



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild

April 2011

April Guild Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 7:00 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 Sistine. The room will be open by 6:30.



HOSPITALITY: If your last name begins with T-Z, please bring a snack.

APRIL RAFFLE: Weaver's basket of 5/2 cotton, a purse kit for knitters and a Sheep necklace with earrings.

President's Message

Dear Telarañians,

Last month, Telaraña was **crackling!** Susan Wilson's workshop on Crackle Weave was marvelous, thanks to Susan's organization and wealth of knowledge - and Maureen's thorough planning. Every detail was taken care of so the three days went smoothly for everyone. Many attending the workshop also participate in the Weavers Study Group. At the group's meeting following Susan's visit, there was an active exchange of ideas and experiences as we admired each other's finished samplers. Karen and Debi had taken Susan's Lace Weaving Workshop (with Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners), so they brought even more weaving info to the group. As I reflect on all that I learned, both in the workshop and at the Weavers Study Group meetings, I am so grateful to have Telaraña available to me. The Guild was set up to promote learning and creativity in the Fiber Arts - and that is exactly what we do, every month. Whether it is in a formal workshop or in just a conversation with another member, we are all expanding our appreciation, our expertise and our ideas for future projects. One of the many wise things that Susan Wilson said to me was that "Show & Tell" is the most important part of a Guild meeting. I still feel badly that we ran out of time at the February meeting, but our "Show & Tell" last month were wonderful. In the future, I (and I hope our next President) will make sure that something else will be cut if we ever run out of time again.

The Board had a discussion of our increasing expenses, and decided to raise the yearly dues to \$25 for Individuals, and \$30 for Family memberships. The last time dues were raised was in 1994 - and in the intervening 17 years, the cost of carrying out the Guild's activities has gone up. In order to ease the pain of the dues increase, it was decided that we make a Special Offer: if you pay your dues before May 30th, you may renew at the current rate of \$20 (\$25 Family). Take advantage of this and pay your dues at the next meeting.

Our April meeting will be something completely different - and fun for everyone! Ruth and I heard Cindy Shanks speak last year, and immediately decided she would be great to have at Telaraña. Cindy is an entertaining speaker, a retired teacher and avid photographer who will take us with her on the annual Sheep Drive of the 4000 sheep owned by the Dobson family. She has walked the whole trail, making friends of the shepherds and learning a lot of sheep husbandry. This year may be the last drive - an end of an Arizona tradition dating back to the 1880's. Don't miss it!

Nancy Wanek, President

Minutes of the Telaraña Board Meeting held March 30, 2011, at Fire Station, 1st Ave & Mesa Drive, Mesa Arizona. Started at 7:15 PM. In Attendance: Nancy Wanek, Betz Frederick, Paul McLemore, Maureen McCarthy, Linda Wade, Gloria Traicoff, Becky Helm, Ruth Teller.

President: The slate of officers was presented for 2011 – 2012, and voting procedures discussed. There was an intensive discussion of the Guild's Constitution and By-laws. Much of the verbiage and direction was determined to be unclear, missing, and confusing. Next fiscal year, a Committee will be established to update, reinforce, and clarify the language for the direction of the Guild. The current Board and next year's Board and interested members of the Guild will be invited to attend.

Vice President: The Spring Sheep Drive was discussed. See newsletter for details. Various reports need to be finished and updated for the end of fiscal year. Reports should be finished for the April Board Meeting to be turned over to the new Board at the Official Annual Meeting. A special dinner/planning session may be at Betz home with the new officers in May.

Treasurer: The balance as of today is \$3,734.24. An objective of Nancy and the board was to have a year's worth of income to match the budget as a cushion for further expenses. This has been achieved. Thank you to everyone who participated in fund raising efforts this year.

Workshops: The Crackle Workshop was really great and also made some money for the Guild.

Ways and Means: Looking for some donations for upcoming raffles.

Membership: At present we have 77 paid members. Discussion of the increasing of dues. Many of the Guilds costs are increasing, members absorbing costs personally, demonstrations and equipment needs are greater. A reality of future expenses was discussed.

A motion was made to increase dues to \$25.00 Individual (Family - \$30.00) beginning 1 June 2011. However, as a onetime special: if dues are paid on or before 30 May, 2011 (end of fiscal year), then the dues will be at our current rate of \$20.00 Individual (Family \$25.00) for next year, 2011-2012 only. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Demonstrations: Pueblo Grande Ancient Technology Day was a success but the attendance was down from last year. The Guild received great compliments on its efforts. We are still set up for the Gilbert Global Village 4/9/2011 from 9AM to 4PM. We need additional help for that event. Contact Ruth Teller.

Hospitality: Those whose names end in T to W are requested to bring snacks for the April Guild Meeting. A reminder for the May Potluck meeting coming up.

Other Items Discussed:

- There was discussion concerning the Jean George Award at the Intermountain Weavers Convention. The Guild sent the criteria to be used, as we will sponsor the Award. There will be a handmade ribbon but at present no monetary award. This is a onetime event. Discussion continued of a possible monetary award.
- Charitable giving was discussed. **A motion was made to donate \$50 to the church (First United Methodist - our monthly meeting place) as a gesture of gratitude for its use. This is contingent upon approval of the current lease agreement.** Seven for, 1 abstention. It passed. (After the Board Meeting the lease was renewed for the same amount and conditions. The check will be sent with an appropriate thank you note and signed lease.)
- Nancy was asked to Chair a subcommittee next year for the discussion and planning of charitable giving. Other members are invited to give input and help.
- Linda reported that the Weavers Study Group is doing well and grateful to Cynthia for her recent input and instruction. They have, over the summer meetings, plans to discuss events for next year.
- Becky Helm's husband is home and doing well after surgery.
- Our condolences to Karen Stromberg and her family for the loss of her Mother-in-Law. The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, 27 April at 7:00PM at the Fire Station on 1st Ave & Mesa Dr, Mesa. Board meetings are open to all Telaraña Members and you are encouraged to attend.

Adjourned at 8:55 PM
Paul McLemore, Secretary

2010-2011 Board & Committee Chairs

President	Nancy Wanek
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Sharie Monsam
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Cindy Reynolds
Becky Helm
Betz Frederick
Sharon Erb
Sharie Monsam

Elections! April is our Official Annual Meeting and we will elect our 2011-2012 Executive Board. Here is our slate of nominated officers:

President - Betz Frederick	Vice President - Jean Doig
Treasurer - Karen Stromberg	Secretary - Joy Lange

Nominations may be made from the floor provided the permission of the nominee has been given prior to nomination.

COMING PROGRAMS



April 13: The Annual Sheep Drive by Cindy Shanks of Mesa AZ

Cindy is a retired primary teacher who spent 36 years sharing good literature with Kindergarten and First Grade children. Since her retirement, she has spent two years following the Dobson sheep, and documenting the historic Heber-Reno Sheep Trail in Arizona with her photographs.

She has written two books. Her first book, *Emily Walks the Sheep Trail*, is

told through the eyes of Emily, a young lamb. In Cindy's second book, the story is told by Alfonso, a very young burro being introduced to his job as a pack burro. He shares his adventures with six older burros, and the challenges of a 220 mile walk. Come and see a very entertaining presentation about an important part of Arizona's fiber arts history. For more information go to:

http://www.americasheartland.org/episodes/episode_502/makin_the_move.htm

TELARAÑA FIELD TRIP

Spring Sheep Drive--For those of you interested in seeing the Spring Sheep Drive in person, please join a group of Telaraña folks on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 6:15 AM on the corner of Brown and Signal Butte in Mesa. Once the sheep have crossed, we will follow them a couple of blocks to the field to get a closer look at these woolly animals. Then we will adjourn to the Paradise Bakery Cafe at 1946 S Signal Butte Rd, Mesa, AZ for an early breakfast.

If you can't come on April 16th, please note that another flock will be crossing this same spot on the 17th of April. From there they walk through Usery Park into Bulldog Canyon on April 17th and 18th to spend the night.

May 11: Annual Stash Reduction Sale and Summer send-off Potluck

SILENT AUCTION will be our May meeting. CLEAN OUT YOUR CUPBOARDS of yarn and fiber stuff you have not been using. Let them be sold and used by a loving weaver/spinners/knitter! All bids will start at \$1. All proceeds go into our general fund.

New Telaraña Members – please add to your member directory.

Lauren Allsopp

Janice Masson

DEMONSTRATIONS / OUTREACH:

Our next demo is the **Gilbert Global Village Festival**. It will be held Saturday April 9, at the Park in downtown Gilbert. The show runs from 9:30 to 4:00. If you could join us, it would be greatly appreciated. We always have a good time at this one. Please let me know if you will be able to come. I have Gloria, Elly, Nancy and Jennifer so far. We do have shade, but not sure about the chairs, so it might be a good idea to bring one. Contact: Ruth Teller, demonstrations@telarana.org

Tapestry/Navajo Study Group: We meet the first Saturday of the month at MCC in the Art Building, Room N1. The Art Building is just east of the Outback Theater and the room is on the north side of the building. Turn into the southernmost parking lot off of Dobson Rd. and go through 2 stop signs and then park. Anyone is welcome. Come bring what you are working on and join us! Sharie, librarian@telarana.org

Weavers Study Group: Our meetings are normally held on the 3rd Monday of each month, 7pm. In April, we are meeting a week early: **April 11**, at Betz' home. At our March meeting, several members brought their finished samplers from Susan Wilson's Classic Crackle and Lace Weave Workshops. If you are interested in our Study Group, contact Linda W., newsletter@telarana.org.

TELARAÑA LIBRARY:

Sharie and Linda have conducted an inventory of our library. If you have any books checked out, please confirm with Sharie. Our library list will be updated soon to reflect the results of the inventory.

Evening Spinners

May 2 Nancy Wanek
Jun 6 Ruth Teller

Afternoon Weavers

Apr 18 Helen Harrison
May 16 Elly Weinel

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 Linda Wade, newsletter@telarana.org, so she can make the change in the newsletter.

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Newsletter: Members are encouraged to submit articles of interest for our newsletter. Cutoff date for submission of articles 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 submissions to newsletter@telarana.org

CLOTHES CLOSET

You may have noticed at last month's meeting that the United Methodist Church has opened a Clothes Closet near our meeting room. They are in need of plus- sized Women's clothing, especially slacks and shorts in solid colors. They also need gently used shoes. At this time, they do **not** need smaller sizes in Women's clothing or Men's/Children's. We can bag the donations and leave it in our meeting room with a note and a church employee will take it to the Clothes Closet.

2011 Southwest Fiber Arts Festival (October 29) The application for teaching classes during is available now on our website. Please visit www.southwestfiberfestival.com to obtain a Teacher Application if you're interested in proposing a class - all details are included in the application. If you have questions, feel free to email me oatessl@gmail.com.

The deadline for submitting completed applications is May 31. Susan Oates, Class Coordinator

Save the date! AZ FEDERATION FIBERS THROUGH TIME

April 19 - 22, 2012

Four Points by Sheraton, Phoenix, AZ

The Federation is already at work recruiting instructors for workshops at next year's Conference. Workshops are wanted in various types of weaving, spinning, basketry, gourd art, beading – if it's fiber-related and you can teach it, send in your proposal. **Proposals are due by May 30, 2011.** Contact Marsha McIntosh, 9754 W. Desert Hills Dr, Sun City, Arizona 85351 Email: mizmaclee@cox.net

Banquet favors: Telaraña is participating in the preparation of table favors - we need to make at least 40, and thanks to Sharie's basketry expertise it looks like we can do it! The favors are a small, handmade basket with a pincushion made of a ball of fabric stuffed with polyester fiberfill in the top. We've already had one workday and 4 of us made 18 baskets under Sharie's tutelage! Another work date is planned for Tuesday, April 12. Contact Sharie if you're interested: librarian@telarana.org We'll still need to make the pincushion part. We've had some donations of fabric and polyester fiberfill, but if you have some lying around that you could contribute, check with Ruth to see if it is still needed: demonstrations@telarana.org

SPIRITED HANDS STUDIO, Tucson. We will be offering two 3-day workshops with Australia Felt Maker Martien Van Zuilen Dates June 25-July 1, 2011. Our Studio is located in Tucson. Space is limited so if you are interested -- signup. Sally Hall & Susan Thompson, 520-873-7388, email: feltingmagic@gmail.com www.spiritedhandsstudio.com

Jewelry Adorned, Saturday – Monday, June 25, 26 & 27

Mandala Mats, Wednesday – Friday, June 29, 30 & July 1

Cost: \$375 for 3 days (Includes base material) \$50 deposit to hold your space.
Balance due April 15.

TEMPE YARN & FIBER is offering workshops given by **Gwen Bortner** from **May 5th through May 8**. Gwen is a Craft Yarn Council Certified Teacher and is accredited by the Association of Knitwear Design in both teaching and design. She teaches knitting at venues throughout the country, has been published in a variety of knitting magazines and is the lead designer for her business, Knitability, LLC.

Phone: 480 557 9166; Email: tempeyarn@gmail.com

Making Money from Your Hobby (Thurs., May 5th from 5-8pm). Lecture format with Q&A's. \$30

Entrelac Basics (Friday, May 6th from Noon-3pm) \$60.

Help & Tricks for the Intermediate Knitter (Friday, May 6th from 5-8pm) \$60.

Unraveling the Mystery of Mosaic Knitting (Saturday, May 7th from 10:30-1:30) \$60.

Entrelac: Beyond the Basic (Saturday, May 7th from 5-8pm) \$60.

Two Right Sides - Double Knitting (Sunday, May 8th from 10:30-1:30pm) \$60/

IN AND AROUND TOWN (and elsewhere)

Maricopa County Fair, April 13-17th. Arizona State Fairgrounds. "AgVenture Awaits Ewe" is the theme of this year's fair. <http://www.maricopacountyfair.org>

SANTA FE: Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian: "Nizhoni Shima: Master Weavers of the Toadlena/Two Grey Hills Region" through April 17th.

Japanique Gallery, 7002 E. Main St., Scottsdale. Japanese textiles traditionally used for clothing, door hangings, bedding, quilts and gift wrapping on display through April 21st. www.japaniquegallery.com

MAC Fest: A free event featuring unique artist creations, music and fun for the whole family. Every Saturday through April 30, 2011, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Artist's exhibits will be displayed along Main Street sidewalks centered at MacDonald Street. www.macfestmesa.com



Mark Sublette Medicine Man Gallery, 7000 E. Tanque Verde Rd., Tucson. **"Masterpieces of the Loom: Navajo Blankets, 1860-1900"**, through May 5th. A retrospective of the Navajo blanket weaving period, including Chiefs blankets, classic and late-classic serapes, Germantown weavings and transitional weavings.

HEARD MUSEUM: *A Turning Point: Navajo Weaving in the Late 20th Century*

Navajo weaving experienced significant stylistic and status shifts during the 20th century. *A Turning Point* features 30-plus pieces that epitomize the gradual change in Navajo weaving that took place from the 1970s into the 1990s, as a traditional craft transformed to include name artists exploring new aesthetics and showing in urban galleries. The exhibit draws from the renowned Santa Fe Collection and is curated by anthropologist and textile expert Dr. Ann Lane Hedlund. Continues through May 22.

Smoki Museum, Prescott, Navajo rug auction, Saturday, July 24th noon. See www.smokimuseum.org

Intermountain Weavers Conference is a biennial regional conference open to everyone interested in fiber arts --- not just weavers. There are workshops, a juried show, and a vendors market. **Conference Dates: July 21 - July 24, 2011** at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO. For more information and registration, visit www.intermountainweavers.org

SANTA FE: "Material World: Textile Treasures from the Collection", Museum of International Folk Art, through Aug. 7th, www.internationalfolkart.org

DOWNTOWN SCOTTSDALE ART WALK: Every Thursday from 7-9pm

DOWNTOWN CHANDLER ART WALK: Third Fridays 6-10pm
www.downtownchandlerartwalk.com

Queen Creek Yarn Yankers_-

Meeting date is the 2nd Sat of each month. QCYW 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.

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