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This Month at The Center:

+ A Sneak Peak at Upcoming classes with Molly Elkind, Laura Salamy, Laura Ninnemann, & More!

+ Some Fantastic Valentine’s Day Gift Ideas

+ A Huge Fiber Lovers Sale!

+ An Opportunity to Sponsor Specific NM Fiber Arts Center Programs

+ An Amazing Selection of Looms for Sale

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WITH TWO LOCATIONS:

The Española Center
325 Paseo de Oñate
Española, NM 87532

The Santa Fe Store
328 S Guadalupe St,Ste E
Santa Fe, NM 87501
FEBRUARY RETAIL SPOTLIGHT

It’s easier than ever to show your love!

Purchase a gift certificate of $20 or more at our Española location and receive an extra $5 for free!

There is nothing more romantic than vintage lace. Checkout our amazing collection at the NM Fiber Arts Center Santa Fe location!
LETTER FROM THE BOARD

DEAR FRIENDS,

It is with sadness that I report that our Executive Director, Denielle Rose, has resigned. The board is in the process of seeking a replacement. If you know someone who may be interested, please let me know so the search committee may contact them. In our last search we found that better candidates appeared through word-of-mouth than through formal advertisement so please help us out. Spread the word.

As it snows and snows some more, we are continuing with those activities better suited to the slower-paced months: grant writing, improving the websites, and planning our educational events. This is the time of year that maintenance costs of the Center are high and income low, so please stop in at our stores to buy yarn, renew your membership, or make a donation. Every transaction, large or small, helps our organization.

JUDY McCARTHY
BOARD PRESIDENT
Happy Fiber Lovers Day

The New Mexico Fiber Arts Center is celebrating Valentine’s Day our own way. We call it Fiber Lovers Day! Join us February 13th for a drawing! Every purchase you make enters you for a chance to win some premium prizes including: fiber art goods, a free loom rental, and an additional 10% discount! Purchases must be made in store at our Española center.

Follow us on Instagram or Facebook for updates!

Big Sale

February 11th thru February 21st you’ll save on our regular priced store items AND donated goods, including yarn, looms, and fiber art accessories at our Española location! All eligible items are 10% off! And as a special Thank You for your support all active members will receive 20% off!

Discounts do not apply to consignment goods.
There is still time to submit

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The New Mexico Fiber Arts Center, in collaboration with form & concept, is organizing an invitational and juried show to kick off the 2020 New Mexico Fiber Crawl. The exhibit will open at form & concept Friday, May 1, 2020, at 5:00 pm with a public reception.

THEME

The exhibit, titled Live Wire, will showcase the best in fiber work in the country and will be nationally advertised.

Fiber is the material of revolution. Think of Betsy Ross stitching an early version of the American flag or Eugène Delacroix’s Liberty holding colors aloft to usher in the French Revolution. Consider the banners, blindfolds, gags, bandanas, and sashes used in protests through the ages. In the late 17th century, Pueblo people in New Mexico untied knots in cords to count down the days until their successful uprising against Spanish colonists. In recent decades, fiber artists from Judy Chicago to Faith Ringgold have provided potent kindling for social and political movements. Live Wire will explore fiber’s remarkable ability to conduct world-changing ideological currents.

JURY

The jury will be composed of representatives of form & concept.

At least a third of the work in the exhibit will be created by New Mexican artists. All decisions of the jury are final.

ELIGIBILITY

Fiber Artists from around the United States are eligible to submit their work.

- Work must be original fiber art created within the past three years.
- Work must not have been previously exhibited in Santa Fe.
- Work must be for sale.
- Work sold during the exhibit must remain on display until the exhibit closes on June 13, 2020, unless otherwise agreed with form & concept.

For more details and to submit your work, visit artist.callforentry.org
FEBRUARY NEWS + EVENTS

THE
NM FIBER ARTS CENTER
IS GOING DIGITAL!

Donations will now be tracked online!

You can fill out our new donation intake form, via our website, or at either location every time you make a contribution. Monetary donations and the donation of goods will be easily tracked via this single form. Going digital is not only earth-friendly, but it helps us send prompt thank you’s, and streamlines tracking our donations for tax and grant purposes. Our employees are available for any assistance you may need during this transition.

In addition, thank you letters with tax deduction information will be sent digitally from this point on. So, be sure to check your emails from us for your tax records.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

Have you logged your 2019 volunteer hours?

We have a new easy to use online form, now live on our website’s ‘Engage’ page. If you volunteered multiple days within a month, please group monthly hours by category and rate, do not enter individual days. By entering your volunteer time, you not only give us the chance to thank you, but also the opportunity to accurately report to potential grantors and in fundraising. We appreciate you taking the time to do this.

Beginning this year, we will be logging all volunteer hours this way. You will have access to this link through our website, and we encourage you enter your volunteer hours throughout the year.

We appreciate you. The NM Fiber Arts Center runs on your support!
THE NM FIBER ARTS CENTER NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

CONSIDER BECOMING A SPONSOR!

We, at the New Mexico Fiber Arts Center, want to wish you the best in this new year and decade. We are grateful for your ongoing support. As a non-profit, and specifically at an art-based non-profit, we depend on each of you to keep us going.

Cold winter days are our slowest. This time of year we face our biggest financial challenges. So today, we are reaching out to ask for your support.

There are many ways you can support our organization. The primary way is by becoming a member. Visit the membership page of our website to review the benefits of membership, and the various levels of membership we offer. Are you already a member? Please consider upgrading your membership level.

Want to decide where your dollars are spent? Sponsoring specific costs is a great way to support our organization.

Our youth outreach program is one of our most important efforts within the Española community, and one we do not profit from. One semester at Moving Arts Española costs us $2,000. Would you consider sponsoring this, or other youth programming we organize throughout the year?

Keeping the doors open in our main Española location accrues heavy costs. Our monthly utilities average $630. That’s over $7,500 a year. Sponsoring a month of utility bills helps keep the center running and warm throughout the year.

Do you love our paper newsletters? Did you know our copier costs over $250 per month? That’s over $4,500 per year. Sponsoring even a month of newsletter printing would help in a tremendous way.

We get constant feedback that we need more advertising. Advertising costs are very expensive. The smallest of ads cost $250. A quarter page ad costs more than $400, and annual ads in tourist publications cost well over $1000. If seeing our name reach a wider audience is important to you, please consider making a donation towards our advertising costs in 2020.

These are just some ideas of ways you can sponsor our ongoing, every-day costs. Do you have ideas of your own? Please feel free to reach out to our Executive Director, Denielle, at ed@evfac.org to discuss ways you would like to support the New Mexico Fiber Arts Center in 2020.
UPCOMING CLASSES

**VALENTINE NEEDLE FELTING**
with Lysandra Nelson

*SUN 02/09: 11AM - 2PM*
*LOCATION: Santa Fe*
*MEMBERS: $40  NON-MEMBERS: $50*
*MATERIAL FEE: $15*
*CLASS MIN: 4  CLASS MAX: 10*

Learn needle felt sculpture with minimal heartache, by making a wool heart pincushion or a lovely rose to take home. We’ll cover building up a base shape out of core wool, attaching separate pieces securely, surface finishing, blending colors and fibers, and other basics of needle felting in this 3-hour class. For students with some felting experience, we can go over more advanced topics as needed. Fiber and tool kits including needles, a needle holder, finger guards, and a felting block will be provided and are yours to take home after class.

**BEGINNING & INTERMEDIATE WEAVING**
with Dain Daller

*6 Weekly Meetings*
*SAT 02/15 - 03/21: 12AM - 4PM*
*LOCATION: Española*
*MEMBERS: $165  NON-MEMBERS: $190*
*MATERIAL FEE: $20*
*CLASS MIN: 3  CLASS MAX: 10*

Do you need a refresher on warping? Is there a project you’d like assistance on, or are you new to weaving? All beginner and intermediate students are welcome in this six-week, Saturday class.

Dain Daller will take students through loom terminology, basic weaving vocabulary, and techniques. By weaving a sampler, you will learn to plan and wind a warp, dress the loom front to back, create basic patterns, read drafts, and more. No experience necessary!

**FLAT FELT THUMPER II TRAINING & CERTIFICATION**
with Carol Nieukirk

*SAT 02/22: 10AM - 4PM*
*LOCATION: Española*
*MEMBERS: $75  NON-MEMBERS: $85*
*MATERIAL FEE: $40*
*CLASS MIN: 3  CLASS MAX: 10*

In this class, Carol will cover all you need to know to be certified to rent and run the Thumper for making your own felt. We’ll make a piece of flat felt and cover how to make felt from picked fiber.

**SHIBORI BASICS**
with Natasha Nargis

*TUE 02/25 & TH 02/27: 12PM - 4PM*
*LOCATION: Española*
*MEMBERS: $95  NON-MEMBERS: $110*
*MATERIAL FEE: $20*
*CLASS MIN: 3  CLASS MAX: 10*

In this two-day class, Natasha Nargis will be teaching Shibori, the ancient Japanese technique that dates back to the eighth century. Natasha will teach her version of this wonderful artform - wrapping, stitching, and clamping the fabric to create a resist - then putting it into the dye bucket. Students should bring the items they would like to dye! Come explore Shibori basics with Natasha! This class meets Tuesday and Thursday.

**INTRO TO PUNCH NEEDLE RUG HOOKING**
with Laura Salamy

*SAT 02/29: 10AM - 2PM*
*LOCATION: Santa Fe*
*MEMBERS: $65  NON-MEMBERS: $80*
*MATERIAL FEE: $10*
*CLASS MIN: 3  CLASS MAX: 10*

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Students will learn how to use the punch needle to make a small project that can be hung on a wall or used as a "mug rug." The basic skill set gained will allow students to move on to larger projects like table runners, pillows, and rugs with confidence. During the class, students will transfer a simple pattern onto a monk's cloth backing, prepare materials, and begin punching a mug rug or wall-hanging.

**COLLAGE TO CARTOON... AND BEYOND!**

*with Molly Elkind*

**SAT 03/20 - 03/22: 10AM - 4PM**  
**LOCATION:** Española  
**MEMBERS:** $148  
**NON-MEMBERS:** $175  
**MATERIAL FEE:** $35  
**CLASS MIN:** 3  
**CLASS MAX:** 10

You’ll make your own patterned and painted papers, then cut, tear, and paste them to design your tapestry. Explore mark-making to enliven the surface. Learn how to refine your collage to make a cartoon suitable for weaving. Then, pull out all the stops! ... explore open warps, irregular edges, stitch and mixed media to bring a collaged feel to your weaving. Leave with a cartoon ready to weave.

**DESERT BLOOMS OPERA SHAWL**

*with Laura Ninnemann*

**SAT 03/28: 10AM - 4PM**  
**LOCATION:** Santa Fe  
**MEMBERS:** $85  
**NON-MEMBERS:** $95  
**MATERIAL FEE:** $25  
**CLASS MIN:** 3  
**CLASS MAX:** 10

Join Laura Ninnemann in creating this exquisitely beautiful, yet simple, hand knit shawl. During this six-hour class, you will learn/use techniques that include cable cast-on, basic garter stitch knitting, both wrapped and unwrapped short rows, yarn overs, and two different bind-off techniques. You will practice on a miniature version of the shawl you create so all techniques can be covered during the allotted time. Advanced-beginner knitting skill recommended.

**CHASING VIKING ROOTS… BASIC NAALBINDING**

*with Laura Ninnemann*

**SAT 04/18: 10AM - 4PM**  
**LOCATION:** Santa Fe  
**MEMBERS:** $85  
**NON-MEMBERS:** $95  
**MATERIAL FEE:** $15  
**CLASS MIN:** 3  
**CLASS MAX:** 10

This class will investigate the basics of naalbinding, an ancient looping technique that was used to create dense, warm, and durable apparel and accessories during the Viking era and earlier. You will learn the Oslo stitch, the simplest of the naalbinding stitches, to create a pair of wrist warmers using a single-ply wool/mohair-blend yarn. We will explore the creation of both circular and flat fabrics, increasing and decreasing, wet joining, and design possibilities.

**CLASS PAYMENT + REFUND POLICY**

Registration and payment for classes may be done online, over the phone or in person. Most classes run at a two person minimum, so bring a friend for the class to run unless otherwise noted. Tuition is due in full at the time of registration and holds your place in a class. Tuition does not include the material fees, which must be paid separately prior to or on the first day of class. When the materials fee is due to the instructor, it must be paid directly to the instructor on the first day of class. If New Mexico Fiber Arts Center finds it necessary to cancel a class, students will be notified and offered a full refund of all tuition and fees, placement in another workshop or a class gift certificate of equal value. Tuition is fully refundable up to two weeks prior to the first day of class. No refunds will be offered after that date except in the following cases:

- A registrant is able to find a replacement for his/her place in class before the class begins.
- In special hardship cases, such as illness and at the discretion of the Executive Director.
OPEN GROUPS

SPINNING ADVENTURES
SAT 02/08 : 12:30PM - 3:30PM
FREE TO THE PUBLIC

Handspinners of every level will meet at The Center on Saturday, February 8, from 12:30 to 3:30. Bring your spinning tools and fiber of choice, a current project (Valentine’s Day, anyone?), or technical questions to a friendly, non-judgey, Open Group of like-minded creators. There will be chocolate.

QUILTERS IN THE VALLEY
SAT 2/15 : 1:00PM - 4:00PM
FREE TO THE PUBLIC

Quilters in the Valley (QIV) meet on the third Saturday of each month. The Quilters Creative Corner is available free of charge from the NM Fiber Arts Center’s opening until 12:30PM. The meetings are from 1:00-4:00 and all are welcome.

Quilters in the Valley ’s February meeting will play with cutting with Bethany Reynolds method of Stack-n-whack. If you want help cutting your own fabric to make blocks make sure to bring enough yardage for 6 repeats. For a preview and to see beautiful quilts made with this method check out BethanyReynolds.com

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Annual Membership fees help keep the center a welcoming location and enable staff to develop programs that benefit its members. Contributing at a higher level increases your support. Consider increasing your membership level to become a Friend ($150), Enthusiast ($300) and a Supporter ($500) in the future. Your continuous support assures that EVFAC can grow.

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### LOOM FOR SALE

**$1000**

8 harness, cherry wood, with bench, including a Clemes and Clemes electric bobbin winder.

**CONTACT:** Emma  
T: 505.920.2634  
E-Mail: info@emmafountainsolutions.com  
Santa Fe pick up only

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### LOOM FOR SALE

**$950 OBO**

This loom was hand-made in the 60s by Bill Walling, actor and photographer. In later years, Walling’s patents were bought by Russ Groff and sold as the Oregon Trail Loom. There are not many of these looms left. The loom is well crafted and good for making any type of weaving from linens to rag rugs. It has 6 treadles and 4 shafts.

Price includes loom, bench, heddles, sectional beam, lease rods, 3 reeds, a 30-spool rack, and a tension box. An instruction booklet for winding sequential warp and a few other odds and ends are also included. More photos available on request.

**CONTACT:** Susan Akins  
E-Mail: swilsonakins@gmail.com.  
Located in Embudo, NM

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### 45” WIDE FELTING MACHINE FOR SALE

**$500**

**CONTACT:** Perla Kopeloff  
T: 719.588.1227  
E-Mail: fiberspace@hotmail.com  
Located at the Center in Española for pick-up
CHECK OUT SOME OF THE CENTER’S AMAZING SELECTION OF LOOMS FOR SALE:

40” 4-HARNESS LOOM
$400 OBO

TAPESTRY LOOM WITH BENCH
$700 OBO

8 HARNESS HANDMADE LOOM ON WHEELS!
$800 OBO

PURCHASING A LOOM FROM THE NM FIBER ARTS CENTER SUPPORTS COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

All looms for sale are located in Española. Please call for availability: (505) 747-3577