



# Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild

NOVEMBER 2011

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## November Guild Meeting

Wednesday, November 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 pm.

**Hospitality:** Ginny Davis, Amanda and Terry Neal will provide snacks.

**November Raffle:** Spinner's Basket; Weaver's Basket of Silk yarns; 1 Cone of 100% Camel yarn; X-large basket of knitting yarn



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## President's Message

Dear Telarañians,

Whoever thought that an old black t-shirt would look so good with a bit of bleach sprayed on it? Well, I found out in Merry Warner's Surface Design workshop. Thanks to Debi Deadmond for organizing it. I can't wait to share what I learned at Christmas with my daughter and Goddaughter who live in Sydney, Australia.

My husband and I have not been to the Arizona State Fair for at least 20 years but we decided to go a few days ago. We really enjoyed visiting all the exhibits. I was thrilled to see so many Telaraña members had put entries in and won prizes for their excellent work. Congratulations to all of you! Please bring your projects and ribbons to the next meeting so we can congratulate you in person.

**Promoting Fiber Arts in the Community** is Telaraña's theme for the 2011-2012 year. In keeping with this theme, we will be demonstrating at the Mesa Art Center, Saturday, Dec. 10 and Sunday, Dec. 11. Please join us if you can. Elly Weinel is organizing the demonstration so give her a call if you can help.

Some of you may remember Beverly Hunt. She was a member of Telaraña for many years and an outstanding tapestry weaver. She and Mary Dieterich presented a program on tapestry weaving in December 2009. I got a call from Walt Ellis, her son-in-law, the other day. He said that Beverly is in a nursing home and can no longer weave. He wanted to donate several large bags of yarn and a carding machine to Telaraña. Thank you, Sharie, for picking it up and storing it for us. Also, a warm thank you to Walt for thinking about Telaraña. We appreciate the generous donation.

I am pleased to announce that the Article VI Amendment to the Constitution passed. Thanks to all of you who attended the meeting or sent in your proxy vote. This month we will be voting on another change to the Constitution. If you don't plan on being at the meeting, please send me your proxy vote, either by email or snail mail. See the "Constitution Corner" later in the newsletter for details about the proposed change.

Have you ever thought about making a rug? Now is your opportunity to learn from the internationally renowned teacher Jason Collingwood. Get your deposit in early, as there are a limited number of spots and this is sure to be a popular workshop.

I don't know about you, but I can't make up my mind which Fibers Through Time class to take. Should I take a spinning class or a weaving class? Or should I learn *Free Form, the Evolving Yarn Art* or perhaps Navajo Weaving? I don't have too long to dither though, because Early Bird registration, which will save me \$50, has to be received by December 18.

Talking about Navajo Weaving, I am really looking forward to the "Spider Rock Girls Family Album" program that Laramie Blake is going to present at our November meeting. Join us for dinner at Laramie's favorite restaurant, Manuel's (on Southern, in Mesa) before the meeting.

Betz Frederick, President

**Minutes of October Board Meeting:** The board meeting was called to order by President Betz Frederick at 7:00pm on October 26, 2011. Others present were Elly Weinel, Linda Wade, Charlotte Weber, Gloria Traicoff, Debi Deadmond, Jean Doig, Becky Helm, Paul McLemore, Cindy Reynolds, Lauren Allsopp, Karen Stromberg, Sharie Monsam and Joy Lange.

**New/Old Business:**

Lauren asked that the September board meeting minutes be corrected. The minutes erroneously stated that the oral histories now being collected would be published in the Newsletter.

Friendly reminders have been mailed out to last year's members that have not yet sent in their dues.

The first Constitutional change, voted on at the general October meeting, received the necessary votes of two thirds of the membership and was approved unanimously. The next change to be considered will be voted on at the November general meeting. See details in the newsletter in "Constitution Corner".

Paul suggested that we have a contract drawn up for instructors giving classes or workshops, so there are no surprise fees or expenses.

Debi was recognized for the outstanding job she did organizing Merry Warner's discharge dye class.

Paul felt that we should have some sort of recognition of the final sheep drive, thus marking the end of a one hundred year tradition. It was suggested that Cindy Shanks be invited to our April meeting.

Becky presented many suggestions for a guild charity project. Tempe Yarn and Fiber and The Fiber Factory participate in several outreach projects that we could be part of. Becky will contact a local agency to find out their needs and parameters.

Linda presented a copy of board job descriptions for each office/committee for any suggested changes. She also spoke about the possibility of Joanne Hall speaking to the Weavers Study Group and how to handle her speaker's fee. There will be more discussion with Joanne.

**Treasurer:** As of October 26, 2011 we have a balance of 3,910.44.

**Demonstrations:** We have again been invited to participate in the Chandler Multicultural event January 15, 2011. This year, for the first time, they will charge us a \$10 fee to participate. Sharie moved to pay the fee. Motion was seconded by Linda. The motion passed.

We will demonstrate December 10th and 11th 2011 at the Mesa Art Fair to be held at the Mesa Center for the Arts.

Having a policy for demonstrations was discussed.

**Historian:** Oral histories have begun. Gloria was the first to be interviewed.

**Website:** Cindy will begin taking photos of show-and-tell items. Ways of taking better photos was discussed.

**Workshops:** At this time, there are two people signed up for Jason Collingwood's workshop. There is a minimum of ten students. The workshop will be opened to other guilds after the December 15th general meeting.

**Ways and Means:** Scholarship applications will be available at the November meeting. If a person has taken or will take a class or workshop during the time between the end of May 2011 and through May 2012, they may apply. The application deadline is December 31, 2011.

Yarn has been purchased at the Fiber Factory with the last of the Fiber Factory gift certificate, to be placed in our raffles and for our FTT raffle basket donation.

**Vice-President:** In December we will have a potluck. Members will provide their own plates and utensils and bring whatever food they feel like bringing. Lady Tess will talk about Renaissance fashion.

Ideas for the April program were discussed. In addition to inviting Cindy Shanks, it was suggested having one or two of our original members speak about the early days of Telaraña.

**Federation:** Preparations continue to be underway for many good things for FTT. We need to register early to get the discounted price.

Betz asked the Executive Committee to stay for a short meeting after the close of the Board meeting.

Attest  
Joy Lange

2011-2012 Executive Board			
<b>Executive Officers</b>			
President	Betz Frederick	Secretary	Joy Lange
Vice-President	Jean Doig	Treasurer	Paul McLemore
<b>Committee Chairs</b>			
Demonstrations	Elly Weinel	Membership	Nancy Wanek
Federation	Gloria Traicoff	Newsletter	Linda Wade
Historian	Karen Stromberg/ Lauren Allsopp	Publicity	Sharon Erb/Hilja Martinez
Hospitality	Becky Helm	Ways and Means	Sharie Monsam
Library	Sharie Monsam	Workshops	Charlotte Weber / Debi Deadmond
		Website	Cindy Reynolds

## NOVEMBER PROGRAM

**November 9:** Our own, Mary Walker, will introduce a young Navajo weaver, Laramie Blake who will show and tell us about her weavings.

Laramie is a college girl going to MCC. She has a birthday the week of our meeting. As a surprise to her, we will have a birthday basket for her at the meeting. If you have any one-ply wool yarn suitable for Navajo weaving (including handspun), or weaving tools or even a gift card from Starbucks (her favorite hang-out), Albertson's (she walks there for groceries) or her favorite restaurant, Manuel's on Southern near Dobson, please bring them for the basket. Thanks for helping a college girl.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Dec 14, 2011:** Potluck dinner and "Lady Tess". Lady Tess appears at the Arizona Renaissance Festival and will give us period accuracy about a lady's clothing of the time.

**Jan 11, 2012:** Flax: *Seed to Thread* by Jean Doig

Lecture and spinning demo on spinning flax into thread with hands on. Please bring spindles or spinning wheels to try to spin some of the flax into thread.

**Feb 8, 2012:** Basketry with Sharie

We will be starting earlier than usual and have a mini workshop/program with Sharie on how to make a basket.

**March 14, 2012:** Telaraña Challenge Bring your finished Challenge projects to this meeting.

**April 11, 2012:** TBA

**May 9, 2012:** End of year "Stash Sale and Potluck"



**MEMBERS GRAPEVINE: Gloria Traicoff** has been awarded juried status by the Tucson Handweavers and Spinners Guild. Juried status is recognition of her level of accomplishment and allows her to sell items through that Guild's events and exhibits. Gloria was successfully juried in Fiber-Related Items (Crochet). Her submissions included a beautiful shawl of alpaca yarns and a beret of her own design. Congratulations, Gloria!

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### **TELARAÑA CHALLENGE** It's not too late to join the

**TELARAÑA CHALLENGE!** What have you wanted to do or learn but have not had the courage or push to do it? What unfinished project has been taking up space in your home? Are you afraid of using bright colors or trying a new technique? Yes? **Take the Challenge!** Write it down and commit to doing it! Include a \$5 "commitment" fee with your form and mail or give to Sharie Monsam at the meeting. Commitment Forms will be available at the general meetings or on the website, [www.telarana.org](http://www.telarana.org). We want to hear from you at the general meetings on your progress. We are planning on making a calendar with pictures of the projects! Due date for completed projects is the March 14, 2012 meeting.

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### **Scholarship Available!**

Scholarships are available for a workshop taken anytime during this fiscal year, May 31, 2011 to May 30, 2012. Applicant must be a current Telaraña member and willing to share what they learn in some way with the Guild – short program, demonstration, workshop, etc. Scholarship award is not based on need; any member may apply. Applications are on the [www.telarana.org](http://www.telarana.org) website and available at the general meetings. Deadline for application is Dec.31<sup>st</sup>.

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### **Constitution Corner**

The first change to our Constitution was voted on and approved at the October general meeting. At the November general meeting, we will vote on the following amendment. If you are unable to attend, you can direct your proxy vote, yea or nay, to: Betz Frederick, email: [president@telarana.com](mailto:president@telarana.com) Proxy vote must be received prior to or at the general meeting. Here is the proposed amended Article:

#### **New Section to Article V Officers and Duties of the Constitution:**

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and the past president ex-officio. The Executive Board shall be made up of the Executive Committee and the Standing Committee Chairs.

#### **Amendment to the By-Laws Article III Section 4:**

Section 4. Executive Committee shall be made up of the elected officers, and the Past President as an ex-officio member. The Executive Board shall include the Members of the Executive Committee and the Standing Committee Chairmen. Each office will have one vote. Executive Board meetings shall be held monthly during the Guild program year and at the discretion of the Executive Committee at other times during the fiscal year. Meetings of the Executive Board may be conducted via email or other means of electronic communication as long as a membership quorum of participants is reached for any voting issues. A quorum shall consist of one person more than one-half of the Executive Board membership.

## 2011 Arizona State Fair Going, Going, Almost gone!

November 6 is the last day of the State Fair. According to Jean D., who is a judge at the Fair, there were more submissions in the textiles/basketry/lacemaking categories this year than there have been in the last decade! There were more than 30 items from our Guild members, most with ribbons, in the textiles alone. Congratulations to all of you; your efforts may help to maintain these categories for future Fairs. Items must be picked up on November 8 & 9th. Please bring all your submissions, ribbons still attached, to the November general meeting. We'll take a picture for the website.



## Workshops, workshops!

**Jason Collingwood** is coming to **Telaraña!** February 24-26, 2012

Location: Outreach Center of the First United Methodist Church, 15 E. First Ave. Mesa, AZ

Details are still being finalized, but the class is expected to fill quickly. Reserve your spot by sending in \$100 deposit. Full cost for the workshop is expected to be \$150-175 for members/\$25 more for non-members (he's working on his travel arrangements, so we'll be able to provide a firm price soon).

Workshop will open to non-members after the December 15 general meeting. Full payment will be due by all on January 9. Minimum class size: 10 Contact Charlotte Weber, [workshops@telarana.org](mailto:workshops@telarana.org)

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**The Fiber Factory**, 216 W Main St, Mesa, is pleased to announce that **Jeane deCoster**, owner of Elemental Affects, will be coming on November 18th and 19th to hold three workshops:

**Double Fisted Knitting** Friday, November 18, 1:30pm - 4:30pm

**Fast, Furious & Fluffy** Friday, November 18, 6:00pm - 9:00 pm

**Get the Color You Want** – Reactive Dyes, Saturday, November 19, 10:30am – 4:30 pm

There are still a few openings. To reserve your spot, call **The Fiber Factory**, 480-969-4346  
[www.fiberfactory.com](http://www.fiberfactory.com)

### *Did You Know...?*

*By Karen Stromberg & Lauren Allsopp*

Did you know that females in Anglo-Saxon clans were called the "spindle side" of the family, as they did all the spinning of flax into cloth? Women were not fit to marry until they had spun their dowry of linens. In 1665, the colony of Massachusetts passed a decree requiring every family to weave three pounds of cloth a week and set up a quota based on the number of women in a household. Unmarried women were appointed as "spinsters" to meet the quotas.

Americans traditionally see a man in the moon, though the Chinese see a lady (Ch'ang-O, by name). The Indians see a rabbit, but the Samoans see a woman who is weaving!

Taken from the Guild's July 1979 newsletter!! (We found one "Did You Know?" while organizing all the newsletters.)

**Demonstrations:** We have 2 wonderful opportunities coming up for demonstrations:

Saturday, December 10 from 10am -5pm and Sunday, December 11 from 10am-5pm. **Mesa Arts Center** has its annual **Art Fest** and we will have a booth both days to demonstrate spinning, weaving, knitting, crochet, felting etc. There will be artists selling their work (they are juried in) and we are honored to be invited to participate. There will be no other fiber booths. So come and join me for part of the day or all day or just drop in for a few hours. There will be good food and music.

Saturday, January 14, the City of Chandler will have their annual **Multicultural Festival** from 11am-4pm. We have demonstrated there since it's beginning and we always have a good time.

For more information or to sign up contact Elly, [demonstrations@telarana.org](mailto:demonstrations@telarana.org)

**Tapestry/Navajo Study Group:** The Tapestry Group is now meeting at MCC Red Mountain Campus near Power and McKellips in East Mesa from 9 -12:30 the first Saturday of the month. Directions: From the intersection of Power and McKellips, go EAST to the first light and turn LEFT into the Campus. Go to the Stop sign and turn Left. Wind around the campus to the Palo Verde Building. You may park in the Employees' parking lot. We meet in the first classroom on the right, #114. Everyone is welcome!

**Weavers Study Group:** Our meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 7pm. In November, we will continue reviewing compound weaves. All levels of weavers are welcome. If you are interested in our Study Group, contact Linda W., [newsletter@telarana.org](mailto:newsletter@telarana.org).

**Telaraña Library:** Our Library cart is now available at general Guild meetings. Be sure and return your books and check out more! There will be a list of books by author and title on the cart.

**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)

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## IN AND AROUND TOWN (and elsewhere)

**Museum of Northern Arizona,** Rug auction at the Coconino Center for the Arts, Flagstaff, November 12, preview 9-3:30. Auction begins at 4pm

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Fountain Hills **Festival of Arts and Crafts** is a juried show of 500 artists from across the USA. November 11-13. Free

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### Heard Museum

**Navajo Weaver's Marketplace,** Nov 5, 10am-4pm. Demonstrations of dyeing, carding, spinning and weaving. Lectures about how to collect; book signings; films. Rugs for sale.

**Spanish Market,** November 12-13, 10am-5pm Unique artwork in every price range. Wide selection of objects from different Hispanic traditions.

**Navajo Textiles:** 100+ Years of Weaving through Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>

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Navajo Rug Auction: **Pueblo Grande Museum,** Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> Noon

Navajo Rug Auction: **Coconino Center for the Arts,** Flagstaff. November 12, 2-5pm

## AZ FEDERATION FIBERS THROUGH TIME

April 19 - 22, 2012

InnPlace Phoenix North, 10220 North Metro Pkwy East, Phoenix, AZ

**Registration is open!** Find information on classes and instructors and take advantage of the early-bird registration discount: [www.azfed.org](http://www.azfed.org)

Conference Package includes: Thursday evening reception; 2½-Day workshop; Friday night dinner; Lunch - Friday and Saturday; Saturday night banquet

**Early Bird registrations must be received by midnight of Sunday December 18, 2011.**

Member rates are available to any individuals belonging to a guild affiliated with the Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds. They check with the guilds, so make sure your dues are paid for Talarafña. All registration closes on February 4, 2012.

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### **4th annual Southwest Fiber Arts Festival & Gathering**

This year's Festival will be held at the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park, Tubac, Arizona November 5th, 2011 10:00am ~ 3:30pm Enjoy a day to commune with Fiber Addicts and Artists, Vendors, Demonstrations and a Gathering place to Sit 'n Spin, Knit & Crochet!  
<http://www.southwestfiberfestival.com/index.php>

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### **Small Expressions Exhibit**

We invite you to enter HGA's annual *Small Expressions* exhibit. Entry deadlines Feb 1, 2012 for US entries. *Small Expressions* is an annual, international, juried exhibition that features high quality, contemporary fiber art, sponsored by the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc., (HGA). All works are smaller than 15 inches (38 cm) in any direction.

Exhibit dates: May 10 - August 12, 2012 [Long Beach Museum of Art](http://www.longbeachmuseumofart.org) Long Beach, California

For more information, please visit the website:

<http://www.weavespindye.org/pages/?p=HGASmallExpressions.html&loc=3-13-00&loc=1-61-00>



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