

JANUARY MEETING (16, 2021) RIVERTON

13 attending [guests] 1 via Zoom Total: 14

CALL TO ORDER 10:09 MTG ADJ 11:02

TREASURE REPORT

Balance \$1701.93

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

new offer of lifetime fee \$150 or the usual \$20 annual

VOTE FOR GUILD OFFICERS

President: Jody Francis
Vice President: Peggy Britain
Secretary: Kimberly Putnam
Treasurer: Cinde Pfisterer

OLD BUSINESS

- Meeting in Riverton Fairgrounds during social distancing times
- Cinde has booked meeting places in Riverton through June. We'll continue to meet in Riverton until the weather gets warm enough to meet outside, or an accommodating venue in Lander happens that doesn't break the bank.
- We all agreed that we should send out hand signed 'We Miss You' cards to former members in [December] to let them know we miss them and try to encourage them to return to the guild. We'll have them ready to be signed at the **January** meeting. Thank you for that suggestion, Cinde.
{Had a request to send out information as to where to member can send the membership dues.}
- The cards were handed out for folks to send notes
- Agreed to a grab bag sale at Fiber Fest. \$50 worth of goods for a \$20 ticket.

NEW BUSINESS

- New Officers have been voted in. Congratulations! and thank you Hailey for being our leader these past couple years. Looking forward to watching you grow the Junior Guild and keeping the youngsters enthusiastic for the fiber arts.
- [New quarterly fiber challenge ideas for 2021?](#) It was decided to reboot the 2020 fiber challenges, and increase the time to finish them to 4 months. The first challenge is the reboot of the Apron due in April. The next challenge will be a mixed media project of choice due in August. The last challenge will be to choose one of your UFO's to finish and that will be due in December. We also decided to have a monthly stitch therapy gathering to keep each other on track with these projects. Good luck and have fun!!
- We spoke briefly about many ideas and it was a great brainstorming meeting. One item is having a 'De-Stash' table with sale items at each event we attend. It will be an opportunity to get rid of some fiber items you no longer need or would like to sell.
- We are following suit of other events happening in the Autumn and starting the planning process of Fiber Fest 2021. Cinde has booked the fairgrounds bldg September 17/18th. It was decided to move the date up a little so it would be warmer and we can have plenty of circulation in case the 'corona cooties' are still wreaking havoc in the area. If you have or know of Vendor suggestions, please send them on to Christy P.
- The Putnam's have offered the use of equipment for gatherings as well. (Thank you guys kindly) They have 20 x 20, 10 x 20, and 10 x 10 awnings, tables, and pop ups along with the sandwich boards they've previously offered. They'll need at least a weeks notice prior to use.
- Jeni suggested creating 'who has stuff' and 'event' Google Docs to share so we can keep track of it all.
- Cinde is going to check in and try to sort the money donated to the Fair to make sure its handled much better than last year.
- And...speaking of Fair, we'll keep reminding each other of the pending entry date because some folks missed the deadline last year. If we shoot for the first of July we should be covered.

Reminders:

- Membership fees are due. Annual \$20 or Lifetime \$150

- We are still crafting items for donations including hats and socks. We're about to embark on crafting toys to donate to the DFS advocate in the police departments. The blankets are all finished now and will be donated to Morning Star. Thank you all once again for the crafting and participation. Ready for another square challenge??

Announcements:

- Colleen will have lamb meat for sale and they go to 'market' on Feb 22. Please contact her if you'd be interested.
- There will be a fiber retreat in Dubois at the Line Shack March 12-14th this year. Contact Cinde to reserve a spot.
- The Fairgrounds building has been reserved for Fiber Fest September 17-18, 2021.
- Practice your single crochet in the round, there's a fun project announcement coming soon.....

End Meeting

DEMONSTRATION: *No demo today*

SHOW AND TELL:

- Mary: started us off first thing with a door prize she brought for the group. Colleen won the prize which was a hand sewn rope basket filled with not one, but 2 rolls of toilet paper! Colleen is set in case of another toiletpaperpocalypse! Thanks for the prize Mary!
- Colleen: a yummy soft shrug she made with a paired fiber of silk and alpaca in the colors green. It was like a hug!
- Kimberly: brought a tablet/card weaving loom and some of the straps she has constructed with it. Fun stuff, and creates a great product. No limit in creativity with this loom.
- Laura: has been a sock making machine of late, and she brought several pair to donate. Great work, and someone(s) feet are going to be cozy warm thanks to you.
- Jeni: Showed her short sleeve shirt (that was a lot of s's in that bit) knitted with Berroco's Re-Mix tweed in the color raspberry. It came out great and looks mighty comfortable.
- Brenda: via Zoom showed us her latest endeavors abound. An adult sweater that had a 44" inch chest, but didn't have it to show today. A baby sweater (so adorbs!) along with a matching baby hat. A toy duck to go along with the ensemble, just needs some feathers on top she says. And, knee high cabled socks she says is a lot of fun to work on. [I aspire to one day use the words 'fun' and 'cables' in the same sentence.] 😊
- Hailey: has achieved Continental knitting status and is enjoying it. (Insert room full of applause here! great job Hailey!) She has knit a hat and scarf using the slip rib stitch. Seed stitch twisted head warmers too. Fun stuff!

- Cinde: has been knitting the Wallaby sweater, and is working on her 6th one since November 1st. She got a whole truck load (literally) 200 skeins of wool for \$100, and is finding room and projects for it all. Utilizing the new shelving in her garage.
- Sandy: showed the sweater she finished using Jennings farm wool, skin soft and looks mighty comfy and cozy. Also brought a Christmas hat she finished with leftover bits -n- bobs. Very colorful and festive with a bell as well.
- Rachel: brought a bunny lovey she had knit out of Bernat chenille. So adorbs and soft! She accepted the 'Dickie' challenge and knit up a cozy mock turtleneck that is going to make sure cold winter days aren't going to stop her from being warm. And, then she made us all melt with ooh's and aw's with the tiny mouse she knitted up complete with sweater and scarf. Words on this page cannot describe the cuteness! You're just going to have to trust us when we say how darn cute it is.
- Peggy: brought the baby blanket she's been working on, unicorn mosaic design. What a lucky baby to get such a beauty of a blanky.
- Jody: I promise that Rachel and I didn't get the same memo, but it would seem that way. Ha Ha! I crocheted a bunny lovey out of Big Sky cotton. Knitted up some tiny chicks out of Lanaloft sock yarn complete with felt beaks, bead eyes, and a knitted beanie. Knitted a striped 'Dickie' mock turtleneck in gray, cranberry, and natural white Plymouth Yarn Encore Chunky acrylic/wool blend using my own pattern. My fiber challenge item of choice was a Christmas Stocking and knitted ornaments. So far, I've knitted 30 beanie hats since the first of December for donations to various places and even a few to sell at the music shop. One would think I was too busy to find trouble, but that isn't always the case. 🤔

Well, that's it for the first meeting of the new year. Hope you all find inspiration in the every day, and craft away the stresses to create something beautiful to enjoy for ages.

Thanks for reading to the end.

Be well. Be safe. Bee 🐝 happy! 🌻