May is here with a blast!

What is the Calendar Divide?

As I prepare each Newsletter I start by reviewing last month’s published letter and delete old news and try to get a feel for what is happening in the coming month. This month I am quite surprised at the lack of items that "continue on" through the summer. In my own mind I can already come up with the dates for Fall events. Is there a hiatus for the next couple of months? Is this the time that we sigh once "school is out" and we get to take a vacation ourselves?

I am preparing for some creative "days on the road" so you will notice that this newsletter is for June AND July. Your next newsletter will be in time for August activities.

Please make a mental note that it is never too early to publicize your event. At the very least, we list all we can on our Events and Opportunities page on the ABQ Fiber Arts Council website.
Fiber Arts Fiesta 2019 news

Check out the important details: No limits to your TOTAL entries (Yes, you can still only enter 3 per division....) Updates are posted regularly and Entries will open in January 2019.

Maybe I will see you "on the road!"

- Your editor.

Changes coming to the Fiber Arts Newsletter (FAN)...
and links to the ABQ Fiber Arts Council website.

After all these years, we figured it was about time that we added our local commercial friends to our regular monthly announcements. Since we are a "priceless" medium, the board has figured out a way that we can publicize classes and events without endorsement or prejudice. (All announcement pieces will be reviewed for both content and timeliness.) This process will take some important steps on the part of our local shops.

Do you have an event or announcement of general interest to our greater fiber community?

Follow these easy steps....

1. **One time:** Send your local business website or link to Info@ABQFiberArtsCouncil.org.

   We will list your shop or organization on our Events and
Opportunities page

as an active link. (I think we need a "Support Our Local Businesses and Vendors" section, don’t you?)

Your link will remain active on our website for as long as you wish-- even if you are not promoting a special event. We want to keep our fiber community--old and new--shopping and learning locally whenever we can!

2. For each new event, exhibit, new list of classes, special announcement, etc., that you wish featured or highlighted for the (monthly) newsletter, send a .jpg picture or poster for us to promote at newsletter@ABQFiberArtsCouncil.org

Let’s give this a try!


With this exhibit the artists engage visitors in a critical conversation about water and
how it impacts and informs the lives of all living beings. The artwork shows some
ways water is used (or abused) by humans, some of the plants and animals that
dwell in or near the water, and the effects of having too much, or not enough water.
Linda Rael is a fiber artist, depicting in intricate detail the birds, animals and plants
that depend on, and live near water. Katherine (K.M.) White works in collage and
mixed media. Her pieces include some large, broad views and some small, more
intimate glimpses of human beings and their relationships with water and our fellow
creatures. The exhibit will run through July 1st, 2018. The Open Space gallery is
open Tuesday through Sunday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM and closed Mondays. Call 897-
8831 for more information or visit www.cabq.gov/openspace.

Poppyfield Bead Company CLOSEOUT SALE

4401A Cutler Ave, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

www.poppybeads.com
$$$$$$Cash Only$$$$$$

Saturday, June 23
9am to 4pm

Everything must go!
Southern New Mexico Festival of Quilts

June 22 and 23

(Classes Thursday, 6/21-6/24 Sunday)
Tapestry as Exploration and Innovation

The Fuller Lodge Art Center, The High Desert Tapestry Alliance and the Tapestry Artists of Las Arañas will bring to Los Alamos an extraordinary display of fiber arts, showcasing over 30 New Mexico artists in both the main gallery and the Portal Gallery spaces!

The exhibit will include tapestries based on National Parks and Monuments as well as a collaborative installation of small tapestries based on the 360 degree skyline of Ghost Ranch. There will be two and three-dimensional tapestries in a variety of themes featuring abstract and representational content. The materials used in these pieces range from wool and cotton to plastics and metals. Throughout the course of the exhibit, featured tapestry artists will be providing demos in the gallery.

Opening reception will be Friday, June 29 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The Fuller
Lodge Art Center is located at 2132 Central Ave, Los Alamos NM 87544. Call (505)-662-1635 for more details or visit their website.

Heart of New Mexico Fiber Gathering
September 1 and 2, 2018
(Labor Day Weekend)
Contact Gayle Bone for information and vendor application
505-492-4829 or email gogobone59@gmail.com

Some local class offerings:

Free Lecture Series at the Yarn Store at Nob Hill:
Sunday July 15, 3-4 pm. Kate Green-Hammond (Dropped Stitch Knitters Guild) will talk about how to choose the best knitting needles for your chosen project.

Jennifer Miller (Theodora’s Pearls Yarn) is known for gorgeous hand-painted yarns and unusual fibers. Tuesday July 10: Trunk Show all day; free lecture 4:30-6:00 pm.

Increase your Color Confidence (What to Do With a Beautiful Skein of Hand Painted Yarn) Class: Wednesday, July 11th, 10:00-1:00 - $50.00

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On Higher Ground III Retreat, October 7-11, Taos NM

Just a couple spots left in this inspiring retreat held at the Sagebrush Inn, Taos, NM. Four teachers offer classes in creative, free-form fiber creativity:
Valentina Devine, Knitting without Boundaries
Debra Lambert, Weave Rock & Roll
Ilisha Helfman, Jazzknitting
Celeste Nossiter, Knitting the Landscape

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www.smile.amazon.com for all your shopping transactions, please!

Every little bit supports your fiber community.
An exhibit of contemporary fiber art created by members of the Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) living in the states through which the Rio Grande flows. The
quilts in the exhibit express the feelings and thoughts about aspects of the river that sparked each artists' creativity. Some of the work is representational; some is abstract and includes cultural, historical, scientific and geographical references.

SAQA is an international non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the art quilt and the artists who create them. Visit their website at www.SAQA.com.

June 23-August 4, 2018
First Unitarian Church
3701 Carlisle Blvd NE
ABQ
505.835.5688

More things to put on your calendar.....
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Santa Fe Fashion Week 2018 is almost here! June 21st - 23rd at the Drury Plaza in Santa Fe. Schedule and details can be found at:

https://santafefashionweek.com

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Fiber Trails of the Upper Rio Grande
A class being offered Wonderlust Expeditions
October 2 - 7, 2018
Las Colcheras Quilt Guild – SUMMER MEETING HOURS BEGIN
Las Colcheras meets the third Monday of each month at the American Legion Post 10 Hall at 1185 E Madrid. The 6:30 PM (evening) meeting time will remain until the return to daytime meetings in November. Guests are always welcome at Las Colcheras meetings, which consist of brief business announcements, a program of interest to quilters, Show and Tell and door prizes. The guild offers quilt lessons, community service opportunities, sew-ins, an active outreach program and a biennial quilt show. For more information, contact LasColcherasQG@gmail.com, 575.521-0521 or visit the guild website: www.lcqg.org

The Colcha Group has its own SPOT on the ABQ Fiber Arts council Webpage. Check it Out!
The 2018 call for proposals for the Fulcrum Fund, a grant program of 516 ARTS now in its third year, is offering grants of up to $10,000 to independent local artists (totaling $60,000).

The guest jurors are Louise Martorano (Executive Director, RedLine, Denver), Nancy Marie Mithlo (Visiting Scholar, UCLA Institute of American Cultures American Indian Center) and Hamza Walker (Director, LAXART, Los Angeles).

Fair Time is Coming!

Ruth Ronan and Spinners and Weavers of Las Arañas remind us that "The New Mexico State Fair is approaching. Check the website: https://statefair.exponm.com. Click under Competitions to enter your work in Creative Arts or Home Arts categories."
MESA PRIETA PETROGLYPH PROJECT PRESENTS:
ART ON THE ROCKS: CREATING PETROGLYPH INSPIRED SILK SCARVES
Sunday July 1st, 2018

The Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project (MPPP) is pleased to announce our first art inspired event since Fiber Rocks in 2015! On Sunday, July 1st, beginning at 8:30 AM, the Project is pleased to host fiber artist Nadina Barnes. Nadina will lead us in dyeing silk scarves and then removing dye to mimic the petroglyphs found on Mesa Prieta. Bring your sketchbook and take an early morning tour of the Wells Petroglyph Preserve, followed by sketching time. The class will then move to the home and studio of Project founder Katherine Wells to channel their inspiration into hand-made dyed silk scarves.

**TIME AND DATE:** Sunday July 1st, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM. Course materials provided. Lunch provided.

**COURSE FEE:** $125 – price includes fabric and dye, instruction, tour and lunch.

Nadina Barnes loves petroglyphs and fabrics. She began dyeing cloth at age 19 to make costumes and 40+ years later has a quite a few dye techniques to share.

TO REGISTER: Please visit our website or use the link below to purchase tickets -
https://squareup.com/store/mesaprietapetroglyphs/item/art-on-the-rocks-with-nadina-barnes

For more information please contact
505-852-1351 / admin@mesaprietapetroglyphs.org / www.mesaprietapetroglyphs.org

The Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project, which began in 1999, has three goals: TO RECORD as many of the estimated 75,000 petroglyphs and other archaeological features on the Mesa Prieta as possible. TO EDUCATE and inform the archaeological community, local people and visitors about this treasure. Our primary focus is on educating young people. We hold a Summer Youth Intern Program and we have developed a dynamic science-based elementary school curriculum called “Discovering Mesa Prieta”. We offer public and private tours for groups and individuals to raise awareness of the petroglyphs. In addition, we sponsor a community lecture series, “Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project Talks”, which focus on northern New Mexico culture and landscape. TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE the important cultural legacy of Mesa Prieta for generations to come is our ultimate goal.
Santa Fe, New Mexico: Spanning multiple galleries at the Wheelwright Museum, *Memory Weaving: Works by Melanie Yazzie* will run from May 13, 2018 through October 7, 2018

**Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian**
704 Camino Lejo, Museum Hill, Santa Fe, NM 87505
505-982-4636 or 800-607-4636
info@wheelwright.org | www.wheelwright.org

Open Seven Days a Week
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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**Quilt Fiesta Santa Fe Call for Entries**

The Northern New Mexico Quilt Guild will present Quilt Fiesta Santa Fe on October 19-20, 2018, at the Community Convention Center on Marcy Street in Santa Fe. The biennial event will feature over 200 quilts as well as a select group of vendors selling a range of products from fabrics and sewing machines to specialty quilting supplies.

**You** can be part of Quilt Fiesta 2018 and do NOT have to be a guild member. Visit [www.quiltfiestasantafe.org](http://www.quiltfiestasantafe.org) for entry information. Up to three pieces may be entered, two may be judged and, for the first time, you may choose to sell your quilts. The guild will have an information booth where artist contact information will be available to prospective buyers.

Entry deadline is September 15, 2018.
The Happiness Factor...
A selected quote from Susan Hull Walker

"Reviewing my time in Uzbekistan, I find myself talking a lot about the happiness factor. The people I met there are at home in their skin; they seem happy. I think it has to do with this: that the people I met are creating. Bread, music, weavings, embroidery, dance, block-printing, ceramics, paper, felting, fashion, song, whatever. And they are creating out of their own lives, out of their long layered history but also out of their own heart, so that what they create is an extension of who they are and what they love.

I’ve begun to think that is the secret ingredient in the happiness factor. That when we spin out of our lives a thread that is somehow our own, that when we take the essence of our experience and distill it into a thing in the world - a word, a note, a taste, a fiber - that in and of itself satisfies a ravenous human hunger and holds the makings of joy.

It’s a sad day when we are identified not by what we create but by what we consume. When we think music comes from iTunes, rather than pounding out a tune of our own. When we buy labels rather than putting together our own style; when we buy pizza instead of getting our fingers sticky kneading dough, when we buy expensive travel but miss the adventure. It takes more courage, but happiness, I am more and more convinced, is in the making of something that grows from my heart. And then making another thing. And another. Which, in the end, is the making of life. And a happy one, at that."

All the Best,

Susan Hull Walker
Meeting and contact information for Albuquerque Fiber Arts Council's co-sponsoring guilds:

Adobe Wool Arts Guild (AWAG)          East Mts. Cast 'n' Knits Guild          New Mexico Polymer Clay
ABQ Modern Quilt Guild (NMQA)          EGA Turquoise Trail Chapter          NM Quilters' Assoc. Inc.
Am. Sewing Guild, Alb. Chapter Guild  Enchanted Lacemakers Guild              New Mexico Silk Painters'
Bead Society of New Mexico             Kokopelli's Enchanted Dolls            Studio Art Quilt Associates
Desert Designs Machine Knitting Guild  Las Arábas Spinners & Weavers Guild      Thimbleweed Quilters
Dropped Stitch Knitters Guild          Mixed Media Textile Artists of NM
Duke City Applique Society

More information about events, classes, and opportunities.

Send your articles, photos, and events to this newsletter. We reserve the right to edit your submissions.