  
BLE!

WATCH FOR UPDATES & REMINDERS!





## HCFG Breakout Room - Brainstorming “Starter Topics” for April 2, 2021

In Brainstorming, **ALL ideas/ suggestions are listed – please do not “weed out” thoughts.**

### 1. How should the Guild handle Covid in 2021-2022?

*Note: subject to Chaffee County Public Health guidelines/ mandates.*

Require vaccinations or rapid anti-body testing to attend in-person meetings?  
Require masks, social distancing?  
What are member’s comfort level?

### 2. How should we get the 2/3 of Guild members (not been attending Zoom meetings) back into the fold?

Location of meetings?  
Date/time of meetings?  
Hybrid meetings?

### 3. Guild Showcase

Add an additional smaller event(s)? Outdoors?  
Change stash sale/ and fashion show events to both contribute to the Guild (smaller percentage from each event)?

### 4. Programs?

Should we pay members for speaking/ researching a topic(s)?  
Should we pool monies for speakers from outside Chaffee County?  
Should we increase programs budget line item?

### 5. Volunteerism? Is it dead or do we not have the right structure for the current Guild members?

### 6. Additional Guild sub-groups?

### 7. Coordination of sub-group projects for library display, Guild Showcase events ...?

### 8. Charity/ donations process?

## **Take-Aways” from Guild meeting conversation.**

Theme: we want to support one another by:

### 1. Covid.

Follow Chaffee County Public Health Guidelines.

Vaccinated members attend in-person meetings; scanning/ emailing proof of vaccination; “red heart stickers.”

Non-vaccinated members attend via Zoom.

Membership Application – add checkbox for vaccination; add checkbox for “agree to wear a mask @ meetings.”

Exceptions – write to the Board.



**2. Re-engage 2/3 of Membership – Priority #1.**

Hold “hybrid” meetings (in-person + Zoom); allow for larger attendance.

Social Events, (e.g., reception in library meeting room for library display, outdoor picnic in Sept., meeting in the park(s)).

Member Spotlight – get to know one another better.

Identify Guild members specialties; mentoring.

A. A different specialty in each corner, outside (tent) or inside ... allow people to engage w/ others who have similar interests or would like to have similar interests/ learn new skills.

B. Additional subgroups by interest may grow out of this event; may meet separately.

54 members currently; this past year has not been a good judge of normal engagement.

Start/ keep small/ casual ... not burdensome.

Survey membership.

Provide Zoom refresher lessons.

**3. Guild Showcase and Programs.**

5x5 (spotlight member’s work from beginner -> expert).

More detailed show & tell, (e.g., type of materials, inspiration/ creative process, process to make item) vs. having formal programs each time.

Fix errors/ How to start ideas in various mediums.

Providing educational programming, exposure to “experts” in their field.

Workshops need to be self-supporting; if not, cancel workshop.

Use Utube/ videos, member videos ... don’t have to spend big bucks.

Fundraising less important.

A. However, some revenue generating activities may be necessary to sustain the guild.

i. 54 members @ \$35 annual dues = \$1,890 income minus estimated charitable donations/ scholarship(s) \$750? minus church rental costs \$500? minus programs \$600?

ii. Remainder of ~\$40-50 a year (plus “reserve” in checking/ savings) to fund any loss on the fashion show.





**3. (Con't.)**

**Technology.**

**Using Zoom to broaden programs, (e.g., speaker(s) in different states, countries ...).**

**Judy Hoch – techniques/ how to do demos on-line.**

**Mara Kali – photograph work, maintain digital portfolio/ archive.**

**Record meetings; post in Member-only area of website (would need to upgrade website and would need recording approval from the speaker).**

**AV equipment a must.**

**Some members feel there is no need for workshops or speakers.**

**4. Volunteerism.**

**Recruit in July for 2021-2022. Personal emails on those who did not re-sign-up.**

**Provide personal touch/ see/ reach out to people.**

**Hold Membership drive in November.**

**Have members bring a guest to meetings.**

**Members lives are too busy to add more to their plates.**

**Pat Hensley – resource to tap based on her experience with NJ groups.**

**5. Charity/ Donation Process.**

**Not discussed (in this portion of the meeting.)**



FREE! IF YOU'RE STILL MAKING MASKS, I HAVE SEVERAL EAR CINCHES I'D LOVE TO GIVE YOU!  
THEY'RE IN BLACK & WHITE; STRETCHY; VERY COMFY; & I'VE MADE OF BAGGIES WITH ENOUGH FOR 10 MASKS EACH.  
E-MAIL: [keyeskat@hotmail.com](mailto:keyeskat@hotmail.com) , or CALL SUE KEYES @ (719) 539-4649 (LEAVE MSG.), OR TEXT  
(303) 638-3673 TO SET UP TIME FOR PICKUP (SALIDA near golfcourse)





## Heart of Colorado FiberArt Guild Meeting

**April 2, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Curran at 9:35 on ZOOM. Sixteen members were in attendance.

**Minutes:** Laura Deer moved to accept last month's minutes, and Beth Scully seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rita reported that we have \$3582.86 in checking and \$2153.16 in savings for a total of \$5736.02. The accounts earned 5 cents in interest. She received \$35 from new member, Tara Konecny. We now have a total of 54 members. Expenses of \$200 were paid for two speakers at \$100 each and \$10 each for Laura and Mara to attend the Global Quilt Guild round table on Zoom.

**Committee Reports:** Today's program was pulled at the last minute. Next month's program is the hat challenge. You are to wear a hat from your past or representative of your ethnic background.

**Fashion Show:** Gene Marsh reported that they are still waiting to see how things stand with COVID restrictions next fall. They have talked about having a scaled down event with fewer people, but they are concerned that it might not break even. The new board will decide.

**Officer Nominating Committee:** There is a slate of officers for next year. Laura Deer president, Pat Hensley vice-president, Leanne Lockhart secretary, Rita Leydon treasurer, Mara Kali program chair, Penny Smith-Kerker vice program chair, Beth Scully newsletter and Judy Curran immediate past president. Everyone expressed their appreciation to Judy Curran for her great job of president this past year.

**Announcements:** Cindy Bass will be the artist in residence at the AVID gallery in Buena Vista starting May 1. She will display pastels and weavings. There will be a reception May 1 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Cindy is a member of Chaffee Arts.

Chaffee Arts announced their Open Awards Show will be held in August. Fiber artists are encouraged to submit. You need to be a member which is \$35.00.



Double weaver workshops with Jennifer Moore will be held in May and July via Zoom. Sandee sent out an email.

Judy Curran spoke about an upcoming immersive Van Gogh exhibit that will be on display in Aurora from mid-July through mid-September. You walk thru the exhibit. Tickets are approximately \$35.00 and go on sale April 20th.

**Old Business:** The Buena Vista Boys and Girls Club has requested a 15-inch cricket loom and washable wool yarn. Kiki from the Salida Boys and Girls Club has requested spindles and roving. Julie from the Buena Vista Library would like to provide take home kits for children in September and October when the Guild has the library exhibit. It was suggested that she might like to have small pot-holder looms to check out. Sandee and Janet are willing to donate their pot-holder looms. Julie has a program planned to have a sheep and sheep dog demonstration at the rodeo grounds. Robin Ziperman agreed to help and demonstrate spinning.

**Show & Tell:** Kay Krebs showed her spring quilted placemats.

Mara Kali showed an abstract quilted wall hanging titled *Frozen Cottonwood Creek*.

Robin Ziperman showed a woven scarf, placemats and table runner.

Marjie showed a raised weaving pillow. It is her second pillow woven from Lamb's Pride wool.

Sandee showed a rag rug from bold print fabric that she wove for a friend. She purchased five yards of fabric but used only four yards for the rug.

Pat Hensley showed a piece work knitted sweater made in twelve sections with a dragon fly lace pattern in the back.

Toni Gerdes showed a needlepoint titled *Patchwork Elephant*.

**Program:** Laura Deer lead a discussion about how the Guild should handle things in 2021-2022. Only about a third of Guild member attend Zoom meetings.

For in-person meetings. What are members comfortable with? Should verification of vaccination be required. Should masks and social distancing be required?

Future programs were discussed. Should we pay members for speaking/researching a topic? Should we pool monies for speakers from outside Chaffee County? Should we increase the Programs budget line item? Workshops should be self-supporting. Hybrid meetings were suggested. It was agreed that getting members back should be a priority.

An outdoor event was suggested for September.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20

Respectfully submitted

Kay Krebs Co-Secretary