

Barbara McMullen has had a long and successful weaving career with a treasure trove of handsome products and perfected many techniques. But what makes her unique and a prize to the Montana weaving community are her intangible contributions; her leadership; her high commitment to explore the craft; her inclusiveness of people new to the fiber arts; and, her generosity in sharing her home, her studio and herself.

For over two decades she has been an active member in the Bozeman Weavers Guild serving as president, vice-president, secretary, and newsletter editor. She is always willing to volunteer for committees—local or regional.

Her work is characterized by meticulous craftsmanship, innovative use of color and often bold designs. It has been shown in area galleries, regional conferences and at her monthly local guild meetings. She has also graciously contributed to various community fund raisers.

She is generous in sharing her techniques through programs and study groups. In addition to sharing her vast knowledge through classes, she is also available as a troubleshooter and hand holder through difficult or new techniques. Her special skill at inclusiveness has benefited her local guild with new, international, and young members – many who found their way to the organized fiber world through the welcoming atmosphere of her home which she opens every Friday afternoon to the Thread Benders. Barb truly is a treasure.