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President's Notes

August 2020

I hope everyone has been staying safe and creating great fiber art during your period of seclusion.

These are challenging times to be sure. The Board had a Zoom meeting on July 24th and at the top of the agenda were the Guild meetings. Given the uncertainty of in person group meetings greater than 10, if even that, it was decided to have Zoom Guild meetings through December at which time the Board will again meet to discuss the current state of the Coronavirus at that time and determine what the meetings will be in 2021.

Be sure and mark your calendars for the first Friday of the month for a Zoom Guild meeting. The link for the meeting will be sent the beginning of the week of the meeting 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 Guide Challenge and/or Show & Tell your audio will be unmuted so all of the attendees can hear you.

If you have not already renewed your membership or joined the Guild please click on this link: <https://www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org/membership.html>

You will submit your application electronically and then separately mail your dues check to Rita Leydon, the Guild treasurer. As you know in these challenging times it's extremely important that financial support is maintained for our local community of fiber artists.



President's Notes Con't

Don't forget to check out the Guild's web page at www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org and let Mara know your thoughts, comments or suggestions. You can email Mara at karmannghi64@gmail.com.

I would like to thank Frank Campbell, Christy Sower and Kay Krebs for setting up the Library Display of our member's fiber art. Hopefully all of you have been able to stop by to see the display that will be at the Library until September 30th. A big thank you as well to all the members who contributed their phenomenal fiber art projects to the display. It is quite impressive. If you can't make it to the library, here is the link for the web page where you can see photos of the display. <https://www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org/buena-vista-library-show.html>

I would also like to thank Beth Scully for taking over as our newsletter editor. It is greatly appreciated. Beth will be adding some new features to the newsletter. One will be tips to share with the members. So 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. There will also be a "For Sale Corner" where members can list any equipment items they might have for sale with a link to the web page where pictures and prices for the items will be available. So, if you have items you would like to sell, send a brief description to Beth and photos, prices and contact information to Mara. Be sure to let both Beth and Mara know when your items sell so that they can remove them from the newsletter and web page.

Currently the Guild has three subgroups that meet monthly even during the summer: Weaving, the Art Clothing Group and Sip 'n' Stitch. If you want to start a subgroup with others that share your interest and talent for a particular type of fiber art like rug hooking, just put an article in the Guild's monthly newsletter with your contact information so that others that share your interest can get in touch with you to set up a group.

Please review the minutes from the May meeting that are included at the end of the newsletter. Also included are the minutes from the July Board meeting with details of the discussions and actions taken by the Board at that meeting.



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I hope to see all of you on September 4th on the Zoom Meeting which will start a 9:30 am. There will be a Business Meeting which will include the roll out of the Programs and Workshops for the year and the Guild Challenge. Remember to send Mara your before and after photos of your Guild Challenge: "Take a Lemon and Make Lemonade" by August 28th so she can organize a power point presentation for the meeting.

Judy Curran

President

P.S. P.S. Something to look forward to, hopefully in the very near future. Click on the link below and download this priceless video. [When the Quarantine is Over](#)



Buena Vista Library Exhibit!





TOWEL STUDY

I recently decided to weave some towels for my kitchen. I'm still attempting to reduce the size of my stash ... but what to use? In the back of my mind I remembered that there has been controversy about whether mercerized or non-mercerized cotton are equals when used in towels. I began with 10/2 mercerized cotton thread left from when I wove the fabric for reupholstering my couch.

After washing the finished towels, I began using them. NO GOOD. They simply did not absorb water, they were pretty much useless. This spurred me on to try using 8/2 unmercerized cotton for my next towels. WHAT A DIFFERENCE. These towels are just great, quite absorbent ... the first batch has been banned from the kitchen.

So in my mind, if you're going to use cotton for towels, use unmercerized!

By Sandee Jaastad



ROOM MTO
Sept 4th
9:30 AM

Guild Officers. July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Judy Curran.....President
Frank Campbell.....Vice President
Rita Leydon.....Treasurer
Kay Krebs.....Co-Secretary
Amy McCrary.....Co-Secretary
Laura Deer.....Program Chair
Mara KaliProgram Co-Chair
Beth Scully.....Newsletter Editor
Karen Robinson.....Immediate Past President



FY 2020 – 2021 HCFG Programs

Goal. Our FY 20-21 HCFG program schedule hopes to capture the *creative* and *very flexible* spirit of Gumby! As the Board (correctly so) voted not have “in-person” meetings until at least January of 2021, we have scheduled some monthly fun mini-projects, Zoom presentations, and hopefully some workshops!

Workshop Sign-Up. We’re going to ask that people fill out a form on the HCFG website to indicate an interest in a workshop. The form will be live after our September meeting to give everyone an equal chance at signing up. We are not going to collect any monies at this time as everything is so uncertain and some workshop instructors won’t teach unless there is a vaccine, some are willing to do a very small group (with masks, social distancing, and hand sanitizer) and some are willing to try using Zoom to teach. *Oh Boy!* We will talk with both the instructors and the students and try to come to an agreement. It may or may not happen.

Monthly Guild Meetings/ Zoom Slideshow(s). As several of you have already been doing, please continue sending medium to high resolution pictures (100k to 1mb size, named with your name_num) of your finished projects to [Mara Kali](#). Please also try your best to submit your pictures a week in advance of a monthly meeting to allow Mara time to put together the slideshow. Be prepared to briefly describe your projects.

For more information, check back here soon -

<https://www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org/program-calendar--challenge.html>

Best, Laura & Mara

Please see next page for the Schedule!



PROGRAMS FOR 2020—2021

Date	Speaker/ Workshop (Planned)	Monthly Meeting Process (Probable)	Mini-Project
Sept 4	Summer Projects/ Lemonade Challenge	Zoom slideshow of your projects.	-
Oct 2	Frank Campbell (Inkle Weaving)	Zoom presentation re: Inkle Weaving.	Be wearing your made Halloween Costumes!
Nov 6	Judy Querry (Rug Hooking)	Zoom slideshow of your projects.	Thankful For
Dec 4	Holiday Party/ Masked Ball	Zoom slideshow of your projects.	Be wearing your made "Mask"
Jan 8	Sheryl Campbell (Shetland)	Zoom slideshow of your projects & Zoom presentation of Shetland Trip.	From Scotland
Feb 5	Kathy Strathearn (Tapestry Weaving)	Zoom slideshow of your projects & Zoom presentation re: Tapestry Weaving.	Made 4 Someone U Love
Mar 5	Carol Waugh (Stitch & Slash)	Zoom slideshow of your projects.	In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb
April 2	Kit Salway (Beaded Cuff)	Zoom slideshow of your projects & Zoom presentation re: Beading.	Best Zoom Background
May 7	Guild Challenge	Zoom slideshow of your projects.	Hats from Your Heritage (or your "previous life")

More Library Quick Snapshots!

Be Sure to Visit!





Tips and Tricks by All of Us to All of Us!

So while sitting at home, sewing away like mad, making a million face masks (at least it seemed like that but really no more than 450) my scissors began to grab and pull. Where was I going to find a way to sharpen them with Covid? The answer, call a scissors grinder and ask him the question. His answer surprised me! Find some sandpaper and cut it into strips—that made my scissors sharp again! He did say if you can't find sandpaper, fold some heavy-duty foil into 8 layers and just start cutting strips. Haven't tried it yet, but I do have an old pair of scissors to try it on...if I can find them!

ACCOLADES FOR THE GUILD

The Guild paid \$225 to the Salida United Methodist Church and \$135 to the Congregational United Church of Christ in Buena Vista for our monthly meetings. Since we can't have in person meetings due to the Coronavirus at least for the rest of the year, the Board voted to treat these payments as charitable donations. Laura Deer notified the churches that the Board realizes this is a very difficult time for everyone and that the Guild appreciates their past and current support for our organization and the larger community,

Below are the responses Laura received back from the church ladies:

Salida United Methodist Church

Oh, Laura...thank you so much for your email and please convey our gratitude to the entire Fiber Guild Board.

We share the understanding that this is, indeed, a difficult time for everyone. Please know that the Fiber Guild's kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

All the best to each of you and please stay safe and healthy.

With Gratitude,

Licia Iverson, Office Administrator

Congregational United Church of Christ

Thank you so much! We really appreciate this! And we very much look forward to when we can open our doors to groups again. You all are wonderful people! 😊

Have a wonderful day!

Nancy



May 2020 Meeting Notes

Heart of Colorado Fiberarts Guild May 1, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Curran at 10:07 on ZOOM, since the Coronavirus restriction as to group meetings was still in place.

Secretary's Report: The Minutes were approved as posted in the Newsletter. Motion by Gene Marsh with the Second by Rita Leydon.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$5636.00 in the Treasury including the \$2041.00 designated as the Members' Scholarship, which leaves \$3595 as unrestricted funds. As there were no Community Scholarship Applications, the guild has recently donated \$250 to both the Salida and Buena Vista schools food funds to aid in the student meals program. To date the Guild has 62 paid members.

Programs: Sue Keyes. There wasn't much program news to report since we're wrapping up the year. She expressed her thanks again to her Program Co-Chair, Marjie Gray, as well as all of the coffee and food service volunteers at our meetings. Another large thank-you went to all who presented programs or workshops this year. At the moment, our June 6 Stash Sale is still on the calendar, but if we do need to postpone, it possibly could be held later in the year.

Fashion Show: Diane Baker. There isn't much Fashion Show news at this time. Diane will be checking to ascertain if the Steam Plant deposit could be held for 2021, if we need cancel this year's show.

Newsletter Report: Carolyn Nelson was not in attendance because of a household emergency. Many thanks to her once again, for her hard work on producing the fabulous guild newsletter.

Buena Vista Library exhibit: Cindy Bass. The exhibit is still scheduled and members' work with descriptive paragraph, needs to be dropped off by July 7 at Cindy's home and also possibly at Serendipity and Hodge Podge. Details to follow.



Programs, 2021: Laura Deer. Laura said that she has coffee servers lined up for the Salida meetings but needs volunteers to set up in Buena Vista. She will also need food volunteers to sign up for each month.

One program or workshop being explored is digital image manipulating and printing on fabric. The one being considered would require laptops and a specific software. Laura would like input on this idea. Additional fabric printing methods were discussed as well. Marjie Gray suggested that Laura write a newsletter notice to determine member interest. Sue Keyes mentioned that a sign up sheet might also be posted by Sandee Jaastad.

Old Business: The proposed slate of officers was voted on and all were elected. President: **Judy** Curran, Vice-President: **Frank** Campbell, Co-Secretaries: **Kay** Krebs and **Amy** McCrary, Treasurer: **Rita** Leydon, Program Chair: **Laura** Deer, Program Vice-Chair: **Mara** Kali, Newsletter Editor: **Cindy** Bass, and Past President: **Karen** Robinson. Their term begins on July 1.

Art Walk has been postponed until August.

Members' Scholarship: Jane Templeton has been working on the criteria for this scholarship and she'll present her findings in the fall with the goal of a scholarship being awarded in 2021.

Salida Fiber Festival: There is an upcoming meeting on May 5 at which time the decision will be reached as to whether to cancel this year's show.

Show and Tell: done with presubmitted photos-

Gene Marsh: lace shawl with a detail shown

Ruthann Schoeffield: woven "Corona" hand towels and hotpad

Judy Curran: woven poncho with unique buttons

Mara Kali: 3D Coronavirus sculpture, with a variety of stitches

Jane Templeton: Fair Isle knit hat for Shetland Wool Week, a reversible headband and a skein of hand spun yarn.

Laura Deer: intricate lace shawl using homespun as well as other yarns, Shetland inspired fish hat, the Shetland Wool Week pattern hat

Rita Leydon: numerous face masks using T shirt fabric for elastic.

Karen Robinson: a scarf in Shadow Weave and she has a project on the loom.

Diane Baker: has been taking part in the recent TextileArtist.org challenges from England

Marjie Gray finished the tartan challenge for weaving group and is working on dishtowels.

Libby Fay: project in the loom.

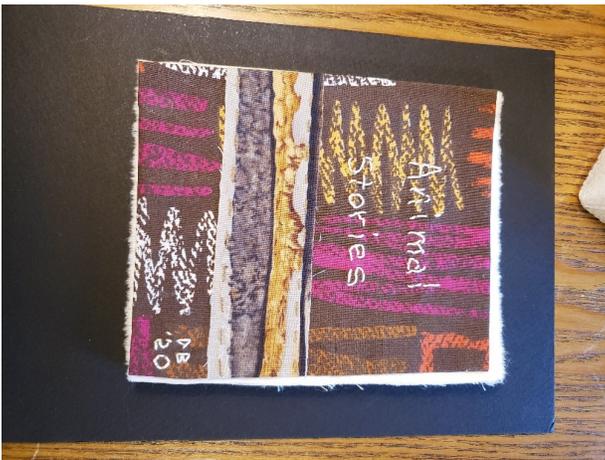


Announcements : Sip 'n' Stitch group: Jane Templeton said that this group is meeting on Wednesdays at 3:00 in Nuño Park which is on Gilpin Street behind Jane's house. Bring a chair, a project and your beverage of choice, if interested.

Judy Hoch mentioned that a good elastic source for masks is MandalaCraftsInc.com They're in Texas and have quick service and good prices

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51.
Respectfully submitted,
Marybeth Anderson, Secretary

**More Amazing Work by
Guild Members**





MINUTES
HCFG BOARD MEETING
via ZOOM
JULY 24 2020, 9:30

Meeting attendees: Judy Curran (President), Frank Campbell (Vice President), Rita Leydon (Treasurer), Kay Krebs (Co-Secretary), Laura Deer (Program Chair), Mara Kali (Program Vice-Chair), Beth Scully (Newsletter Editor), Karen Robinson (Past President), and Amy McCrary (Co-Secretary) via speaker phone.

Judy Curran, President, called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rita began with a discussion about the many boxes, binders and folders of records Rita had been given from previous Treasurers. These contained bills, bank statements and registers from as far back as 2010. She questioned whether to retain them or dispose of them. It was decided that she could dispose of them though it was suggested that she retain our state filings on a thumb drive.

Rita also talked about the budget and the report she received from Libby dated July 13, 2020. She questioned the budget item of "programs" and the fact the budget was based on 60 members when we don't know if we will have that number of members for the upcoming year. Kay Krebs stated that the budget is based on estimates and based on 50 members. And Judy felt that we should revisit the budget after we have a better picture of our membership numbers. Also since Fiber Fest is to be virtual this year (due to the Coronavirus), we may need to adjust some items. Judy also felt that we should wait for the Fiber Fest folks to request our donation rather than just automatically giving them the \$500 that has been donated to them in the past. The board agreed with this.

Judy also suggested we leave the budget item of scholarships (to Salida and Buena Vista) as it was previously. And though the Holiday Party is probably not doable this year, we should still have it in the budget. Rita questioned the item of income in the budget and Mara said that is usually an after the fact entry. Karen suggested Rita check with Libby and Cheryl for how they handled these things.



After discussing these things, Judy suggested that we wait until October to do the budget after we have membership numbers for the coming year.

Rita also suggested we take the money allocated for the members scholarships this year and put it into a savings account. Judy called for a motion on this.

Karen made a motion to do this and Laura 2nd the motion. The motion was approved by the board.

MEETING FORMAT FOR THIS YEAR

Judy suggested that due to the pandemic, we should have our meetings via Zoom until at least January 1st. Beth moved we do so and Rita 2nd the motion. Judy suggested we have a Board Meeting in December to decide what to do for the remaining meetings in 2021.

DUES NOTICES

Judy explained that Sandee will send out an application requesting contact information. The application with dues will be sent to Rita and then Rita will mark the records of members paid and will send the contact updates, etc. to Sandy to update the records. Mara will update the new member/renewal form on the webpage under "Membership" so that the form will be consistent and include directions for mailing.

Karen mentioned that we might want to check into paying our dues via PayPal. Laura said she could check into that. But Judy suggested that, at this time of the virus and also because many people are not set up that way and may not be that "techy", we should revisit that after Covid19.

Judy asked if we should leave the dues at \$35. It was decided not to change it. Judy will develop a dues notice for Sandee to send out to the membership and include the link to the webpage and will ask Sandee to send a follow up letter in September to those not paid by then. Also, Judy told us Sandee is getting communications via the Guild Website from those interested in possibly joining the Guild. Judy is following up on that.



PROGRAMS

Laura presented us with a spreadsheet for the progress she and Mara have made. With no in person meetings, programs are a challenge this year. Laura and Mara would be grateful for any suggestions we might have. But so far there have been several intriguing ideas such as “Lemonade Stand”-via zoom plus a slide show of “how we spent our summer”, a possible Holiday party (via zoom) being a virtual masked ball, Frank doing a program on the inkle loom, Kathy Strathearn possibly doing a presentation on Navajo weaving and several other options. This is all just food for thought at this point.

Karen suggested the program spreadsheet be included on our website and that it be sent out with the newsletter while asking for suggestions from the members.

The budget includes funding for 6 presentations at \$100 each and we will leave that in the budget.

Judy questioned if we have paid our usage fees to the churches in BV and Salida. Rita mentioned that the payments of \$125 and \$225 have not been paid to the churches yet and that she needed a request. Laura agreed to email her the request she made earlier to Libby. Laura mentioned that some meeting venues in Salida will not hold reservations. It was mentioned that this is considered a charitable donation and we should continue to pay them even though we will not be using the facilities for several months due to the virus causing virtual meetings. Kay made a motion to make these payments and Karen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Rita had a question about the address on our checking account. The address currently on the checks could not be identified. Rita will eliminate that address on the checks if possible.

FASHION SHOW

The show has been postponed to October 13, 2021. We will revisit this topic again in January.

WEBSITE

Mara will update the website to show the postponement of the Fashion show. There will be a “members only” page with members addresses etc. Karen reminded us that every member will get the membership roster which includes that info and more.

Rita asked if the website was paid for the upcoming year. There may have been a payment for 2 years’ worth and the necessary people will get back to Rita about this.



NEWSLETTER

Beth Scully agreed to take over the newsletter since Cindy Bass has moved from the area. Beth informed us she had changed the format to “Publisher” since it is free and the old format was \$260. Publisher is also easier to read. She requested we give her any suggestions we may have about the content or format of the newsletter.

Judy suggested that the newsletter should include any tips or shortcuts we members may have to pass on to others. One thing Beth learned is to use sandpaper to sharpen scissors and she said it worked well.

Judy also suggested that it might be a good idea to see if other members wanted to start subgroups of interest to them such as rug hooking like there is for Weaving and the Art Clothing Group. Mara was going to see if a link could be set up on the webpage for this. Another idea Judy had was to do a “For Sale Corner” and Mara thought we could set this up on the webpage as well. Beth thought it would be a good idea to have a section on “How to stay sane at home.”

Laura presented the idea of combining our website and newsletter to make a social media area online. Or possibly a weekly blog on Facebook. Though she also thought there might be a better and more current place than Facebook. All just food for thought but Mara and Beth will get together to discuss later in the year.

Beth said she would be soliciting articles in mid-August for the September newsletter.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Probably November or December. Judy will let us know.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Frank talked about the BV Library display which will start August 3rd. He thanked Christy Sower for all of her help. Frank said many items have been submitted with good variety. There were some items that were Covid inspired. The deadline for our submissions is July 31st and Frank is accepting them at Serendipity and Christy is accepting them by appointment at her house in Poncha Springs. The show will be set up for display on August 3rd. There are 6 glass cases with 2 sections each but there is not room for anything larger than 30x30.



GUILD CHALLENGE

Mara will submit an article to the newsletter to let folks know how to submit their before and after photos to her for a slide show of the Guild challenge this year: Lemons to Lemonade at the September Zoom Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Minutes taken by Amy McCrary
Co-Secretary

**More Pictures from the
Library!**

