



# The EVFAC Newsletter

"weaving the threads of the past into New Mexico's future"

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**May - June  
2008**

## More than the Sum of its Parts

Any weaver knows about strength in numbers - how a well made warp can withstand great tension on the loom, while an individual warp thread will break under that same tension. We are also familiar with the saying that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. There are many such sayings that express the truism that more can be accomplished when we join together. This month we are celebrating this as we join with Northern New Mexico College's Fiber Program in a new collaboration that will provide college credit fiber arts education here at our Center. There are many ways that working with other organizations open up new vistas for us. We are developing a relationship with Fuller Lodge, which has resulted in an EVFAC show at their location in the spring of 2009. And conversations with Taos Valley Wool Mill at Tapetes de Lana in Mora are giving us the long hoped for opportunity of providing locally produced and locally processed New Mexico wool yarns on our side of the mountains. These recent collaborations, as well as our long standing partnerships with organizations such as Camino de Paz School, Ghost Ranch, and many others, enrich us immeasurably and increase our effectiveness as an organization.

Just the other day, two visitors from Chicago were in the Center, lamenting the fact that fiber art is not readily respected as "art" in their area, while it is promoted and respected as an art form in northern New Mexico. They felt the status of fiber arts here has come about because "there are so many of you, and you work together." Isn't it great?

Diane

## EVFAC and NNMC Fiber Arts Department to Collaborate!!

We are please to announce that beginning this summer, classes from Northern New Mexico College's Fiber Arts Department will be offered at the Espanola Valley Fiber Arts Center. Students will be able to receive college credit for NNMC classes, while taking advantage of the convenient location and all of the resources that EVFAC has to offer. Students will register with NNMC by calling Donald Martinez at 505-581-4120.

You will find these new classes listed in a special section in the back of EVFAC's class brochure. In July, Karen Martinez will be teaching a 2 credit hour Introduction to Rio Grande Weaving evening class. Look for more classes in the fall.



## Calendar

*Due to the large number of formal adult classes, see your class brochure for start dates. This calendar is for events and informal workshops.*

### May

2 Piedra Lumbre Show begins  
10 Spinning Saturday  
17 Board Retreat

### June

5 Old Spanish Trail Conference  
7 Piedra Lumbre reception  
16 Children's Summer Camp  
14 Spinning Saturday  
25 Board Meeting

Our knitting group, Bring Yarn Over, Knit Together, meets **every Monday evening** from 5pm to 8pm at the Center.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Our **children's summer camp** is coming up - a great time for both adults and children. We really need a lot of volunteers to help make the camp a success. We would also very much appreciate cash donations to defray some of our costs and cases of bottled water to help keep the kids hydrated in the hot summer weather. In addition, the **Old Spanish Trail Association** will have its annual conference at Ohkay Owingeh on June 5 - 8. EVFAC is one of the sponsors of this event. The theme is the animals (including sheep) and goods (including weaving) that traveled from New Mexico to California during the Colonial period. We need volunteers to help staff an informational table and to demonstrate weaving and spinning. And finally, as part of the activities around the **International Folk Art Market** this July, EVFAC will be hosting 20 international visiting artists. They are coming to see our Spanish Colonial *colcha* embroidery traditions. We are looking for *colcha* embroiderers and *sabanilla* weavers to demonstrate on July 9th, 1:30pm to 3:00pm.

If you are interested in helping us out with any of these fun events, please call Pam at EVFAC at 747-3577 or [info@evfac.org](mailto:info@evfac.org) as soon as possible.

## WANTED ♦♦♦♦

We are looking for an efficient, energetic, personable fiber lover to work with us here at the Española Valley Fiber Arts Center. We hope to find a permanent, part-time (24+ hours/wk, with potential to move to full time) skilled employee to help us with our expanding services and programs. The position requires computer literacy, including experience with Quick Books, Excel, Word, Access, Publisher and Outlook Express. Nonprofit and business experience are both important. The job includes complex bookkeeping responsibilities and inventory management. People skills, flexibility, organization and self direction are necessary. Of course a fiber arts background is a definite plus, as all employees share coverage of the Center's operation and services to members and the public.

This job has some management responsibilities - it requires understanding the "big picture" of the entire operation and an appreciation for how the various programs and functions of EVFAC must work together. If this sounds intriguing to you, please mail or email your resume to Diane Bowman at EVFAC, [diane@evfac.org](mailto:diane@evfac.org).

## FIBER EVENTS

**Needles and Pins, Textiles and Tools** may be seen through January 4, 2009 in the Cotson Gallery at the Museum of International Folk Art. For more information call 505-476-1200, or go to [www.internationalfolkart.org](http://www.internationalfolkart.org). **Spider Woman's Gift** may be seen at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture. For more information call 505-476-1250 or go to [www.indianartsandculture.org](http://www.indianartsandculture.org). Both Museums are located on Camino Lejo in Santa Fe.


Upcoming **Textile Arts Alliance** lectures at the Wheelwright Museum Library in Santa Fe: May 18th - Andrea Heckman, Peruvian textile expert; June 29th - Lauri Waters, lace collector; September 7th - Candace Kling, contemporary fiber artist, ribbon and headgear designer of art-to-wear. Lectures are free for TAA members, \$5 for non-members.

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual **Pagosa Fiber Festival** will be held at Town Park in Pagosa Springs, Colorado on Saturday and Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The festival will include fiber animals, vendors of fleece, fibers, finished fashions and equipment, fashion shows, demonstrations, presentations and a Navajo rug auction. Workshops will take place May 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. For information call 970-264-4458 or go to [www.pagosafiberfestival.com](http://www.pagosafiberfestival.com).

5th annual **East Mountain Fiber Farm & Studio Tour**, June 7th-8th, 10am to 5pm. Visit the farms who raise fiber animal and the studios of artists who create with fiber. Only a short drive east of Albuquerque. Call Beth 505-281-5963, [bweaveit@yahoo.com](mailto:bweaveit@yahoo.com); or Connie 505-281-7775, [mtnlady049@aol.com](mailto:mtnlady049@aol.com).

The Handweavers Guild of America's **Convergence 2008** will take place in Tampa, Florida, June 25 - June 28. Visit [www.weavespindye.org](http://www.weavespindye.org) for more information.

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual **Taos Wool Festival** at Kit Carson Park in Taos will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Visit vendors, participate in the silent auction, see shearing demonstrations, meet sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas and rabbits, enjoy delicious food and listen to great music. A fall tradition in northern New Mexico. For information go to [www.taoswoolfestival.org](http://www.taoswoolfestival.org).



### Summer Camps for Kids

**EVFAC's Children's Fiber Arts Camp, June 16th - 20th, 9am to 3pm.** Ages 6-14. Fee: \$110. Weaving, dyeing, knitting, felting and other fun projects. Teachers are talented artists with experience working with children. Takes place at Camino de Paz School and Farm, a beautiful outdoor setting for art-making. To register your child, contact EVFAC at 747-3577, [info@evfac.org](mailto:info@evfac.org) or come by 325 Paseo de Oñate.

**Camino de Paz School and Farm Summer Camp for Girls, July 7th - 11th, 9am to 3pm.** Ages 9 to 11 or entering Grades 4,5,6. Fee: \$175. Animal care, cooking, river and pond science, arts and crafts, farm ecology. To register your child, contact Camino de Paz at 505-747-9717, [patriciap@caminodepaz.net](mailto:patriciap@caminodepaz.net).

**Camino de Paz School and Farm Summer Camp for Boys, July 14th - 18th, 9am to 3pm.** Ages 9 to 11 or entering Grades 4,5,6. Fee: \$175. Animal care, cooking, river and pond science, arts and crafts, farm ecology. To register your child, contact Camino de Paz at 505-747-9717, [patriciap@caminodepaz.net](mailto:patriciap@caminodepaz.net).

## EVFAC NEWS

**SUNDAYS AT EVFAC! Don't forget, we are open Sundays from 12 noon to 5pm.**

**New Yarn Line at EVFAC** - The mill at Mora is up and running, and will be providing New Mexico grown and processed yarns to our Center. The first batch is New Mexico Rambouillet - a 2 ply, 900 yds/lb yarn in natural white that would be great for knitting or for a lovely soft, handwoven blanket.

**Starting with the Next Newsletter** - If you place an ad in our Goods and Services section, it will only run for one newsletter, unless you notify us that you want us to run it again by the deadline date for the next newsletter. It was just too time consuming for our staff to track everyone down to see if their items had sold.

**Piedra Lumbre Reception July 7th, 2pm to 4pm.** Participating artists should try to be there if possible.

**As of May 1st**, credits for cancelled classes or returned merchandise will only be good for 18 months. It complicates our bookkeeping to have to keep track of several years worth of credits, so I encourage you to redeem any that you have in a timely manner.

## THANKS

The Center received a number of generous donations during the months of March and April. EVFAC would like to thank those who have donated goods, such as looms, yarn, handmade items, books, time and more: Josephine Woods, Pat Farr, Joy Drake, Louise Romero, Phyllenore Howard, Beth Gregg, Ann Ross, Michelle Rudy, Claudia Lewis, Natasha Torres, Jeanne Hastey, Stephanie Hagelberg, Samantha Dunning, Ercilia Brazil, Lee Lanning, Nancy Woodworth, Jeanne M Wewzke, Kathy Konecki, Nancy Ullmann, Kathy Brown, Elizabeth Bear, Maggy Pavlon, Joe Bacon and The Monastery of Christ in The Desert. For monetary donations, thanks to Teri Lindstrom, Deborah Wells, Wilson Abney and Michelle Rudy. Your willingness to share is warmly appreciated.

## GOODS and SERVICES

*Note: Advertising in the newsletter is free for members. For non-members there will be a \$5 charge. Business card-sized display ads are \$25 per issue. Buyers take note: because an ad appears in this newsletter in no way implies that the products listed or the persons placing the ad are endorsed or approved by the Espanola Valley Fiber Arts Center.*

### For Sale:

**Mirrex Joni Loom**, 32", comes with heddles, one separate stand, and with separate treadle. Brand new, never used. \$825. Call Peggy Krauser, in Los Alamos at 505 662-2136.

**Cranbrook Loom**, 60" Deluxe with accessories, for sale, Payment plan available call 505-581-9525

**Loomcraft 45" Loom**, 4 harness, 6 treadle, 8 dent reed. Maple, plain warp beam. Excellent condition. Please call 505-466-4042. Ask for Pam.

**For Sale:** Beautiful double-drive traditional hand made **cherry spinning wheel**. Left handed set-up (i.e. the wheel is to the left, bobbin and flyer to the right). This is a production wheel that looks lovely as well **\$350**. Contact Diane at 670-5347 or [diane@evfac.org](mailto:diane@evfac.org).

**Dreaming of weaving in the Woods?** Try our winter mountain house-sit. Two bedroom, two bath home, radiant-floor heat, woodstove, sun porch, and two separate studios - an art studio and a weaving one with new Weaving Southwest, 45", 4 harness, walking loom. Easy access in El Rito, north of Taos and Questa. You pay utilities plus \$300 for Dec 9 through Feb 23. Call Annie (575) 586-1792

**Pat Green Four Drum Elsa Carder**, Brand New (used once). Paid \$10,500 with shipping. Asking \$7,000. Moving to Hawaii and can't take it with me. Imagine producing a 10oz. Batt of wool 24"-27" wide, 5 feet long, every 10 minutes. A very good size for feltmaking. Spinners can take a roving directly from the large drum, same as with the Supercard. Contact Dave Bacon at (505)387-5728.

**Self contained, rolling jewelry show cart**, 5 lined display cases made of oak and plexiglass. plus other display and storage compartments. Fits in SUV, perfect for craft shows. If interested contact Diane at 747-3577.

**Spriggs Triangle Frame Loom**. 7 foot, adjustable, maple, with 2 battens and a video (VHS) "The Triangular Frame Loom" by Linda L. Smith, "Patterns, Weaving Techniques and Project Ideas for Triangular Frame Looms by Linda L. Smith, Barbara Borgerd patterns and ideas illustrated with color photos. Package price \$300. Michelle Rudy, 505-672-4170, [mmrudy@newmexico.com](mailto:mmrudy@newmexico.com). May be seen at EVFAC.

**FOR SALE AT EVFAC: 60" Fireside Loom**, 4 harness, 6 treadle, cherry wood, brake needs attention, \$1,500. 2 **Macomber 22" add a harness looms**, 4 now 4 later, need work \$150 each. **36" Schacht floor loom**, 4 harness, 6 treadles, \$600 or \$750 with sectional beam. Used **Warping board**, \$25.

**Wanted: Weaving Southwest in Taos is seeking Wearable artists** to exhibit their work on a consignment basis. We have seen a large increase in customers looking for beautiful wearable art and we are expanding our wearable selection. We're mainly interested in ruanas, loose jackets and tops. Please give us a call (575)758-0433 or email us at [Weaving@weavingsouthwest.com](mailto:Weaving@weavingsouthwest.com) if you are interested.

**Wanted:** a used **Drum Carder**. Call Lisa Benes at 505-929-1912.

**Wanted:** an adjustable bench for a Mighty Wolf. Also need a spool rack. Call 505-986-0407.

**Cleaning Supplies**, one of the first companies to go green eco-friendly with cleaning supplies. Log on to [pamv.wfdb.biz](http://pamv.wfdb.biz) or call Pam @ 505-470-4903. Free shipping on \$75 or more for the first 3 months.

**We'll tackle any project**, M.H. Builder LLC, call Mike at 505-662-1932 or [mharrison1013@yahoo.com](mailto:mharrison1013@yahoo.com).

**Free to a good home:** Beautiful Burmese cross cat. Altered male, 1 1/2 yrs old, declawed, has rabies shot. Light fawn with brown points, green eyes. Sweet, loving companion. Contact Diane at 670-5347 or [diane@evfac.org](mailto:diane@evfac.org).





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Benefits include 20% off yarn, most equipment, books and class fees; free ads in newsletter, lending library use, equipment rentals, participation in EVFAC shows, sales and the cooperative/consignment gallery.

#### Membership Levels:

Individual: \$45  
Individual Working: \$20, plus 36 hours per year  
Youth: \$20  
Family: \$60  
Supporter: \$100  
Sponsor: \$250  
Benefactor: \$500

**Just a reminder to members – this is your newsletter.** You are welcome to submit news or items of interest as well as items for sale. The deadline for submissions is about two weeks before the end of the month prior to publication – for example, please send ads and articles for the July-August newsletter by June 15th if at all possible!

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