

HEART OF COLORADO FIBERARTS GUILD

January 2015 Newsletter

Happy New Year!!!

To all the members and friends of HCFG, we hope you had a lovely holiday season with friends and family and that all your fiber wishes were granted. Are you more than ready for a 2015 full of activities and projects, great meetings with opportunities to learn new skills and connect with old friends? Then you have come to the right place!

I hope you were able to attend our Christmas meeting in December. Marsha Sherry opened her home to us for both early morning coffee and a great potluck lunch. Thanks, Marsha! And thanks to everyone who brought all that wonderful food. Sooooo good!

The studio tours were amazing! P.J. Bergin, Jane Templeton, and Linda Lovell showed us the spaces in which they create - what a fabulous boost on the creativity button for each of us. Thinking about reorganizing your space? That's what I have been doing since the meeting! We'll have more info and organization ideas at our April 10 meeting.

You may have already received a notice about rock day - which will go on at the Salida Community Center (3rd and F Streets in Salida) on Saturday, January 3, 2015. Jane Templeton has done a great job putting on this annual event, which celebrates the day weavers traditionally returned to their looms after the 12 day Christmas holiday. This year, spinners from all over the state will come together to spin the day away. And us non-spinners are welcome to come by to visit the sales tables and enjoy the conversation. There is also a "free table" where you can pick up for free something that someone else can no longer use. Bring your leftover Christmas cookies and join us.

Then the following Friday, January 9, 2015, the HCFG monthly meeting will take place at the Congregational UCC (217 Crossman in Buena Vista) with Shelly DeChantal speaking on "The Magic of Shibori". She will bring samples of her own work, as well as "tie and dye" (collectively called "Shibori") textiles from around the world. She will have some samples for us to take home, so bring some small scissors or a seam ripper to open the knots and see what happens.

For even more opportunities to exercise your fiber passion, see the list of HCFG Interest Groups below. Don't see your interest represented? Then we will start one on that topic. After all, that is what the Guild is all about.

And that reminds me, have you sent in your membership form and \$35 dues yet? If not, you can find the form on our website (www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.com), fill it out and send it to me (Candace Weiss, 734 West Second St., Salida 81201). I'll be handling them while our Treasurer is out of town.

News About Nancy:

As I am sure you know, long-time member and beloved friend Nancy McAninch is on sabbatical from the Guild while she helps her husband Mack recover from a stroke. Nancy says: "I am doing just fine and Mack is in a wonderful healing environment." Our hearts are with them both. If you'd like to drop Nancy a note, her email address is mcaninchnancy@gmail.com.

Started Your Challenge Yet?

Remember, choose ONE of the three "wanna-do's" you listed on your challenge card and have it ready to show at the May 1, 2015 meeting. Of course, you can do all three if you want to! The purpose of this challenge is to stretch yourself a little out of your comfort zone, getting you to try something new, or do something a different way. These items will be judged (for stretching and daring, but NOT by how perfect they are) and a prize awarded to the winner.

Can't remember what you challenged yourself? See Candace at the meeting or phone her at 719-539-7184 and she will read your challenge card to you!

Committee Meetings:

The Fiber Festival Booth Committee, headed by Gene Marsh, will meet after the February 6 Guild meeting. The group will adjourn to Gene's house for a light lunch and a discussion of where we are going with our booth at the 2015 Salida Fiber Festival. The committee meeting will finish in time for you to return to the church for the workshop.

Get out your New 2015 Calendars and Mark these Dates:

January 3, 2015: Rock Day

January 9, 2015: HCFG Meeting in B.V. Coffee at 9:30 am, meeting starts at 10.

January 14, 2015: Weaving Interest Group meets

February 6, 2015: HCFG Guild meeting at First United Methodist Church in Salida. Sally Mather will demo mono printing on fabric using the Gelli Plate. Coffee at 9:30, meeting at 10 am.

February 6, 2015: Afternoon workshop "The Art of Gelli Prints" from 1-4 pm. Sally will teach us a low tech, playful way to create our own prints without a press. To reserve a spot, sign up at the January meeting, or send your check for \$35 to Candace Weiss or Arlene Waldorf.

March 1, 2015: Deadline for Entries at the Northern Colorado Weavers Guild annual juried exhibit. Fiber Celebration 2015. They are looking for fiber pieces of all types, and the juror is internationally known handweaver, author and teacher, Susan Wilson. Go to peg.mcmorrie@gmail.com for more information.

HCFG Interest Groups:

Art Garments Group - meets as needed to share ideas and techniques as well as inspire those great art-to-wear garments that make our fashion show so special.

Knitting Groups - Guild members meet to knit or crochet, trade patterns and new techniques, as well as help new members get started in all kinds of yarn magic. There are several groups, each meeting in a different part of Chaffee County, so there's one near you!

Professional Fiber Artists Connection - a new group, this team of members interested in showing and/or selling their work will maintain a "Call for Entries" list, encourage local galleries and spaces to feature fiber art, and sponsor programs on topics of interest.

Weaving Interest Group - meets at 9:30 am on the second Tuesday of each month at members' homes. Members work on their own projects, participate in group challenges, and help beginner weavers get going.

If you are interested in one of these groups, call Candace (719-539-7184) for date and location of the next meeting.