

Heart of Colorado FiberArts Guild

May 2017 Newsletter

From the President:

Fiber Artists Reign! What a fun Challenge we had this year. Imagine how wonderful all the entries were, so much so that we decided not to have a single winner – we are all winners. Thank you all who participated; it was fabulous. Such creativity is truly inspiring.

At the May meeting we will be voting on the slate of officers for 2017-2018, June to June. I hope some of you will consider volunteering for other HCFG activities. I have enjoyed working with you all this year and look forward to next year.

Karen

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2017-2018:

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President – Karen Robinson

Vice-President – Sandee Jaastad

Secretary – Elizabeth Shelby

Treasurer – Cheryl Eigsti

Program Chair – Judy Curran

Website Manager – Marjie Gray

Coffee & Treats Organizer – Libby Fay

From the Program Committee:

Thanks to all who participated in this year's HCFG Challenge Project! The projects were so amazing that we all were completely at a loss as to how to choose a winner. Therefore we will draw a winning name out of a "hat" at the May meeting and award an invisible ticket to the October 2017 HCFG Fashion Show.

The BV Public Library has reserved the month of July for us to display our challenge projects. It would be wonderful to show off all the projects if possible! You may bring your project, picture and a brief description of the inspiration for your project to the May meeting, or the Program Committee can make arrangements to collect them at a later date. It does take some time to plan and prepare the displays, so we need them by the middle of June.

Our May 5th program at CUCC in Buena Vista features fiber artist Caroline Spurgeon, who will speak to us about the history of twining. She will conduct a workshop in the afternoon on Twined Bags, using very simple looms. There are still a few slots available, so plan on joining us for a fun learning experience!

Hint: Twined bags can be made in many sizes, in many patterns, and can make use of bits of stash, beads and other decorative elements that we all seem to have in profusion.

Speaking of stash, the June 2, 2017, HCFG STASG SALE is fast upon us. Books, equipment and stash of all sorts are welcome. The sale will be held in front of Nancy McAninch's home in Salida. Try to bring a table for display, and be sure to have all items marked with a price and your initials. We start at 9 am, and all of the stipulations will be reviewed at the May 5 meeting. Fingers crossed for good weather!

Minutes of March 3, 2017, Meeting:

10:00 AM Meeting called to order by Karen Robinson, President.

Judy Curran moved we approve minutes from 33/2017 and Joi Santa Cruz seconded motion. All approved.

Treasurer's Report by Cheryl Eigsti, Treasurer: over \$3000 in the bank.

Announcements:

1. PROGRAMS: Janet Yinger, program chair, announced the "Twining Workshop" on 5/5/17 has 4 more openings. Cost is 45 which includes materials. Today: "My Play-Date with Color" Guild Challenge is due. June 2 – Stash Sale at Nancy McAninch's.
2. FASHION SHOW/BRUNCH/BOUTIQUE: Janey Radetzke reports that a caterer is being chosen. She asked about whether door prizes could be Gift Certificates vs. donated items. Attendees suggested it be a combination of both.
3. FIBER ART EXHIBITION AT THE STERAMPLANT during the weekend of Fiber Fest and continuing for the month of September. Jane Templeton is in charge of this and states the forms to enter are on the Fiber Fest website. The items submitted need to be made within the last 2 years and the cost is \$25 to enter. There will be a "People's Choice" award like last year.
4. ELECTIONS ARE NEXT MONTH: The only positions that need to be filled are Assistant Program Chair and someone to head up the Fashion Show event for 2018. The following positions are already filled: Karen Robinson will continue as President and Sandee Jaastad will continue as Vice President; Cheryl Eigsti will continue as Treasurer; Elizabeth Shelby will take over as Secretary; Judy Curran will be Program Chairman; Marjie Gray will

continue to maintain the website; and Libby Fay will continue to be in charge of the coffee and getting volunteers to bring treats.

5. Karen Robinson thanked Sue Keyes for bringing treats today.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Keyes, Secretary

Fashion Show Committee Report:

Estimated budget is done. Arlene and Ruthann are working on a caterer. Janey is shopping for tiles this weekend and hopefully all of you are busy creating fashions for the runway.

Garments submitted this year MUST have their own write-up. The script for the MC describes the garment being shown, so each write-up is an essential part of the final script. It should go without saying that all garments must be clean and odor-free to be modeled or sold in the boutique.

If anyone has scrap yarn they think would work well on the tiles, we would be glad to collect it at the May meeting.

Janey

March Show and Tell:

Cheryl Eigsti – woven dish towels and table runner; Joi Santa Cruz – cloth tote bags that roll up; Elizabeth Shelby – knitted sweater for a grandson; Cheryl Smith – crocheted vest, 3-way shawl and pattern she wrote up for it, and a summer top; Nancy MCAninch – jacket made from 1” strips of fabric sewn together; Jane Templeton – knitted capelet; Auralea Carroll – Knitting a baby blanket; Alison Yinger (visitor) – drawing of mountain; Janet Yinger – spun yarn; Judy Curran – crocheting sweater for her husband.

Challenge Results:

Challenge: “My Play-Date with Color” showing inspiration and outcome:

Janet Yinger- picture of plastic orange fencing photographed up close led to a Brioche knitted cowl in orange and green. Gene Marsh – photo of a colorful market in Kenya led to a multi-colored knit jacket done in stripes of multi-colored yarn. Libby Fay – took photo of newly adopted dog and made a woven runner with the colors of the dog’s fur to put over the dog’ crate.

Karen Robinson – used the colors from a picture printed from the “I Require Art” website to weave a table runner. Cheryl Eigsti – inspired by a book and her son-in-law’s illness, made a woven flag. Sandee Jaastad (not present but her work was brought

by Cheryl) – was inspired by a book cover and sewed and framed a picture using the same colors.

Ruthann Schoeffield – inspired by “Animal Cams,” especially one showing eagles hatching, knitted two shawls representing wings. Also a golden color knit sweater using her own dye plants. Sue Keyes – inspired by catalog images of black/white/red clothing, designed and sewed a jacket using repurposed clothing in these colors.

Karen Martinez – inspired by the cover of a book showing a photo of Blue Ridge Mountains, used Greenwood Fiber Braid yarn to knit a multi-color shawl. Conrad Nelson – inspired by Geico ad colors, made a collage picture. Marjie Gray – from a Georgia O’Keefe picture was inspired to make 2 woven fabric pillows using same color hand dyed yarn given to her.

Judy Reese – inspired by a Mount Fuji Japanese art picture, made a woven wall hanging on a Cricket loom. Nancy McAninch – inspired by two pictures from magazines, made a jacket with similar colors of fabric pieces. Jane Templeton – first cut up a picture of Azure sponges and pasted them in a different design in a workbook, then used the same colors to weave the front of a vest in a waffle design using a print of the colors for the back. Candace Weiss – inspired by fall colors of leaves in a photo, knitted a sleeveless sweater and designed and made a jacket with a solid complimentary color for the sleeves and front, and applied an aspen pattern on the back with small triangles.

Want Ads:

Schacht 25” Flip Loom for Sale:

Like new 3 year old Schacht 25” Flip Folding Rigid Heddle Loom, with 10 dent reed, warping peg, 2 stick shuttles, threading hook and complete warping and weaving instructions. Includes Floor Trestle Stand, second 10 dent reed (allows you to do twill and double weave), 8 dent reed, 12 dent reed, variable dent reed and carrying bag. A \$867 value new. Discounted sales price of \$425. Judy L. Curran 719-966-4002 home, 719-207-2558 cell.

Wednesday the 3rd of May... join us at Fringe from 2 pm to 5:30 pm for a Zen Yarn Garden Pop Up Trunk show. See stock not available in shop, with weights ranging from fingering to bulky. On top of this we are offering a 20% discount on all of it. Join us for Wine, Cookies and bring your knitting as our knitting and yarn spinning group will both be here!... See you Soon!

Editor’s Note: There is a beautiful exhibit of Japanese kimonos currently at the Sangre de Cristo Art Center in Pueblo

