

Heart of Colorado FiberArts Guild

June 2017 Newsletter

Notes from the President:

What a great year with HCFG! I want to thank you all for participating and sharing your wonderfully creative ideas in the various projects. We should all thank Janet Yinger and Judy Curran for planning the programs this year; they were very interesting, entertaining and stimulating. Most of all, I hope you all had such fun and inspiration you will come back next year. The best part of our guild is encouraging one another in continuing our own fiber pursuits and challenging ourselves. Have an amazing and fiber-filled summer! Don't forget the Stash Sale on June 3. Come to sell and buy fibers!

Karen Robinson

Stash Sale Information:

The HCFG Stash Sale will be held on Saturday, June 3, from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm outside the home of Nancy McAninch, 108 Park Place, Salida (across from the Courthouse).

Members: Bring your own tables to display your stash items and a lawn chair for your comfort. Yarns, fabrics, fibers, tools, books and DVDs (fiber related) are appropriate to sell. Each item should be pre-priced and marked with IDENTIFIABLE initials or name.

If a non-member wishes to participate in selling, the guild takes 25% of the selling price.

Nancy will graciously make coffee and tea available. Feel free to bring yummy nibbles to share!

Shoe and Tell Show at BV Library:

We would like to expand the July 1-31 HCFG Challenge Exhibit at the Buena Vista Library to include works by any or all of our members. Let's show off the

amazing skills of our talented Fiber Artists AND the wide range of fiber arts that our guild encompasses!

Go ahead and look through your show-and-tell items. We would love to display jewelry, handmade books and collages, felted projects, sewn works, knitted or crocheted works - you get the picture. Those of you who participated in this year's Challenge but whose projects are unavailable for display may exhibit another handmade gem from your studio.

BUENA VISTA: Please drop your pieces off at Serendipity Yarn and Gifts as soon as possible. Just mark them with your name and a brief description of the techniques and components (i.e., woven silk scarf, handmade book, found objects/mixed media, etc.).

SALIDA: Please bring your pieces to the Stash Sale and give them to Janet Yinger, marked with name and description as shown above.

THANKS!! We need all items by June 15 to allow for preparation of the exhibit.

Last Month's Workshop:

Those of us who stayed for the Caroline Spurgeon Twined Bags workshop really enjoyed it! Maybe we will finish our bags and bring them to our September guild meeting to show off. Caroline sent this link to be shared with our guild: <https://www.facebook.com/rasmusonfoundation/videos/10154667689238162/>

Minutes of the May 5, 2017, Meeting:

9:50 AM - Meeting called to order by Karen Robinson, President.

Janey Redetzke moved we approve minutes from 4/7/2017 and Judy Curran seconded the motion; all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl Eigsti reports we have \$3688.46 in the bank after paying today's speaker's fee.

Announcements:

1. **PROGRAMS:** Janet Yinger, program chair, announced they decided to put all the names of participants in this year's challenge, "My Play-Date

with Color," in a basket and she had today's speaker, Caroline Spurgeon, draw a name since there were such wonderful entries. Marjie Gray's name was drawn and she will receive a free ticket to this year's Fashion Show and Brunch in October. Library show featuring the above Challenge will be in the BV Library from 7/1 to 7/31, 2017, and she requests entries along with an information sheet.

2. Caroline Spurgeon is today's speaker featuring "The Art of Twining."

3. STASH SALE: Saturday, 6/3/2017, from 9 am to 12 noon at Nancy McAninch's home. Nancy asked for a volunteer to get HCFG stuff from the storage unit; all individual items need to be priced and have owner's name or identifiable initials on the tag; coffee is provided and someone usually brings treats.

4. Introduction of new people: Amy McCrary who makes jewelry, etc.

5. FASHION SHOW REPORT by Janey Redetzke: DATE is October 18, 2017, a Wednesday. Doors will open at 10:30 am for brunch, and the Boutique will open after the brunch so items in the Fashion Show will be new to all. Fashion show items will be juried, must be clean, made in the past 2 years, not shown in past Fashion Shows, and correct, detailed information filled out (be specific about description and inspiration so MC can describe well). Caterer - Michelle Gapp was the only one who responded due to it's being a brunch.

Marketing: Judy Curran is in charge of this and will advertise it widely.

Table favors: Janey showed a few finished trivets wrapped with very lightweight yarn.

Reserved tables will be well marked and can be obtained by purchasing 9 tickets.

Table décor: Elizabeth Shelby and the Art Garments Group, plus anyone who is interested in helping, will meet in June at Nancy McAninch's (exact date and tie to be announced).

Tickets will be at Fringe in Salida and Serendipity in BV.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Karen Robinson reiterated the May Newsletter Slate of Officers from 2017-2018:

President: Karen Robinson

Vice-President: Sandee Jaastad

Secretary: Elizabeth Shelby

Treasurer: Cheryl Eigsti

Program Chair: Judy Curran

Website Manager: Marjie Gray

Coffee & Treats: Libby Fay

Newsletter: Candace Weiss

Janet Yinger made the motion to approve/elect the above slate and Robin Zipperman seconded; all approved.

7. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Judy Curran contacted Salida and BV High Schools; Salida has a fiber art class but BV didn't respond.

Ruthann Schoeffield and Robin Zipperman volunteered to head it up.

Nancy McAninch suggests it should also include HCFG members who want to attend a workshop with the understanding they would in turn present a program to the group.

Ruthann suggests it be two \$500 scholarships announced in May and presented in the fall.

Judy Curran suggests the Fashion Show committee ask a bank to underwrite the Fashion Show Brunch, and presenting scholarships would help promote this.

8. TREATS: Karen thanked Auralee Carroll for bringing the treats.

Show-and-Tell:

Ruthann Schoeffield - a Hiker's Waistcoat knitted from handspun yarn. Robin Zipperman - knitted an Astorian Waist Shawl for her niece's wedding. Marjie Gray - made a Shadow weave chenille shawl. Nancy McAninch - made a self-designed reversible red/red plaid vest and a yellow baby layette.

Kendra Johnson - made a shirt dress from a men's large shirt. Mary Jo Sandell - knitted a pair of socks. Gene Marsh - made a vest using yarn from Peru dyed with indigenous plants. Janet Yinger - wove three different yarns together and made a woven scarf. Karen Martinez - knitted a reversible cowl from several yarns.

Karen Robinson - made two knitted shawls. Sue Keyes - made a bead & button necklace and showed two "re-imagined" garments made from a jacket and neckties and a jacket and a sweater. Amy McCrary - three very realistic needle-felted birds (lesser goldfinch, downy woodpecker and chickadee) mounted on "Colorado driftwood."

SPECIAL PROGRAM: "The History of Twining" by Caroline Spurgeon. A very informative and interesting program with Caroline showing how various weaves were achieved using fingers vs. shuttle or other tools on very simple looms. Caroline had several examples of products made this way as well as handouts. A workshop making "Twined Bags" followed at 1 pm for those who had signed up.

12 noon - meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Keyes, Secretary