

Colcha Embroidery

Classroom 1

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011

Time: 10 AM – 4 AM



Learn the history and traditions of Colcha Embroidery, a unique folk art in New Mexico and Colorado since the Spanish Colonial Era. Watch a Master Colchera demonstrate the traditional Colcha stitch. Then, **create your very own heirloom Colcha piece** using wool threads on Osanburg cloth with instruction and encouragement from our amazing Centennial Artist instructor.

Instructor: Beatrice Maestas Sandoval

Beatrice's strong interest in her New Mexican Hispanic heritage inspired her to learn all she could about her ancestor's art forms. She became an accomplished spinner, dyer, weaver, Colcha embroiderer, and tinsmith.

Her prize-winning Colcha work is done on Sabanilla, a plain-weave cloth, she weaves with her handspun Churro wool. The colorful embroidery comes from her handspun yarn, naturally dyed with local plants and other natural dyestuffs. She has been instrumental in bringing back this Colcha embroidery art form that was almost lost.

Beatrice feels it is important to teach others to preserve these art forms. She is the Curator of Textiles and Volunteer Coordinator at *El Rancho de Las Golondrinas* where she passes on her knowledge to the docents as well as the visitors. She is also a beloved instructor of weaving and Colcha embroidery at Espanola Valley Fiber Arts Co-op.

A regular participant in The Spanish Market in Santa Fe, Beatrice won Grand Prize, Best of Show in 2000 and First Place in Colcha Embroidery in 2008 and 2009. Also among her many prestigious awards and accomplishments are "Needleworker of the Year Award" from *Piecework Magazine* in 2005 and a Colcha Embroidery segment on HGTV (Home and Garden Television) in 2001.

Level: All

Class size: 12 maximum

Cost: \$50 (This does not include EXPO parking fee or show entry fee.)

Materials: All provided by instructor at no additional fee

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**Fiber Arts Fiesta 2011
Guild-Sponsored Class Registration Form**

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\$50**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Class Registration Postmark Deadline: **None. Class open until filled.**

Make checks payable to: **Las Arañas Spinners and Weavers Guild**

Send registration form and class fee to:

**Las Arañas Spinners and Weaving Guild
P.O. Box 9 1225
Albuquerque, NM 87199-1225**
(Please specify **Colcha Embroidery Class** on envelope)