



President's Notes

September 2020

WAY TO GO!!! We have 47 paid members and more to come. This show of support is so important during these very difficult times and demonstrates the commitment of our members to the fiber arts community.

I want to personally thank the 23 members who joined the Zoom Meeting on September 4th for their patience and understanding. It can be very confusing when two or more people talk at once and you can't hear what anyone is saying. Everyone became very good about raising their hands when they had a question or wanted to talk so keep up the good work.

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 September 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.

You don't want to miss the October Program immediately following the business meeting. The guest speaker for the October meeting is the nationally recognized Needlearts professional, **Toni Gerdes**. Her presentation will be of **Halloween-themed Needleart**. There is more information about Toni in the Program Committee's Report later in the newsletter.



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I hope to see all of you on October 2nd on the Zoom Meeting which will start at 9:30 am. Remember to send Mara photos of your projects for show and tell before the meeting so she can organize a presentation for the meeting. Her email is: karman-nghia64@gmail.com

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 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 Guild Challenge and/or Show & Tell 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. Hope to see you all on the 2nd.

Judy Curran
President





PROGRAM COMMITTEE

REMEMBER TO ATTEND THE ZOOM MEETING IN YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME!

The guest speaker for the October meeting is the nationally recognized Needlearts professional, **Toni Gerdes**. Her presentation will be of **Halloween-themed Needleart**.

Toni holds a 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 Colorado.

Below are just a few examples of her marvelous work. You can see more of her work on her website at www.tonigerdes.com .





O'Keeffe Kimono



Klimt Kimono

2020-2021 Workshop Sign-Up

Please express your interest in a workshop(s) by signing up using the following link: <https://www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org/workshops.html>

Note: Expression of interest in a workshop is on a 1st come, 1st serve basis - except - as always, Guild members receive priority treatment. No monies are being collected at this time due to the uncertain nature of holding workshops.

2019-2020 Lemonade Challenge Presented at September meeting & posted at: <https://www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org/challenge.html>

Note: The 2020-2021 Guild Challenge is also described on this page.

2019-2020 Weaver's Subgroup Tartan Challenge Presented at Weaver's subgroup meeting & posted at: <https://www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org/weaving.html>

2020 Buena Vista Library Display. Photos are posted at: <https://www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org/buena-vista-library-show.html>

Be sure and mark your calendars for Friday November 6th when Judy Querry will do a presentation on Rug Hooking.



SALIDA FIBER FESTIVAL GOES VIRTUAL

I hope you all had an opportunity to join the Virtual Salida Fiber Festival. It was quite impressive. It is certainly amazing what can be done online in these challenging times. Although it is so much better in person it is certainly a great alternative to cancelling the event and did provide a forum for fiber artist and vendors to display their work and products in their own home environment. You can still check out the vendors who participated in this event at <https://www.salidafiberfestival.com/2020-live-salida-fiber-festival> where you will learn about them, their stores and products.

The Fiber Art Exhibition is also on display at the SteamPlant Event Center's Paquette Gallery through the end of September. The theme for this year's exhibition was "Going Green" which encouraged "Green" entries, i.e. either using the color green or made from reused/recycled materials. The top three winner places were awarded to Guild members and here they are:

Judy Reese - 1st Place Winner



"Arachne's Green Scherzo"

Saori-woven

Recycled silk, newspaper, cholla wood, wool



Judy enjoys SAORI weaving, freestyle weaving drawing from intuition and admitting no error, no perfect selvage, no pattern. I call it Zen weaving. It suits her right-brained approach to life. SAORI translates as “SA” – everything has its own individual dignity (suggesting individuality) and “ORI” – denoting weaving. SAORI was created in Japan. Judy likes integrating different fibers, different textures, different colors into one-of-a-kind art pieces. When not weaving, Judy is a freelance writer and former high school English, journalism and humanities teacher.

Penny Smith-Kerker - 2nd Place Winner



“Going Green Colorful Cowl”
Knit, stranded colorwork
Acrylic



Penny's older sister taught her to knit when she was around 15 years old. Penny knitted quite a bit through high school and then took a long hiatus. In 2016, after retiring from IBM, she joined a knitting group at her church in Austin, Texas, and knitted many shawls and hats for members of her congregation and as donations to various groups in the Austin area. After moving to Nathrop, CO, in May 2020, one of the first things Penny did was find the local fiber people! Knitting has been a real comfort to her in this time of the COVID pandemic.

Diane Baker - 3rd Place Winner



“Phases”

Embroidered, appliquéd
Cotton fabric and thread

Diane loves to honor and repurpose used fabrics, vintage threads, yarn and baubles. Using hand stitching and appliquéd, she enjoys telling stories, making statements and creating beauty. She often mixes media such as print, paper and objects to achieve the level of embellishment that speaks to her. Diane began hand stitching as a child learning to mend and make clothing, first for dolls and stuffed animals, later for herself and her family. Her love of embellishment and decoration led Diane to increase her knowledge and experience of textiles, fibers and other materials. The experiment continues!”



HCFG MEETING
MINUTES
(via Zoom)
September 4, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 by President, Judy Curran. Twenty-three participants joined the meeting.

Judy opened asking if there were any new members or visitors to the group and Penny Smith Kerker introduced herself and told us she was from Austin, Texas and was mostly a knitter.

Next we heard from Cindy Bass who recently left Buena Vista to move to Santa Fe, NM. She told us she had recently moved into a house in El Dorado and had been in contact with the guild there. (We will all miss Cindy Bass!)

MINUTES

Minutes from the last meeting were approved and seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rita reported that our checking account balance, as of September 1 is \$4016.29. And our balance in savings, which is the members scholarship money from Nancy MacIninch is \$2041.00. We had income from 36 members' dues which totaled \$1260.00 plus 8 cents interest. There are no bills due. We paid \$77.96 for the website and \$31 in other miscellaneous expenses. We received \$80 from the sale of Ginger's dying supplies which she donated, and it was put into our savings.

Rita stated she would organize the roster of all the members into an alphabetical list which will be sent to Sandee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAMS

Per Laura, our newsletter gave the schedule thus far, but briefly, October is open, but we are to wear a Halloween costume (at least from the neck up) which is something we have put together. November will be rug hooking by Judy Querry and we are supposed to report something we are thankful for. December will be a Masked Ball. January will be Cheryl Campbell on Shetland Scotland. February will be Kathy Strathearn on Tapestry weaving and we will have a showing of something made for someone we love.



FASHION SHOW

Our next fashion show will be October 13, 2021 at the SteamPlant Theatre. Diane Baker informed us that the deposit we paid for this year's (postponed) Fashion Show was transferred to next year. Diane will contact those of us who signed up for duties to help with the Fashion Show to see if they are still available to do so for the rescheduled show. Diane also asked to hear from any of us with suggestions for a good Speaker for our next show. If so, she needs information on the topic they will speak on.

NEWSLETTER

Beth reported that the new items for the Newsletter are; The "For Sale Corner" where we should email Beth and Mara with any items we have for sale and the "Tips and Ticks" section.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weaving subgroup meets every 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 via Zoom.

Clothing subgroup meets every 4th Thursday at 1pm. If you are interested in joining this group, send Diane a request by email at diartbaker@gmail.com

Sip and Stitch subgroup meets every Wednesday from 3-5pm in Nuno Park. Penny reported that the group was collecting shawls for The Alliance, a group supporting sexual abuse victims. They were making bags of various items to comfort the victims.

Mara reported that, if we had an interest in any of our workshops, there was a form to fill out located on our website. The form is located under "Programs and Workshops" and we are to complete that if we wanted to sign up for a workshop for 2021.

HCFG has 41 members so far. Rita will send her roster to Sandee and Sandee will send it to all members with a request to correct and/or complete any information necessary.

Judy encouraged all members to read the Board Meeting minutes. She also suggested we download and view the "When the Quarantine is Over" at the end of the President's Notes. It will definitely give you something to look forward to.

MARA'S (ZOOM) PRESENTATION OF THE GUILD CHALLENGE

LEMONS TO LEMONADE-Show and tell presentation by several of the meeting attendees.

Our meeting was adjourned by President Judy Curran at 10:24 am.

Minutes taken by Amy McCrary (Co-Secretary)