



# Telaraña Tidings

**Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild**

**May 2011**

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## **May Guild Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2011, 6:30pm**

**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 and we will eat at 6:30.



**HOSPITALITY:** Potluck! See meeting info.

**MAY RAFFLE:** No raffle this month due to the Stash Sale.

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## **President's Message**

Dear Telarañians,

We are coming to the end of our Program year, which also means the end of my term as President. Each of the Board members is asked to complete an Annual Report, and as I read through them, I realize more than ever that Telaraña was so fortunate to have this cooperative group working on our behalf. Betz and Maureen, with Elly's help, put together an informative, inspiring and fun set of programs, workshops and field trips. Think about this year, from repurposing garments, to visiting the GFR Center and AZ State Museum (seeing the Tonto Shirt!) and watching 1600 sheep come walking up Signal Butte Drive! We had opportunities to expand our fiber arts knowledge – crackle, interlacement, Navajo weavings and the textiles of India. And we came to know a lot more about what many of our members do as we enjoyed the "Show & Tell" portion of the meetings. Thanks to the efforts of Linda, Karen and Cynthia, the Weaving Study Group really was a *study* group that expanded our skills. Becky made sure that our gatherings were welcoming and tasty. Linda and Cindy kept us informed via our newsletters and website, and Sharon spread the word to others about who we are. Our fiscal house is in good order, thanks to Sharie's tireless work to put together tempting raffles and sales, with a big assist from Linda's "Easy Eye Lap Cloths." Karen's financial expertise has helped us to manage the guild account and moved us along in determining a valuation for our resources. While we weren't out in public as much this year, Ruth kept our outreach going with Demos and state-wide Federation activities. Behind the scenes, Paul recorded our important business and Gloria kept track of our flock. Membership is up again this year which bodes well for more friendships, more interactions, more fun next year. Thank you, thank you to every member of this team – it has been a good year.

Please join us for the May meeting! There will be the sales (more info inside) and our traditional potluck dinner. In addition, we are collecting a donation to the "Clothes Closet" to support the United Methodist Church's help for homeless women. Bring clothing size 14 and higher, shoes, and accessories. And don't forget, Telaraña will continue our informal meetings during the summer. For our members who migrate to cooler climates for the summer, we wish you safe travels and look forward to your return in Fall. Next year will be another filled with

Fiber Arts activities – Betz and the new officers are already getting the plans finalized, and there will also be the Federation’s Fibers Through Time.

See you at the Stash Sale!

Nancy Wanek, President

**Minutes of the Telaraña Board Meeting held April 27, 2011, at Fire Station, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave & Mesa Drive, Mesa Arizona. Started at 7:20 PM.**

**In Attendance: Nancy Wanek, Betz Frederick, Paul McLemore, Karen Stromberg, Linda Wade, Gloria Traicoff, Becky Helm, Ruth Teller, Sharie Monsam , Jean Doig.**

**President: It was noted that the following slate of executive officers for 2011 – 2012, was elected at the General Meeting of Telaraña Weavers & Spinners Guild on March 13, 2011.**

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

**Appointed Committee Chairs for 2011-2012**

Workshops	Charlotte Weber / Debi Deadmond
Newsletter	Linda Wade
Ways and Means	Sharie Monsam
Library	Sharie Monsam
Membership	Nancy Wanek
Demonstrations	Elly Weinel
Website	Cindy Reynolds
Hospitality	Becky Helm
Federation	Gloria Traicoff
Publicity	Sharon Erb

All are welcomed to their new positions. Discussion continued of the Guild’s Constitution and By-laws. Various versions were discussed. The Board felt that there was a need for update and consolidation to meet the Guild’s needs into the future. Nancy will head a committee consisting of herself, Betz, Jean, Sharie, & Linda. The committee will meet throughout the summer to present something to the Board in August. Anyone else interested may call Nancy for times and dates.

**Vice President:** The new lease and indemnity agreement with the First United Methodist Church of Mesa, for our general meeting room was discussed and approved by the Board. Betz will deliver the new lease, a \$50 charitable donation (previously approved by the Board) and thank you note from the Guild. A special potluck dinner/ planning meeting are planned at Betz’s home with the new officers on May 24. They will organize for next year and develop a central goal for the Guild. Each new officer will develop updated Job descriptions and notebooks.

**Secretary:** Paul presented the board with a binder of the past minutes of the Executive Board from 1979 – 2000. It will be housed in the Library for those interested in doing a history of the Guild or just reminiscing. From 2001 to current is in process. Some years were missing and the Board will be checking their records to see if we can fill in those years.

**Treasurer:** The checking balance is \$3794.24. **A dues increase was approved by the general membership at the March General Meeting on March 13, 2011.** It was noted that because of the fiscal year, all checks written for next year’s dues will be held and not deposited until June 1, 2011. Please remember our “special”. A preliminary year end statement was discussed with the Board. It was noted that it was close to breaking even with this year’s budget. A finalized statement will be produced after fiscal year end.

**Ways and Means:** The board made note of the tremendous job that Sharie has done. She has helped greatly to support the budget this year. She discussed with the board extra copies of books in the library that might be sold. She noted the Stash Sale for our May meeting. **The board passed a resolution that the Guild will receive 15% of the sale prices of items sold by members at the Stash Sale.**

**Membership:** Please note the approved increase in 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), the dues will be \$20.00 Individual (Family \$25.00) for next year, 2011-2012 only.

**Hospitality:** Remember our Stash Sale and Pot Luck Dinner on May 11 as our year-end celebration. Details in the newsletter. Remember to bring yourself, food and money!

**Other Items Discussed:**

- There was discussion concerning the Jean George Award at the Intermountain Weavers Conference. The Guild sent the criteria to be used as we will sponsor the Award. There will be a ribbon awarded, handmade by our own Cynthia Broughton, but at present no monetary award. This is a onetime award. Discussion continued of adding a possible monetary amount to the award.
- Linda reported that the Weaving Study Group will be meeting to discuss a goal of making items to be entered at the Arizona State Fair and also encourage members to make an item that might be considered at FTT for the Jean George Award.
- Summer meetings of the Guild will be held on 6/8, 7/13, and 8/10. Details will be in the newsletter.
- There will be no Board Meeting for May. We have not seen many members at our Board meetings. They are open to all Telaraña Members and you are encouraged to attend. See you in August.

Finally Adjourned at 9:00 PM  
Paul McLemore, Secretary

**2010-2011 Board & Committee Chairs**

President	Nancy Wanek	Ways and Means	Sharie Monsam
Vice-President	Betz Frederick	Membership	Gloria Traicoff
Secretary	Paul McLemore	Demonstrations	Ruth Teller
Treasurer	Karen Stromberg	Website	Cindy Reynolds
Workshops	Maureen McCarthy	Hospitality	Becky Helm
	Elly Weinell	Federation	Betz Frederick
Newsletter	Linda Wade	Publicity	Sharon Erb
		Library	Sharie Monsam

## COMING PROGRAMS

**May 11: Annual Stash Reduction Sale, Silent Auction and Summer Send-Off Potluck**

CLEAN OUT YOUR CUPBOARDS and bring stuff you have not been using or items you have made and want to sell so they can be used by another loving weaver/spinner/knitter! Fifteen percent of individuals' sales will be donated to the guild. All proceeds for the silent auction go into our general fund.

The Annual Send-Off Potluck starts at 6:30 and the doors will be open at 6:00. Family are invited. If your last name starts with A to L, please bring an appetizer, dessert or your favorite dish. If your last name starts with M to Z please bring a main dish, salad or your favorite dish. Attach a label to your dish listing the ingredients as some members have allergies. No need to bring plates or utensils as these will be provided.

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**Summer meetings:** We will be having informal meetings in the summer. The first one will be on June 8, 7pm, at the Mesa Fire Station 202, 830 S. Stapley Dr, approximately half-way between Southern and Broadway on the West side of the street. We will be working on finishing the pin cushions that are going to be used as favors at FTT 2012. We need all the

help we can get, so set the date aside to enjoy some time with your fiber friends and help with a good cause.

There will also be informal meetings on July 13 and Aug 10 at 7PM at the Fire Station on 1st & Main in Mesa.

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### DEMONSTRATIONS / OUTREACH:

The Gilbert Global Village Festival, scheduled for 4/9/11 was cancelled due to bad weather, so we are now done for the season. We have done a few School demos, a Spin-in day, a rather uneventful one in Sun Lakes, Pueblo Grande Ancient Tech Days, and the Chandler Multi-Cultural Festival.

The Following people helped make it a successful season, with a total of 145 volunteer hours.

Gloria T.	Jean D.	Sharon E.	Don R.
Sharie M.	Bobbie N.	Nancy W.	Jennifer P.
Elly W.	Penny W.	Donna M.	Linda W.
Ruth T.	Joy L.	Fernmarie R.	Hope D.

A big "Thank you" to all of you.

**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](mailto:librarian@telarana.org)

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**Weavers Study Group:** Our meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 7pm. At the April meeting, we discussed a goal for next year. One of the things we hope to do is to have all members try to submit an item to the State Fair in the fall. The May meeting will be at Mary Snyder's home. Summer meetings are anticipated, but there will be no meeting in July. If you are interested in our Study Group, contact Linda W., [newsletter@telarana.org](mailto:newsletter@telarana.org).

### TELARAÑA LIBRARY:

We are hoping to have a valuation of our library completed by the start of meetings in the fall. If you have books checked out, please turn them in at the May meeting.

**Newsletter:** Members are encouraged to submit articles of interest for our newsletter. Cut-off 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](mailto:newsletter@telarana.org)

## CLOTHES CLOSET

The United Methodist Church has opened a Clothes Closet near our meeting room. They are in need of larger sized Women's clothing (size 14 and up), 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. The Clothes Closet is open the night of our general meeting and you can drop off your items on your way in, or 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.

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**2011 Southwest Fiber Arts Festival** (October 29) The application for teaching classes during is available on the website. Please visit [www.southwestfiberfestival.com](http://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](mailto:oatessl@gmail.com).

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

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**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](mailto:feltingmagic@gmail.com)  
[www.spiritedhandsstudio.com](http://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.

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### Evening Spinners

Jun 6 Ruth Teller

### Afternoon Weavers

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](mailto:newsletter@telarana.org), so she can make the change in the newsletter.

## IN AND AROUND TOWN (and elsewhere)



**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](http://www.intermountainweavers.org)



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**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**.

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**Smoki Museum**, Prescott, Navajo rug auction, Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> noon. See [www.smokimuseum.org](http://www.smokimuseum.org)

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**SANTA FE:** "Material World: Textile Treasures from the Collection", Museum of International Folk Art, through Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, [www.internationalfolkart.org](http://www.internationalfolkart.org)

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

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**DOWNTOWN CHANDLER ART WALK:** Third Fridays 6-10pm  
[www.downtownchandlerartwalk.com](http://www.downtownchandlerartwalk.com)

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**Queen Creek Yarn Yankers** - Meeting date is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of each month. QCYY welcomes all members and others interested in any type of fiber work. It meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:Lnosy2000@yahoo.com) or Ruth Teller at [rbteller@msn.com](mailto:rbteller@msn.com).

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## 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](mailto:mizmaclee@cox.net)

**Banquet favors:** Telaraña is participating in the preparation of table favors. The favors are a small, handmade basket with a pincushion made of a ball of fabric stuffed with polyester fiberfill in the top. All the baskets are made, thanks to Sharie's tutelage. We'll still need to make the pincushion part. We may work on them at the unofficial summer meetings. 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](mailto:demonstrations@telarana.org)



It's Membership Renewal Time! Remember, if we receive your dues by May 30, you can save by paying the old rate: \$20 individual/\$25 family. But if it's received in the new fiscal year, starting May 31, you'll need to pay the new rate, shown below:

## TELARAÑA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Our official year extends from May 31<sup>st</sup> to the following May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Send completed form to: Nancy Wanek, Membership Chair,  
3846 N. Calisto Cir, Mesa, AZ 85207. Please make your check payable to **Telaraña**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **I am a renewing member.** \_\_\_\_ **I am a new member.**

**Membership Category** \_\_\_\_ **\$25.00 Single Member**  
- \_\_\_\_ **\$30.00 Family**

Newsletter delivery preference: \_\_\_\_ by snail mail \_\_\_\_ by email

Please indicate your areas of interest:

\_\_\_\_ **Basketry** \_\_\_\_ **Dyeing** \_\_\_\_ **Spinning** \_\_\_\_ **Felting** \_\_\_\_ **Tapestry** \_\_\_\_ **Rigid Heddle**  
\_\_\_\_ **Knitting** \_\_\_\_ **Crochet** \_\_\_\_ **Multi Harness** \_\_\_\_ **4 Harness Weaving** \_\_\_\_ **Lace-Making**

**Others** \_\_\_\_\_

**I can serve on this committee:**

\_\_\_\_ **Ways and Means** \_\_\_\_ **Programs** \_\_\_\_ **Workshops** \_\_\_\_ **Publicity** \_\_\_\_ **Fiber Arts Shows**  
\_\_\_\_ **Hospitality (Refreshments)** \_\_\_\_ **Demonstration/Educational Events**  
\_\_\_\_ **Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

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