

HEART OF COLORADO FIBERARTS GUILD

December 2023 Newsletter

DECEMBER MEETING CHRISTMAS PARTY: The HCFG Christmas Potluck will be held December 1, 2023, at the Congregational Church of Christ, 217 Crossman Avenue, Buena Vista, from 11:00 AM – 2 PM. Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up beginning at 9:30 am. Pat is bringing the tablecloths. Your table decorations would be most appreciated. No need to call or sign up – just come and pitch in. Everybody is welcome.

Please bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name:

A – J – Sides or salads

K – Q – Main dishes

R – Z – Desserts/snacks

Please bring your own table settings (plate, utensils, napkin, cup or glass) and if your dish requires serving utensils, don't forget to bring those also. We will provide coffee, water, and punch.

We will also need a little help cleaning up afterwards. With lots of help, we can be done in minutes.

We will have a gift exchange (\$20 limit) and contests for the Ugliest Holiday Sweater and the Nicest Holiday Sweater. There will also be a game, "What Would Santa Buono Say?" Prizes, prizes, prizes!

DUES ARE DUE: For those of you who have not yet taken care of business -- \$35 dues will be graciously accepted by Beth Scully or Pat Hensley. Please take a moment to write a check to HCFG and tuck it into the bag you'll be bringing to the party.

NOTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2023 MEETING: We did not have a formal meeting but began with a few announcements: (1) We now have 29 members with three being added on Friday; (2) Penny told people about Bob, the sewing machine repair guy; (3) We talked about the Christmas Party; and (4) it was Penny's 70th birthday, so she was presented with a pink alpaca mug, which was immediately named Barbie!

A NOTE OF CONDOLENCE: Our heartfelt thoughts go to Pat, whose brother passed away in October.

PREVIEW OF 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE: This is a tentative schedule of meetings, workshops and other activities scheduled for next year. Start reserving these days on your new calendars! ("BV CUCC" refers to Congregational United Church of Christ in Buena Vista, and "Salida UMC" to First United Methodist Church in Salida).

January 5, 2024 (BV CUCC)– Jan will speak on wet-felting and her time in Mongolia where she learned many techniques for wet-felting. Jane will present a workshop on "Wet Felting for Bold Effects" the afternoon of Jan. 5.

Saturday, January 6, 2024 is ROCK DAY – We will celebrate the beginning of work in the New Year with our traditional day of spinning and visiting. Time, location, and what to bring will be announced a little closer to the day.

February 2, 2024 (Salida UMC)– Deborah Robson (independentstitch.com) will give a one hour zoom presentation on “Breed Specific Wools: What They Are and Why They Matter”. Wool grows in an amazing range of varieties with all sorts of different properties, and the wool you want to use to make a camisole isn’t the same wool you’d choose to make a laptop case or stuff a mattress with. Wools vary in comfort warmth, durability, and other factors that can make or break our textile projects.

Deborah is a fiber generalist who specializes in spinning, knitting, and weaving, although she experiments with all aspects of textiles. She is the fiber author of *The Fleece and Fiber Sourcebook* and co-author of *The Field Guide to Fleece* in collaboration with livestock expert Carol Ekarius. For fourteen years she worked at Interweave Press, editing both books and *Spin-Off* magazine. She has a DVD set now available from Long Threads Media and a class on wool types available at Craftsy.com, and is publishing focused fiber-topic monographs. Her website is independentstitch.com.

March 1, 2024 (BV CUCC) – Kimberly Perkins of Cat Mountain Fiber Arts will speak on “Creating a Fusion of Color and Texture: Dyeing Yarn with Multiple Fibers and Textures”. There will be a workshop the afternoon of Mar. 1.

April 5, 2024 (Salida UMC) – HCFG’s Art Garment Group will feature garments made by the members and discuss the ideas and processes involved in creating them.

May 3, 2024 (BV CUCC) – Presentation of 2023/2024 Challenge results (This year’s challenge is to create an object inspired by the place you were born or the place you grew up).

May 6, 7 and 8, 2024 - SPLIT SHED WEAVING WORKSHOP – Presented by Deborah Silver in person at the Sangre de Christo conference room in Buena Vista. There are still spaces available. Contact Sandee Jaastad (sandeejaastad@gmail.com or 719-395-4849) for more information.