



The EVFAC Newsletter

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

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**November-December
2007**

Gratitude

For many of us these last two months of the year are times of thanksgiving and giving, when we review the past year, express our gratitude, and renew our commitments to the people and things that are important to us. I am personally thankful for my improving health and for being able to recommit my time and energy to the fiber arts community. Perhaps with time I may even do some weaving!! There are probably many things that each of us appreciate and are thankful for. If EVFAC is one of the things that you appreciate in your life, please consider at this time what you might give to support our Center.

In the past year we have received a great deal of assistance from federal and state government, foundations and generous individuals, all to purchase and renovate our building. We're very grateful; however none of these funds can be used for keeping the doors open and the Center running. To continue all of the activities of a living, growing organization, we need the help of our friends.

I am inviting you to join with us so that EVFAC can continue to grow and operate in the coming year. With your help, the Center will continue to be a resource and a place of educational and economic opportunity for our region. If you have given in the past, consider increasing your gift. If you have never given, consider that your generosity will touch many lives with beauty, the joy of creativity, and the fellowship of our fiber arts community. All that EVFAC has become is the result of the commitment of people like you. For that I am truly thankful.

Diane

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.

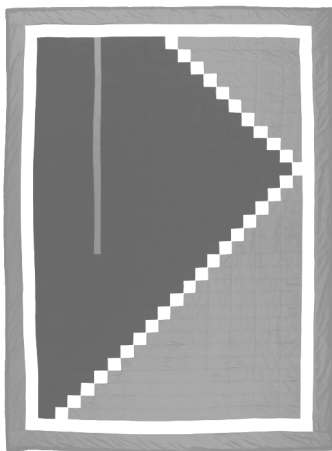
November

9 Ghost Ranch ends
10 Spinning Saturday
16 Gee's Bend Quilt Reception at the Museum of International Folk Art
24 Holiday Show Case
27 Board Meeting
30 EVFAC

December

8 Spinning Saturday
25 Center closed
31 Holiday Showcase ends

Knitting Group meets
Mondays, 5pm - 8pm



Gee's Bend Quilts and Beyond

Twelve dramatically designed quilts created by master Gee's Bend quiltmaker Mary Lee Bendolph and her family members will be on display at the Museum of International Folk Art, alongside found object sculptures by Thornton Dial and Lonnie Holley. The quilts created by the women of Gee's Bend, Alabama, although made from recycled clothing, are recognized today as significant and powerful works of abstract art. The exhibit will continue from November 16, 2007 through May 11, 2008, with a reception hosted by the Women's Board of the Museum of New Mexico on November 16th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. For more information about the exhibit call 505-476-1200 or go to www.internationalfolkart.org.

In conjunction with the exhibit, EVFAC will participate in a show featuring sites on the New Mexico Fiber Arts Trails (a project of New Mexico Arts, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs). This event will take place in the Museum of International Folk Art Auditorium on Saturday and Sunday, December 1st and 2nd. We are also looking forward to a visit to our Center by Mary Lee Bendolph and Lonnie Holley on January 22, 2008. For more information about these events, call EVFAC at 505-747-3577, info@evfac.org.

The 2007 Holiday Showcase

November 24th to December 31st, 2007
in the Enchanted Fiber Gallery

**An exhibition and sale of fabulous fiber art
by the members of
the Española Valley Fiber Arts Center**

Reception

Saturday, November 24th, 2pm to 4pm
Refreshments - Everyone is invited.

EVFAC EDUCATION

For those with computers, two upcoming classes will be of interest. On Thursday, November 15th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm, Bill Morrison from the New Mexico Internet Professionals Association will teach a class on Managing Your Website Development at EVFAC. This is a practical introduction to all aspects of creating, publishing and reaping the benefits of a website. The Internet is an additional communication tool that complements other advertising methods and can lead to increased sales and profits for artists. This will prepare you for having a website (not show you how to do it). On November 17, learn how to use your Weaving Software with Nancy Crowley. This class is applicable to any weaving program.

In December, we are privileged to have Jennifer Moore teaching Doubleweave, for beginning and advanced doubleweavers. She'll use a round robin format, so everybody will get lots of experience on all the possibilities of doubleweave. December 7-9.

Teens can take advantage of their time off over the holidays to take a Teen Weaving class. Just three days, and they'll know how to warp a loom and weave a traditional mat. December 28-30.

Upcoming Fiber Arts Events

Exhibition of Laurie Waters Collection

Laurie Waters has been collecting and making handmade lace for nearly 40 years, and this is the first comprehensive exhibition of her collection. Nearly 100 examples of bobbin and needle lace from the 16th century to the present day will be shown December 2nd thru 29th at the Los Alamos Mesa Public Library Upstairs Gallery. Also included are lacemaking pillows from 8 countries; bobbins and other lacemaking equipment, coins, medals, dolls and samples from her collection of over 2000 books on handmade lace. The exhibit is especially interested in tracing how very fine commercial products evolved into a folk art form that continues to be practiced today. The Albuquerque Enchanted Lacemakers will also demonstrate bobbin lace on December 8th.

Textile Arts Alliance Lecture

Sunday, 2 Dec 07: 3pm, at the Wheelwright Museum Library, Lace, A Collector's Experience, by Los Alamos collector and resident, **Laurie Waters**, in conjunction with an exhibition of her collection in Los Alamos.

Leonore Tawney, 100, Innovator in Weaving

Lenore Tawney, an artist whose monumental sculptural weavings redefined the possibilities of both sculpture and weaving in the second half of the 20th century and helped create the genre of fiber art, died in September. She was 100. In the late 1950s and early 1960 when art and crafts were viewed in America as mutually exclusive disciplines, Ms. Tawney united them decisively and controversially. Trained as a sculptor and as a weaver, she combined several different techniques - plain weave, gauze weave, slit tapestry and open warp weaving - to invent large, abstract and free-standing, or rather free hanging, sculptural forms. She considered much of her repetitive and labor-intensive work a form of meditation. "I'm not just patiently doing it," she said of such work. "It's done with devotion."

EVFAC NEWS

SUNDAYS AT EVFAC! We are now open Sundays from 12 noon to 5pm.

Attention Ghost Ranch Participants:

Take-down date for the Ghost Ranch show has been changed to November 9th, beginning at 9:30am. As of October 30, the show has sold 96 pieces for a total of \$7,925.00 retail sales.

Holiday Showcase 2007 - Members, if you would like to bring your items for the holiday showcase, please bring them by November 17th. The show will run from November 24th to December 31st.

First Place in Fiber - In September, member Anna Mae Patterson was awarded first place in fiber at the Taos Open Fall Arts Show. Her winning entry was a rayon chenille shawl in shadow weave.

Best Practice Award

On October 24th the Center received an award for Best Practices for outstanding achievement in the field of economic development. The award was presented at the Infrastructure Finance Conference at Sandia Resort.

Renovation Assistance

On October 17th the Consortium of Major Los Alamos National Laboratory Subcontractors granted \$20,000 to EVFAC to assist with the renovation of our building. We are grateful for the continuing support of the Consortium, who also made a substantial contribution towards the building purchase.



LOCAL NEWS

Espanola Will Have a Natural Food Co-op!

The Espanola Community Market, a natural foods cooperative, will hold their first in a series of public meetings at the Espanola Valley Fiber Arts Center Monday, November 12th at 6pm. All are invited to attend. The Board of Directors have been meeting twice a month for close to a year to formulate plans for a member owned market in Espanola to provide the community with a range of locally grown foods, products and supplements and an educational forum to promote healthy lifestyles.

Vice President Nancy Chatfield says there are approximately 40 members to date. Some have committed to lifetime family sponsorships of \$250 and some to annual memberships of only \$20 a year. None of the funds will be used until the opening of the store about a year from now. If you're tired of driving 40 miles to get healthy, natural and local foods for your family, and if you care about this important issue, please come. Snacks will be served. For further information call Kulwant Khalsa, 505-747-6622.

THANKS

The Center received a number of generous donations during the months of September and October. EVFAC would like to thank those who have donated goods, such as looms, yarn, handmade items, books, time and more: Sally Baca, JoAnn, Susie Hart, Mike Marmont, Trish Spillman, Betty Payne, Valerie Martinez, Melissa Hanson, Barbara Rucker, Jeanie Hastey, Carla Caramba, Diane De Souza, Marie Absalon, Wendy Kowynia, Lucinda Jesse, Karen McClaren, Mary Egle, Kimberly Joy Turner, Ercilia Brazil, M.A. Klein, Sister Julianne and Francis Potter. For monetary donations, thanks to Barbara Mertian, Lisa Trujillo/Centinela, James Koehler, Heather Gallegos-Rex, Mariel Johnson, Pat Farr, Margery A. Tibbetts, Judy Merrigan, Ann Shafer, Nan Saponora. 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.

Country Side Loom by Green Tree Ranch, 48", 8Heddles, 10Treadles, Friction brake, lots of heddles, \$950, call EVFAC 505-747-3577

Norwood Loom, 50", 4 harness, 6 Treadles, Cherry Finish. Call EVFAC 505-747-3577

Large Navajo Loom, Rio Grande, loom, size is 89"x 51", accommodates a 60"x40" weaving. 6 years old. \$350. Call Marilyn Elliot at 753-1762.

Schacht 36" floor loom, low castle, 4 now 4 later, maple, never used, can deliver. \$2,300. Call Jo Woods in Santa Fe, 466-1310.

Cranbrook 1990, 48" 4 H, 6T with bench. \$2,000 Call Donna Mitchell 505-849-0070 Will Deliver.

Walking Loom, 38" weaving width, 2 harnesses, complete with 8 epi dent reed and heddles. \$500, call Joe Bacon at 575-758-8819.

Cadillac Rio Grande Loom, 60" with many pieces of weaving equipment, all in excellent condition. Also some Brown Sheep wools, undyed and hand-vegetable dyed. To view or discuss price contact Mary Piersol at 758-0095 or 770-0548.

2 Harness Union Walking Loom, a classic, sectional warp beam used as a brake, 38" weaving width. 8 dent reed, 36" wide, very good condition, \$425. Call Carla Caramba 747-3364.

20" Weaving Width Rigid Heddle Table Loom, with warp on plus extra yarn. \$125. Call Carla Caramba 747-3364.

Navajo Upright Howell's Loom, 2 sided weaving, two people opposite each other can weave at the same time. Solid Birch, beautiful piece of art, frame 27"w x 39"h, plus batens & pick up sticks, 2 books. \$400. Call Carla Caramba at 747-3364.

Louet Warping Mill/Yarn Blocker, frame 15" deep x 39" wide, 52" circumference \$180. Call Carla Caramba at 747-3364.

Solid Oak Rocking Wool Picker, heavy and useful tool, \$220. Call Carla at 747-3364.

Beka, Table Top Yarn Swift, 30" circumference in box, \$50. Call Carla Caramba at 747-3364.

Maple 50-Spool Rack, with cardboard spools, Walling's, \$150. Call Carla Caramba at 747-3364.

Cleaning Supplies, one of the first companies to go green eco-friendly with cleaning supplies. Log on to pamv.wvdb.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.

Big closeout Sale! - Janice, the former owner of **Ironstone**, is closing her doors on November 20th. For the next few weeks she will be deeply discounting 15,000 pounds of merchandise. Some items are going at 30% off the original wholesale price. She has rayon chenille, roving, mohair brushed, boucles, linen blends, warp yarns and various cottons. She also has soft wool, 4 ply and 2 ply that is suitable for tapestry. The hours Ironstone is open are from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Ironstone is in Las Vegas, NM. For questions and directions call Janice at 505-425-6892.



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EVFAC YEARLY MEMBERSHIPS

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, the deadline for the Nov-Dec newsletter is October 15th.

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