



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild

May 2010

May Guild Meeting - *Note earlier time!*
Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 6:30 PM

Outreach Center of the First United Methodist Church

First Avenue and Center St. Mesa.

It is the free-standing building in the Southeastern corner of the parking lot. There are entrances to the lot from all 4 streets: Center, First Avenue, Second Avenue and Serrine. The room will be open by 6:00.

President's Message

Hi Telarañians,

Here we are, almost at the end of a fun, fun, FUN fiber arts year. I say almost because we still have our annual "Stash Sale" and Potluck evening ahead of us. Last year there were some amazing deals – I know, I got some of them! Remember the lovely thick chenille rug that Linda Wade brought to Show & Tell one month? It was made from one of her Stash Sale buys. Come see what you can find this year.

When I look over the past year, there are so many memories: learning about color from Claire Park, our dear Mary Dieterich and Bev Hunt's tapestries, the delicious Renaissance dinner (watching Jürgen don a kilt), Carolyn Webb's Knitting/Crochet display, bouncing balls to make felted vessels, listening to Judith MacKenzie McCuin's stories of bison, sheep, not to mention her spinning and weaving pearls of wisdom. I learned to sew, and tapestry weave on a box, and I took a visual journey to Sumatra at the Phoenix Art Museum. It was a great, great year.

And I am so proud of Telaraña! We are growing – our membership is up - we nearly reached the goal Betz set of 75 members. Through Demonstrations, we showed the public what we do, and we taught a lot of kids to weave on a box. We had a spectacular presence at Fibers Through Time, with two members, Joy Lange and Cynthia Broughton, earning *five* awards in the Juror's Choice Show. (Please see the article inside.) Many of our members stepped up to volunteer time, lead by Betz Frederick who was in charge of Vendors. We were well represented in the workshops, and our basket in the Raffle collected a big bucket of tickets. Thank you to all who participated!

Our Guild saw steady increases in attendance at meetings, Show & Tell offerings, and – *importantly* – we strengthened our treasury over the year. Thanks to generous members like Bobbie Nash, FernMarie Russell and so many more of you who donated items to raffles, or bought raffle tickets! Having a positive balance sheet enables us to purchase items for our library, and gives us the security to invite workshop instructors and program presenters in the future. Betz and Maureen are close to finalizing our calendar for next year – and it looks like it will be another good one. Our new website will keep you all informed, thanks to Cindy Reynolds. Keep an eye on www.telarana.org.

I want to especially thank all of the Board members who served this year. Thank you also, to all of you Telaraña members for the privilege of being your President. I learned a lot this year, and I hope that will help me to do more next year. I'm looking forward to it.

See you at the Stash Sale,

Nancy Wanek, President

MAY 12TH PROGRAM

Annual Stash Reduction Sale and Summer send-off Potluck. Clean out your closet and donate all that fiber stuff you won't be using anytime soon! Give someone else a chance to do something with it and the Guild benefits! Doors open at 6pm. Dinner/Potluck will be at 6:30pm. If your last name is A – L, please bring a salad or main dish; M – Z, please bring a dessert. (These are just suggestions – feel free to bring what you like!) There will be two separate sales. All items in the Silent Auction are donated, and the \$\$ will go to the Guild. Items will start at a minimum amount and progress at 25 cent increments or more. If you have something you want to sell as an individual, you can set a price in the "Way Cool Stuff Sale." You must give 10% of your sales to the Guild.

Bring your checkbook or cash to buy goodies for yourself. See you for a fun time!

TELARAÑA SHINES AT FIBERS THROUGH TIME

Submitted by Nancy Wanek

The Telaraña Guild was well represented at Fibers Through Time 2010. Betz Frederick was on the planning committee for this biennial conference, serving as Vendor Coordinator. The line up of Vendors was impressive, and received much praise. For details, go to http://rowenablog.typepad.com/rowena_bead_and_fiber/ and scroll down to April 19th. While keeping the vendors well hydrated and munching on goodies, Betz also entered 3 skeins in the Handspun Yarn Judging and received 3 Blue ribbons. Congratulations, Betz!

The first evening of the conference featured a reception where the table centerpiece was the freeform hyperbolic crochet put together by Ruth Teller and Gloria Traicoff, using pieces contributed by Telaraña members Sharie Monsam, Gwen Hayes, Sharon Erb, Jennifer Pedersen-Giles and others (sorry – my fault if your name was left off - NW). The centerpiece was later placed in the raffle, adding another Telaraña entry to the array of raffle baskets. Thank you's go out to all who contributed to the Telaraña raffle basket – it was stuffed with goodies, and much sought after.





One of the conference highlights is the Juror's Choice Show. The majority of the entries came from two guilds, the Tucson Handweavers and Spinners Guild, and the Telaraña Guild. Our member Charlotte Weber was one of the Judges of the show. Please note: all judging was done anonymously, neither juror had knowledge of who created the pieces submitted. One award, the Viewer's Choice Award, was selected by vote from all who came in to see the show. It was won by our Cynthia Broughton, for her lovely "Interleaved Ovals Scarf." This beautiful piece also garnered the 2nd Place Best in Show award. Congratulations, Cynthia!

Another Telaraña member, Joy Lange, won the 1st Place Best in Show Award for her whimsical felted doll, "Lila Lylak." Joy also won the Excellence in Felting Award for her other entry, a delightful doll called "Grammy Elm." "Grammy Elm" was also honored by the Handweavers Guild of America's Award Highlighting an Outstanding Exhibited Work. This means that Joy will be included in the next issue of "Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot" published by the HGA. Three awards meant three trips up to the podium to be congratulated by Betty Headrick, the Coordinator for the Juror's Choice Show. We are so proud of you, Joy!



For more information and pictures from FTT, please go to www.azfed.org.

OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011:

The slate of Officers for 2010-2011 that was presented to the membership were elected by unanimous vote at the April 14th Guild meeting.

President: Nancy Wanek
 Vice-President: Betz Frederick

Secretary: Paul McLemore
 Treasurer: Karen Stromberg

Other Board Positions for 2010-2011:

Workshops	Maureen McCarthy & Elly Weinel
Newsletter	Linda Wade
Ways and Means	Sharie Monsam

Library	Sharie Monsam
Membership	Gloria Traicoff
Demonstrations	Ruth Teller
Website	Cindy Reynolds
Hospitality	Clara Strode
Federation	Betz Frederick
Publicity	Sharon Erb

TELARAÑA BOARD

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 26 at 7:00pm at the Mesa Fire Station, 360 E. 1st St., Mesa, AZ. Board meetings are open to all Telaraña members.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

April 28, 2010

Meeting called to order 7:15pm

Attended by: Nancy Wanek, Mary Snyder, Maureen McCarthy, Sharie Monsam, Gloria Tracoff, Ruth Teller, Cindy Reynolds, Betz Frederick, Paul McLemore, Linda Wade

President: Board position/committee reports will be due at May board meeting. Board members for next year have been elected and most committee positions are set. We still need a representative for the AZ Federation of Weavers and Spinners. Nancy is wondering about creating a new committee position "Sunshine", whose duties would be to send cards to ailing members and perhaps be a greeter at our general meetings, welcoming and directing attendees to the sign-in sheet.

Secretary: Final design for lap cloths is pretty well set. Linda will start gathering coupons and obtaining the materials so that we can plan a work date next fall to assemble the lap cloths. The initial planning meeting was held for starting a 4-Harness Weave Study Group. It was well attended and a second meeting is planned in May.

Workshops: Margaret Stowe will not be available to present a workshop in lace knitting next year. Maureen is investigating the possibility of bringing in Susan Wilson of Colorado for a 3-day weaving workshop. She taught a crackle workshop at FTT. The Phoenix and Tucson guilds are also interested. Another workshop possibility would be woven boxes, also a workshop from FTT. Diane Wolf has indicated this could be done in a one-day-for-three-weeks format so that participants could work on their boxes and be ready to finish them on the final day. Also discussed was holding an activity day on dyeing; this could be limited by finding an appropriate location. Perhaps we could have a field trip to observe the returning sheep drive.

Ways & Means: Our May general meeting will begin at 6:30. It is our annual Stash Sale and Potluck. Look for more details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Library: Sharie purchased the book Sixty Scarves for 60 Years for our guild library. It is a lovely book and will be available for check-out at our next meeting.

Membership: It is time to pay dues for 2010/2011. Name badge holders for 100 have been purchased for our new name tags. Woven and crocheted scraps of fabric have been collected for them. Linda will print name labels and the badges will be assembled at one of our unofficial summer meetings. We still need to find a convenient container to store and transport the badges.

Demonstrations: Guild volunteers will be weaving on a table loom for about 200 Girl Scouts, 30 at a time in 30-minute periods. The event is on Saturday, May 1. Ruth is going to approach the Mesa Library about doing demonstrations there in the future as an outreach for our guild.

Website: There are pictures of our FTT winning guild members on the AZ Federation site. With permission, Cindy will load them on our website as well. We will need to update the contact email addresses for our incoming board/committee head members. This may be something Mary Walker will need to handle.

Federation: According to Gail Kretz, co-chairman, FTT made a profit of \$1900+. The Crowne Plaza was good to work with and they liked FTT as well. Crowne Plaza offered to host FTT again in 2012 at the same rate, with a very low increase in the room rate.

The Federation would like to have more information on what guilds are doing to post on the master calendar. In the past, the Federation kept a compilation of members willing to offer programs and presentations, and they would like to begin to assemble information again and make it available to our guilds. Additionally, they would offer monies for multiple guilds to pool in order to bring in national-caliber presenters.

A church-affiliated camp in Prescott has contacted Gail about holding a summer retreat in off-years of FTT. They can provide 80 beds and space for 110 sleeping bags and could provide all-inclusive packages for \$141 and less.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Wade, Secretary

DEMONSTRATIONS / OUTREACH

We have had fewer Demos this past year, but no less enthusiasm! I want to thank all the people who helped me with this - without you it wouldn't have been possible. The total hours of volunteer time are 175.5 !!! And that is for only 5 demos: Wells Craft show, Chandler Multicultural Festival, Mesa Historical Home Tour, Pueblo Grande, and the Girl Scouts event we did last week end. The following people were instrumental in making our outreach program a success. All hours are important for our tax status, consequently when you stop in at a Demo and sit with us for awhile, we can count that time as volunteer hours - not only are the hours important, but we want to encourage all of you to come even if you can't do the whole day.

Volunteer Name And Total Hours:

Joy - 17.5	Sharie - 16	Paul - 1
Gloria - 21	Fern - 1	Dorothy - 1
Ruth - 35.5	Nancy - 21.5	Ginny - 6
Jennifer - 8	Sharon - 5	Bobbie - 6.5
Maureen - 11.5	Mary S. - 2.5	Elly - 5.5
Jean - 8.5	Linda - 7.5	

Thanks Gang, I hope you had as much fun as I did!!

TAPESTRY/NAVAJO/Backstrap STUDY GROUP is meeting this year at Monroe Community College the first Saturday of the Month. It is in Building 14, Room SC 29. Turn into MCC at the First Entrance NORTH of the 60 Freeway on Dobson Road. We have the room from 9am - 1:30pm. We meet in a classroom and there is plenty of room for spinners or onlookers. Please feel free to join us in Building SC14, Room 29.

4-HARNES WEAVE STUDY GROUP

We had 10 weavers at our very first meeting! We met to discuss what, exactly, we want to do in our study group and how to do it. We didn't exactly decide, but we did get a sense that we all want to be better, more consistent weavers and that all of us could spend some time on the basics, no matter how long we've been weaving. Karen Stromberg has offered to lead our group, although she was unable to attend this meeting. I will fill her in on all that we discussed so she can better prepare a plan for next fall. We decided that we would have another meeting in May to view an instructional video and talk about a summer project. — Linda Wade

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Evening Spinners 2009-2010

Please call the hostess if you are planning to attend. If you are unable to host the group on the assigned date, please make arrangements for someone to replace you and contact Bobbie Nash, 480-588-6893, bobbie.nash@cox.net, so she can make the change in the newsletter.

May 3	Elly Weinel	480-833-0689
June 7	Rae Sordahl	480-946-4642
July 5	Bonita Nelson	480-921-7784

Newsletter

Telaraña Tidings Publication Classified Ad rates: Three-line ad, \$2.00 for members, \$3.50 for non-members. Commercial Ads: Business Card size-\$5.00; ¼ page ad-\$10.00, ½ page ad-\$15.00. Cut off date for submission of articles and ads is the Friday following each board meeting. Board meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month. Newsletters will be mailed by the first Wed. of the month (except June, July, and August). Please email ad requests and articles to bobbie.nash@cox.net or 1527 W. Posada Ave, Mesa, AZ 85202

WebSite News

We have a whole new look!! Cindy Reynolds, our new webmaster, designed an entirely new website for us. Please go take a look at www.telarana.org and see what a great job she did! Membership applications and info are there.

Fiber Related Events and Items of Interest

Queen Creek Yarn Yankers - Meeting date is the 2nd Sat of each month. QCYY welcomes all members and others interested in any type of fiber work. It meets the 2nd Saturday of every month from 10:00 am to 1:00 PM at the San Tan Historical Museum in Queen Creek. It is located on Ellsworth Road between Rittenhouse and Queen Creek Road. The building is the Old School House, located on the Middle School Campus. For further information contact Ellen Starbaugh at Lnosy2000@yahoo.com or Ruth Teller at rbteller@msn.com.

May 15th, 2010

Bisbee Fiber Festival

The 18th annual Bisbee Fiber Arts Festival will be held at Vista Park in Warren in conjunction with the Bisbee Farmers Market from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

As in past years, the Festival will feature local fiber artists demonstrating spinning, weaving, knitting and dyeing a variety of natural fibers. There will be sheep to look at and many types of fiber from local area ranchers will be featured including Navajo Churro wool, Wensleydale wool and alpaca fleece and products. Lots of hands-on activities will be offered including "Learn to Knit" and "Weave a Rag Rug." The special focus this year is hemp and hemp products. And, lots of yarn and items made by Guild members will be for sale.

The Bisbee Fiber Arts Guild is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the fiber arts, providing education and sanctuary for the members. The studio is on the lower level of the Y Community Center in Old Bisbee at 26 Howell Ave. www.bisbeefiberarts.com

May 17-23, 2010 is HEMP HISTORY WEEK!

For loads of information about hemp, its history and its uses, go to <http://www.votehemp.com/>

Download the Event Organizing Toolkit – it's packed with info.

The Art of Applied Design

The DHM Digital Gallery invites designers working with fiber to participate in *The Art of Applied Design*, an international juried competition. Deadline: July 15, 2010. All submitted works must be functional objects commonly used within interior spaces, such as furnishings (hard or soft), utensils, fixtures, or containers. Objects that are purely decorative are not eligible. Evaluation will be based upon uniqueness and creativity, craftsmanship, and quality of the submitted digital image. The online exhibit (from Sept. 15 to Dec. 1, 2010) will include e-mail addresses of accepted artists to facilitate independent sales of work. For a prospectus and entry form, visit <http://ches.okstate.edu/dhm/gallery>. **Deadline: July 15, 2010**

July 18-25, 2010

Convergence 2010, Albuquerque: HGA's Convergence is an outstanding conference for everyone who loves and works in fiber. Convergence features special lectures, workshops and seminars, exhibits, tours, special events, and a commercial vendor hall full of fibers, fiber-related equipment and an artist market. Mark your calendars and start saving your money.

MORE THINGS TO DO AND SEE – from Sharie Monsam:

KNOT 2B FORGOTTEN, a local non-profit agency, needs knitters to make hats and scarves for the homeless. Their goal is to deliver 100 of each item to the Phoenix Rescue Mission by December. Contact Deirdre Bortz at 480-297-4392 www.knot2Bforgotten.webs.com

19th ANNUAL FLAGSTAFF WOOL FESTIVAL: June 5 and 6th Pioneer Museum, 2340 N. Ft. Valley Rd., Flagstaff

FRIENDS OF HUBBELL RUG AUCTION: May 8. Ganado, AZ www.friendsofhubbell.org

FLAGSTAFF NAVAJO RUG AUCTION: June 12 Coconino Center for the Arts, 2pm
www.culturalpartners.org

12th ANNUAL SMOKI MUSEUM INDIAN ART AND NAVAJO RUG AUCTIONS: July 23 and 24th, Prescott, AZ www.smokimuseum.org

HGA NAVAJO AND FIBER ARTS AUCTION, July 24th Albuquerque Convention Center 5pm
www.weavespindye.org

SUMMER PLANS

This is our last newsletter until September, but Telaraña will still be active this summer. Our location changes, but we continue to meet in June, July and August on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 – 9pm. The summer meetings are informal gatherings – no planned program speakers – just time for Show & Tell, spinning, knitting, and getting to know your fellow guild members better. Our June meeting will be at the Mesa Fire Station Community Room, 360 E. 1st Street, Mesa, AZ 85201-6613. It is at the NW corner of 1st Street and Mesa Drive. Hope to see you there!

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