

COMMUNITY

A New Window on Ancient Fiber Crafts

34th Annual Weavers Guild Show and Sale This Saturday

MONTROSE – The ancient arts of weaving, spinning, and related fiber crafts come alive Saturday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the San Juan Weavers Guild's 34th Annual Show and Sale, at the Holiday Inn Express, 1391 S. Townsend Ave. in Montrose.

A variety of handmade home accessories, clothing, holiday décor and gifts will be available for purchase.

Members of the Guild work to create products using the skills once used to provide the necessities of life to an earlier way of life. In the hands of a weaver, a dish-towel can be a work of art, and a scarf knitted from handspun yarn can rival anything in the fashion catalogs. Guild members incorporate luxury fibers as well as some of the newest yarns on the market into their original accessories. Gifts with a holiday theme, toys for pets and children, baskets, rugs, decorative hangings, bags, jewelry, and spinning-ready fiber

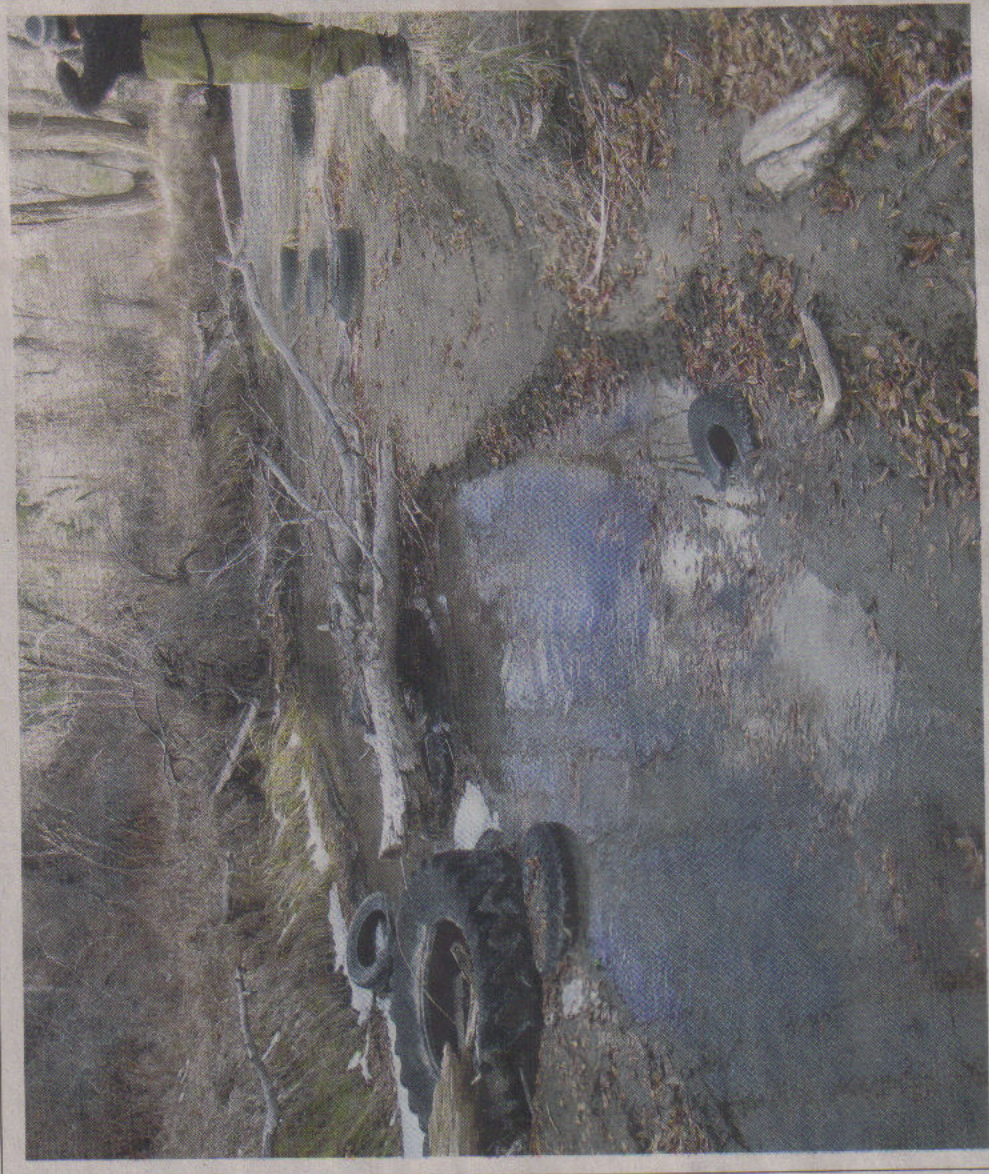
are among the items usually seen at the sale, with prices to fit anyone's budget.

"We never know until the night before what will be included in the sale," says Bobbie Irwin, a participant and weaver from Montrose. "It's always as exciting for our members as it is for the crowd waiting outside the door for the opening. The skills and imagination of our guild members are amazing!"

The Kids' Corner, a popular attraction last year, will again give children the opportunity to try hands-on fiber art techniques, ranging from simple paper weaving for the very young to more sophisticated loom weaving. Let your children explore a new craft for free, under the guidance of skilled teachers, as you shop, or learn along with them.

Another popular feature is the creative design challenge, for which participants exchange postcards early in the year and use them to inspire a finished project to be given to the postcard donor. Textures, shapes, themes and

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UP A CREEK – Volunteers worked to remove tires from Cow Creek on Tuesday as part of a cleanup effort organized by the Uncompahgre Watershed Project. UWP Outreach Coordinator Matthew Jorjonas is planning another cleanup day tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 18. To volunteer, call Matthew at 773/726-0105. (Photo by Matthew Jorjonas)