



President's Notes

November 2020

I want to again personally thank the members who joined the Zoom Meeting on October 2nd for their patience and understanding during my time of technical difficulty. I finally got it together and we were able to have the meeting with 14 members present.

It was fun to see those who wore a Halloween mask. Sue Keyes was Woody from Toy Story inspired by a hat she got from the Nancy MacAninch's sale. And who could forget Janet Yinger. She made a head dress of snakes from scrapes of material leftover from the many masks she has been making for the Navajo reservation. She named her creation Pandusa after the pandemic and Medusa.

I also want to thank Amy McCrary for taking the minutes which is no easy task in a Zoom meeting. Also, kudos to Mara Kari for the wonderful slide show of both the Guild Challenge and the Weaving Challenge and thanks to all who participated in the challenges. Check out the Program Committee's article for the links to the web page to view these projects.

Please review the minutes from the October meeting that are included at the end of the newsletter.

Remember that if you have a tip that you use to make things easier for whatever fiber art projects you work on please send them to Beth at bethscully57@gmail.com. Also, 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 and photos, prices and contact information to Mara at karmannghia64@gmail.com. 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.



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If you couldn't attend the Zoom meeting you missed a fantastic presentation on **Halloween-themed Needleart** by nationally recognized Needlearts professional, **Toni Gerdes**. Toni not only presented some beautiful art pieces created by herself and others but also talked about some of the history surrounding the Halloween Holiday. Did you know that Halloween is the second largest holiday of the year as the final day of harvest at summer's end? Think twice about stepping on those spiders. It is said they are the spirit of a loved one watching over whoever finds them. And if you were born on Halloween, you should have the ability to talk to the spirits so you might want to take a walk around a cemetery late at night and have a conversation with those who have passed on.

The show and tell was its usual awesome inspiring presentation. I want to remind everyone that you can check out the submissions on the webpage at <https://www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org/> by hitting the play button in the upper left corner of the first photo or by clicking on the arrow on the right side of the photo.

The Program Committee will discuss the Guild challenge that will be due in September. At the Zoom Weaving Group Meeting on October 13th, it was decided that this year's challenge would be "Stash Weave It and Wear It" (other than a scarf). Projects will be due in September as well. So, there should be plenty of items for the Library Display in September and October.

The library display was a big success and the Guild has been asked to come back next year to display the members creations during the months of September and October.

Remember to send in a photo of a project(s) that represent some aspect of your life that you are thankful for to share with the members during show and tell. Hopefully you have or will send Mara photos of all of the projects you want to share during show and tell by October 30th so she can organize a presentation for the meeting. Her email is: karmannghia64@gmail.com



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You also certainly don't want to miss the November Program immediately following the business meeting. The topic is Rug Hooking presented by Judy Querry.

I hope to see all of you on Friday November 6th on the Zoom Meeting which will start at 9:30 am. The link for the meeting will be sent the beginning of next 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.

Judy Curran
President



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Programs

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Halloween-themed Zoom meeting and to our guest speaker, Toni Gerdes.

November's program is a show and tell for a project(s), "What we are thankful for." Judy Query is our guest speaker and will be presenting, "**Primitive Rug Hooking**".

Other Events

Online Fiber Classes (learning about different fiber characteristics) <https://maiwa.teachable.com/p/fibre-types>

Shetland Wool Week 2020 is still available for viewing @ <https://www.youtube.com/user/shetlandamenity>

Workshop Interest may be expressed by signing up @ <https://www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org/workshops.html>

Events

North American Shetland Sheep Breeders Assoc. (NASSA) Event

Saturday Nov 7th 1PM EST - via Zoom, \$10 fee

Much Ado About Mutton - Robert Kennard

Shetland Color & Marking Genetics - Jonathon Loftin

Shetland: The most complicated wools on the planet? - **Colorado's Deb Robson**

To Register: <http://www.shetland-sheep.org/2020/10/nassa-2020-agm/>



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Items for Sale

Judy Curran has several pieces of weaving equipment for sale. All items are in excellent condition. Detailed descriptions, photos and sale price are all on the webpage. Just click the following link and it will take you directly to the classified section on the Guild webpage: <https://www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org/classifieds.html> You can contact Judy directly at 719-966-4002 or jcurran7@gmail.com

Ashford 32" Rigid Heddle Loom with Stand, Multiple Reeds, Shuttles, Threading Hook, Warping Pegs and Clamps

Harrisville Weaver's Bench

Harrisville 12 Yard Warping Board

Ball Winder

Bobbin Winder



Heart of Colorado Fiber Guild Meeting Minutes October 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Curran at 9:40 on ZOOM, since the Coronavirus restrictions as to group meetings are still in place.

Secretary's Report: The Minutes were approved as posted in the Newsletter. Motion made by Cheryl Eigsti with a Second by Rita Leyton.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$4,386.30 in the account including \$2,153 in the savings account. Two expenses were paid \$15 for checks and \$20 to the Secretary of State designating Rita Leydon as Treasurer. Christy Sower will submit expenses for the Buena Vista Library display. To date the Guild has 48 members with one unpaid member. Sandee will check member list, make any corrections and resend it.

Introduction of Visitor: Mari Kali introduced her friend Carol Mashuga who is a board director at the Textile Center of Minnesota.

Fashion Show: The Fashion Show has been postponed to October 2021. Diane Baker is preparing the spreadsheet.

Programs: Laura Deer stated that next month's theme is "What We are All Thankful For." Show & Tell items may include special items reflecting what they are thankful for. Speaker will be Judy Query on rug hooking.

Workshops: Please sign up for the workshops by filling in the on-line form. So far four people have signed up for one workshop and two people have signed up for another.

Newsletter: Judy Curran will send out an email mid-month asking for newsletter articles and Show & Tell items.

Salida Fiber Fest. Three guild members received awards Penny Smith-Kerker won 2nd place; Diane Baker won 3rd place and Judy Reese won 1st place. Many people from all over enjoyed the festival. Videos by vendors were fun to watch. The pop-up fashion show was cancelled. Judy Curran encouraged everyone to visit the website.



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New Business: Shetland Wool Week is on-line. It is a fun and a good learning experience with videos on U-tube. Buena Vista Library has asked us to have the display again next year for the months of September and October. Judy Curran will ask Frank Campbell to confirm. The only issue could be that some items might be needed for the Fashion Show in October.

Show & Tell: done with submitted photos

Sue Keyes: Multicolored purse inspired by a hat made from two small purses. The front is woven and the back is needle felted. Two woven hand towels with added crocheted handles.

Cheryl Eigsti: Two kitchen towels and a shopping bag of three shades of green made from City Market plastic bags done in rep weave.

Karen Robinson: Woven scarf.

Penny Smith-Kerker: multicolored striped sox using self-patterning yarn and a hat made of sox yarn.

Rita Leydon: Six double weave placemats in progress

Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker is the nationally recognized Needlearts professional, Toni Gerdes. Her presentation was Halloween-themed Needle art.

Toni Gerdes holds Level II Teachers' certification from the National Academy of Needlearts (NAN) specializing in canvas embroidery. She currently serves on the Board of NAN as the Director of Education after serving 5 years as Assistant Director of Teachers' Certification. She has also served on the Board of Directors for several ANG (American Needlepoint Guild) chapters as Program Chair & President. She is a past President of NETA (National Embroidery Teachers Association). She has received numerous awards for her designs. Toni has taught for NAN, EGA (Embroidery Guild of American), and ANG, as well as guilds & shops. She has been published in Needlepointers, Needlepoint Now, and in Needle Arts as the Artist Across America. She enjoys all types of stitching and especially sharing her knowledge with others. She currently resides in Buena Vista Colorado.



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She shared Halloween trivia and presented her work and that of several friends. She designs three to ten pieces a year. She does not sell her pieces but gets paid when she teaches classes. Example pieces included *Witches* by Dawn Donne, *Autumn Pumpkin Patch* by Debbie Stiehler, *Moon Pie Kitty*, *Boo Choo Choo* and *Bonejangles* by Janet Casey; *Halloween March* by Susan Roberts, *Halloween Decisions Decisions* by Sandra Gillmore; *Witchy Poo* by Amy Bruecken; *Great Pumpkin Witch* and *Holiday Delights Halloween* by Kathy Rees; *Boo Hat* by Toni Gerdes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00

Respectfully submitted

Kay Krebs Co-Secretary