



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild

March 2011

February Guild Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 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 Serrine. The room will be open by 6:30.

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

MARCH RAFFLE: We have a sock yarn basket for knitters, 2 balls of recycled silk for weavers and a spinner's basket. Bring your money! There will be magazines for sale as well.

President's Message

Dear Telarañians,

March always seems like such a busy month – and this year is no exception. Along with friends and family that are coming to visit, there are great fiber arts plans as well. Susan Wilson will be here from Colorado to give two presentations and two workshops. Her Lace weaving workshop is March 3rd and 4th followed by her "Weave It Polychrome" talk at the Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners meeting on Saturday morning, March 5th. If anyone would like to have lunch with Susan after her talk, please contact me. Then on Sunday, March 6th, Susan will start our workshop on Crackle Weave. The members of the Weaving Study Group have been learning how to use profile drafts (Thank you, Cynthia!) so that we are ready for Susan's instruction. And on Wednesday, March 9th Susan will present "The Interlacement Motif" at our guild meeting. The meeting will also feature the Show & Tells from our wonderful Woodblock Fabric Printing workshop with Elsa Sreenivasam. What a fun day that was! We ran out of time at the February guild meeting and had to skip Show & Tell – my apologies to all – I hope that you will bring your pieces to this month's meeting. We still want to see them!

There will be a Telaraña presence at the "By Hand – Art to Wear" Fashion Show put on by the Tucson Handweavers and Spinner's Guild on Saturday, March 12th. We have three cars driving down to take us to this special event. Also on March 12th is the Pueblo Grande Museum's Ancient Technology Day. We will have a booth to teach weaving to children (and some adults) using clever looms made out of cardboard boxes. Sharie, who perfected this technique, will be running the booth and can use your help if you are available. Even if you just have time to stop by, you will see many activities and demonstrations of pottery making, twining, throwing atlatls and boomerangs, and more. They prepare a roasted agave heart done in a traditional horno – come and have a taste. Best of all, the whole day is free!

Lastly, Sharie Monsam is heading up the search for new Officers and Board Members for Telaraña next year. Please consider volunteering for a position. Don't wait for her to call you – if you are interested and available – please let her know. No experience necessary! Just a little time and enthusiasm are needed. Help make next year a great one for everyone in the guild.

Hope to see you on March 9th,

Nancy Wanek, President

**Minutes of the Telaraña Board Meeting held February 23, 2011, at Fire station at Stapley & 8th Ave, Mesa Arizona. Started at 7:15 PM.
A quorum was not present so no official acts or voting occurred.**

President: Nancy brought a friend with her and we were happy to have her with us. Discussion occurred regarding nominations of officers for 2011 -2012. Suggestions were made for officers and board members. All are to be sent to Sharie, who chairs the selection committee.

Treasurer: The balance as of today is \$5267.78. Doesn't that look great?! Of course, it will come down after the next workshop costs are paid, but we are doing well this year.

Workshops: Future workshops and programs were discussed. Speakers from our local guild are encouraged to participate.

Ways and Means: Thanks to Sharie and Linda and all who have contributed to Ways and Means sales efforts.

Library: Inventory of the library was completed. All materials appear to be in excellent condition, only a few need some repair. An updated list of the inventory will be made available to membership.

Membership: At present we have 76 paid members. Gloria continues to do a wonderful job.

Demonstrations: Pueblo Grande Ancient Technology Day, March 12. Still can use some helpers; please contact Sharie.

Federation: Basket favor pin cushion patterns and fabric was discussed for the April 2012 Fibers Through Time.

Other Items Discussed:

- After the meeting we had a brief Show & Tell which was quite nice.
- The next meeting will be Wednesday, 30 March 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 8:40 PM
Paul McLemore, Secretary

2010-2011 Board & Committee Chairs

President	Nancy Wanek
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COMING PROGRAMS

March 9: "The Interlacement Motif" by Susan Wilson.

Susan earned the HGA COE in Handweaving, Master Level, and has published many articles in national weaving magazines. She lectures and teaches workshops throughout the US. Besides her passion for weaving, she enjoys traveling, reading, spinning, and knitting. She is a retired occupational therapist, and learned to weave in college, where it was required for her degree.

Her presentation will describe an exciting technique that will add complexity to many weave structures. Think of familiar design motifs such as stripes, trees, snowflakes, and geometric shapes created by woven structure. Then imagine the plain weave interlacement as the design motif itself. In this slide-lecture we'll examine a variety of weave structures that can create an image of interlaced ribbons on the surface of the fabric. Explore design techniques such as profile drafting, blocks, color-and-weave effects using the interlacement motif as the unifying design concept. Although the program will be a fairly technical weaving program, the interlacement motif is a universal design. The idea of using a particular motif and sampling many different ways to achieve it in whatever fiber technique is your passion will be useful for knitters, quilters, beaders, etc, even though the technical weaving stuff may not be that interesting to non-weavers.

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

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

Telaraña Workshop

For those of you enrolled in Susan Wilson's **Classic Crackle Workshop**, you should have received information from Maureen on setting up your loom. The workshop will run from **9am-4pm, Sunday–Tuesday, March 6-8**. The workshop will be held at our regular meeting place in the Outreach Center of the First United Methodist Church. If you have questions, contact Maureen, workshops@telarana.org

Evening Spinners

October 4	Nancy Wanek
November 1	Sharon Erb
December 6	Elly Weinel
January 3	Bonita Nelson
February 7	Sue Travis
March 7	Gloria Traicoff
April 4	Rae Sordahl
May 2	Nancy Wanek
June 6	Ruth Teller

Afternoon Weavers

October 18	Helen Harrison
November 14	Sharon Erb
December 20	Bonita Nelson
January 17	Elly Weinel
February 21	Rae Sordahl
March 21	Sue Travis
April 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.

DEMONSTRATIONS / OUTREACH: PUEBLO

GRANDE ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY DAY is Saturday, March 12th. (10am - 3pm) Contact Sharie if you are able to help, even if it's just for a couple of hours. librarian@telarana.org. The Pueblo Grande Museum is at **4619 E. Washington Street, Phoenix AZ.**

We have a confirmed invitation to the **Gilbert Global Village Festival**. It will be held Saturday April 9, at the Park in downtown Gilbert. This has traditionally been one of our favorites - though last year we were unable to participate because of FTT the same weekend. The show runs from 9:30 to 4:00. They will try to provide a shade tent, but due to budget cuts, they can't guarantee it. Hopefully we will at least get a tree!! They will be sending me further information a couple weeks before the show. At which time I will forward it on to anyone who signs up with me prior to that time. So please let me know if you even *think* you may be able to attend, but aren't sure yet. That way I won't be sending stuff to everybody on the main list. 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: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month, 7pm. We had 9 members at our February meeting, where Cynthia brought samples she had woven for us to compare to profile draft examples. In March, Cynthia will guide us in learning to plan our own profile drafts. 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. The books are mostly in excellent condition, but there are a few that need some repair. If you have experience to do that, please contact Sharie. Our library list will be updated soon to reflect the results of the inventory.

A new knitting book has been added to the library: ***Perfectly Plus*** by Mary Arnold, Colleen East and Kristin Hansen. This book will teach you to tailor any pattern to fit, no matter your body shape or size. The authors are local fiber artists.

Save the date!

AZ FEDERATION FIBERS THROUGH TIME 2012

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: At the FTT banquet, there will be a table favor for each person, at least 200 are needed. Telaraña will be participating in the preparation of these 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 in the top. A date will be set for workday, at which time Sharie will teach anyone interested how to make the basket. This is basically a 'free workshop'!! For the pincushion part, we will need any fabric scraps large enough to cut out a 10" circle, so please dig through your scraps. We will also need Poly fiberfill. We have 2 or 3 bags rounded up already, but if you have some lying around that you could contribute, it would be appreciated. I have no idea how much it will take! If we can get most of the materials donated, that will save on expense for the Guild.

The actual decoration on top is still under consideration. One of the other guilds is putting a button on top - we will do something a little different, maybe a small crochet or knit flower. More information will come as it develops! Ruth, demonstrations@telarana.org

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.

Space is limited so register now! tempeyarn.com

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.

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

IN AND AROUND TOWN (and elsewhere)

Tucson Handweavers and Spinners Guild presents:

“By Hand – Art to Wear”

Fashion Show, Tea, Boutique, Raffle and Educational Demonstrations

Saturday, March 12, 2011 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Holiday Inn Palo Verde, 4550 S. Palo Verde Blvd, Tucson, Arizona

Fashion Show and Tea - \$35 per person

Registration forms are posted on website www.thsg.org Register early and receive a free raffle ticket! Deadline – Friday, March 4th.

MESA Contemporary Arts’ 32nd Annual Contemporary Crafts Exhibition, January 21st through March 6th. Two of our members, Ann Morton and Sharie Monsam, have pieces displayed in this juried show.

MAC Fest: Outdoor craft festival on Saturdays, 10am-4pm, Main and McDonald streets. Free. www.macfestmesa.com

NAVAJO RUG AUCTION: Prescott’s Smoki Museum, March 12, 1pm www.smokimuseum.org

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.

Sharie discovered this website for 3 Prescott women weavers: www.3spirits.com They had advertised their weavings in a Phoenix Magazine.

SCOTTSDALE: Arizona Fine Art Expo, January 20-April 3, Look for the large white tent at the Southwest corner of Scottsdale and Jomax roads. www.arizonafineartsexpo.com

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

DOWNTOWN CHANDLER ART WALK: Third Fridays 5-9pm

VISION GALLEY in Chandler has moved to City Hall, 10 E. Chicago St. expanding in size. Besides the gallery, they offer free classes to children 6-14.

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GLENDALE: The Bead Museum is about to close! Take advantage now of your opportunity to see beads and ornaments used for personal adornment from ancient, ethnic and contemporary cultures. www.beadmuseumaz.org Museum will close its doors March 12.

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

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

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 [Lnrosy2000@yahoo.com](mailto:Lnosy2000@yahoo.com) or Ruth Teller at rbteller@msn.com.

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