

Heart of Colorado FiberArts Guild

December 2016 Newsletter

From the President:

I wish you all a wonderful, fiber-filled Holiday Season. Hopefully, you will be able to join our fun Christmas meeting! Tashi Delek from Bhutan!

December Meeting: It's Party Time!

Candace Weiss is graciously hosting our annual Holiday Party at her new studio condo in Salida! We will start with a casual tour of the condo as we eat appetizers and sip beverages. Serious eating and unfettered visiting will follow. Show and Tell will take place as we eat dessert.

And then, our program: Creating warm accessories to give to the Grainery to be distributed to the needy or homeless. We will collect the finished pieces at the January HCFG meeting.

BRING: Whatever food/drink you signed up to bring, along with its serving utensil.

A \$15-\$20 wrapped gift (it doesn't have to be fiber-related) if you care to participate in the gift exchange.

Show and Tell, if you have items that can't wait until the January meeting.

Stash yarn to share and knitting needles, crochet hooks or warped cricket looms and, maybe, patterns to start a hat, scarf, mittens or socks.

Also, we need to round up 8-10 more folding chairs. If you have some and have room in your vehicle to bring them, contact Janet Yinger (janetyinger@mac.com) or Judy Curran (jlcurran7@gmail.com).

Please plan to stay 2 or 3 hours, or until Candace kicks us out (ed. note – That won't happen!). This will be so much fun!!

Food List for December Meeting:

Here's a reminder in case you forgot what you signed up to bring to the December meeting:

Appetizers – Donna Childers and Elizabeth Shelby

Bread – Johnson sisters, Bonnie Pfeil, Lucy Swift

Desserts – Sue Keyes, Carolee Litvay, Nancy McAninch, Karen Martinez, Cheryl Vittum

Drinks – Judy Curran, Ginger Ferris, Candace Weiss

Salads – Becky Longberg, Gene Marsh, Karen Robinson, Auralea Carroll, Marjie Gray

Side Dishes – Margo Marlow, Conrad Nelson, Jane Templeton

Haven't signed up yet? Bring whatever you'd like to share.

Directions to the December Meeting Location:

M and M Lane is horseshoe-shaped and each "leg" of the horseshoe ends at Highway 50, on the side opposite E and F Streets. The east end of the lane is entered immediately west of Murdoch's (there is the standard street sign showing "M & M Lane"). The west end is entered just past Auto Zone and has no sign. Building 105 is second building from the east end of the facility, and Unit A is on the lower floor, on the left as you face the building. Parking is limited, so carpooling would be a great idea.

Charity Project Update:

Our first delivery of winter hats and scarves was delivered to the Grainery in Salida after the November meeting, along with \$100 cash which had been collected by Arlene Waldorf at our annual luncheon and fashion show. The Grainery Ministries relies totally on the generosity of this community to the resources to continue to serve people in need and had expressed a need for cold weather items for people "living at large." The staff there were very pleased and excited to receive the garments and are very much looking forward to our next delivery which will be in December.

This is an on-going project that our Guild has taken on. We will collect all year long. If you would like to participate, or would like to donate some of your unused yarn, or want more information, please contact Sandee Jaastad, sandeejaastad@gmail.com.

NOTE: Bring some yarn, needles or crochet hooks to the December meeting if you would like to participate in making more items during the program portion of the meeting.

2017 Members' Challenge:

Have you started yet on your "Playdate With Color"? Step One is to find a pictorial representation containing colors that inspire you (the image in the picture doesn't matter). Step Two is to re-interpret the colors in a fiber project. Step Three will be to present your completed project at the APRIL 2017 meeting, along with a short write-up describing how your fiber creation evolved.

Rock Day:

HCFG's Annual Rock Day celebration will be January 7, 2016, 10 am to 4 pm, at the Salida Community Center. The day honors all spinners, who in medieval times returned to work on January 7 after the twelve days of Christmas. Our day includes show and tell, a grab bag exchange, a giveaway table, and a vendors' market. If you are interested, bring \$5, a name tag, a mug, comfy slippers, your lunch and a grab bag item (\$15 020 value) along with your spinning supplies. Contact Jane Templeton (539-46128, salidajane722@gmail.com) for more info.

Upcoming Events:

December 2, 2016, at 10 am – HCFG Monthly Meeting – a holiday potluck brunch at Candace Weiss's studio, 105 M and M Lane, Unit A, Salida. Program: working on our charity project.

December 13, 2016, 9:30 am – Weaving Study Group meets at Cheryl Eigsti's home for a potluck brunch and their usual fantastic show-and-tell.

January 7, 2017 – 10 Am to 4 PM – HCFG celebrates Rock Day at the Salida Community Center. Contact Jane Templeton (539-4618 or salidajane722@gmail.com for more information.

November Meeting Minutes:

9:55 AM – Karen Robinson, President, called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves. Minutes of the 10/07/2016 meeting made by secretary pro tem Nancy McAninch were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl Eigsti reports \$4,146.36 in the bank.

Fashion Show Report by Donna Childers: By popular demand, the Show will be held in Wednesday next year, as it has been in the past. The Show, Luncheon and Boutique were very successful. The committee will meet at Mo Burrito today after the HCFG meeting to wrap up info from this year and plan for next year's event.

Charity Project Report by Sandee Jaastad: She's still taking hats and scarves (a bag of crocheted hats was donated by non-member Cheryl Tischer). \$100 was donated for the cause and she asked the committee what should be done with it, i.e., buy yarn? Give it to the Grainery? Judy Curran moved that we donate the money to the Grainery since we all have plenty of yarn stashed to make the hats and scarves. Donna Childers seconded Judy's motion and all attendees were in favor.

Judy Curran introduced today's program on "Collage" by Conrad Nelson. Conrad will present her program after "Show and Tell"

The HCFG Christmas party will be held at Candace Weiss' studio (105 M and M Lane, Unit A, Salida) on December 2, 2016. Janet Yinger may have us do a small craft project (information will be in the next newsletter).

Show and Tell: Sue Keyes – fleece pouches for carrying a roll of doggie poop bags, made from scraps left over from her fleece dog coats. Cheryl Eigsti – woven red and green table runners. Marjie Gray – woven neck scarf. Ruthann Schoeffield – beaded necklace, spinning wool yarn.

Karen Martinez – knitted cuffs and hat. Elizabeth Shelby – knitting sweater. Kaylee Johnson – Halloween costume (a gumball machine) that won 1st place at WalMart. Kyndra Johnson – Halloween costume (hat, black cape, ruffle skirt and purple top). Nancy McAninch – made a tunic from a large imported shawl.

Becky Longberg- handspun yarn and making a scarf. Lucy Swift – knit scarf and necklace.
Jennifer Naylor – cloth napkins. Jane Templeton – knitted cowl and beaded bracelet and woven bowl from her trip to Africa. Ginger Ferris – several collaged items done on metal, rolodex, etc.
Margo Marlow – earrings and pin made from paper. Cheryl Campbell – scarves made on a Cricket loom.

Program on “Collage” by Conrad Nelson: Conrad showed us her process, supplies needed and some results of how she makes amazing collages using a variety of materials.

Other Announcements: At the Christmas party on December 2, people can bring a wrapped gift (\$15 to \$20 value) if they would like to participate in a voluntary gift exchange. Participants will draw numbers to determine the order of choosing items. Nancy McAninch announced that the Art Garments group will meet at her house on Thursday, 11/17, at 1 PM.

10:50 AM – Meeting adjourned.