



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild

OCTOBER 2011

October Guild Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 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: Barbara and Linda will bring snacks.

October Raffle: There will be 2 Raffle baskets available to win. 1. Red and Green cones of yarn for your Christmas projects! 2. Tapestry basket in time for Fiber Factory Tapestry class taught by Diane Wolf.

President's Message

Dear Telarañians,

The crafts of spinning, weaving, dyeing and basketweaving are as ancient as our history. October 3-9, 2011 is "Celebrate Spinning and Weaving Week". Join weavers, spinners, dyers, and basketmakers around the world in celebration of our common heritage. I am hoping that next year Telarana will have a special event in observance of Spinning and Weaving Week.

I am very excited about the first **Telaraña Challenge**. I have an 8-shaft Baby Wolf, but I have never used more than 4 shafts. So my challenge is to weave a project using all 8 shafts. I've been looking at patterns but haven't decided what I want to make. Sharie already has had 10 people signed up. The fruits of our labor will be displayed at the March meeting. I can't wait to hear more about the other things members will be creating. It is not too late to sign up and be part of the fun.

Last year, Nancy brought in some T-shirts she had un-dyed using verbal instructions from Merry Warner. I immediately wanted to learn more about the technique. Well, we are all going to have an opportunity to do just that. Not only is Merry giving a workshop, but she will be speaking at the coming Guild meeting on Wednesday, October 12. She will be the first item on the program because she will be driving back to Tucson afterwards. The Surface Design workshop will be held in the same room where we normally have our meetings, although we will also be working outside because we will be using bleach. There is still space in the workshop so please let your friends know. I mentioned it to someone who is a quilter and within a couple of hours she had 3 people who wanted to sign up.

On October 1, the Fibers Through Time 2012 website went live. There are so many interesting classes to select from that I am having a difficult time deciding what I want to do. Save \$50 by registering before December 18! If you have wanted to take a class or a workshop but couldn't afford it, perhaps we can help. The Telaraña Board voted to set up a scholarship fund. Look for more details in the newsletter.

Just a reminder, **Promoting Fiber Arts in the Community** is our theme for the 2011-2012 year. In keeping with this theme, many members entered items into the Arizona State Fair that will be open from October 14 to November 6. I've already put it on my calendar so I can see all the other exciting entries. In addition, quite a few ideas were discussed at the board meeting and you will hear more about these as they are implemented. We can always use more ideas, so please let us know your thoughts.

Betz Frederick, President

Minutes of Board Meeting

September 28, 2011

Called to order 7:04pm

In attendance: Betz Frederick, Paul McLemore, Jean Doig, Becky Helm, Gloria Traicoff, Lauren Allsopp, Sharie Monsam, Cindy Reynolds, Linda Wade

Old business:

The first proposed change to our Constitution was printed in the September Newsletter and discussed at the general Guild meeting. It will be voted on at the October meeting.

President – Betz reported that Paul was officially elected as Secretary by a vote at the September general meeting. Ruth Teller made the motion, Jean Doig seconded it. Since there was no one running against him, Gloria suggested a voice vote. Paul was elected unanimously.

Programs – We hope to have a presenter for the April meeting that is in town for FTT. However, our general meeting is a week before FTT begins. To avoid travel expenses, we are looking at the FTT instructors that are in our general area. We don't have any weaving-centered programs planned, so Jean would like the Weavers Study Group to look over the FTT information and give suggestions.

Workshops – We have 8 registered for the Merry Warner surface design workshop. We can accommodate more, so spread the word. Betz reported that Charlotte has applied to the Federation for a grant to help with travel expenses for a Jason Collingwood workshop.

Treasurer – Paul reported a balance of \$4,076.06. He has already filed the tax form required to retain our tax exempt status. Betz and Linda reviewed and approved the books for 2010/2011. Many thanks to Karen for her work as treasurer last year.

Ways and Means/Library – We will have two raffle items for the October meeting. At the September meeting we collected \$38 in raffle sales, \$16 in magazine sales. So far 10 people have signed up for the *Telaraña Challenge*. Interest in the library cart was brisk. After completing an audit of our Guild library and establishing a value of \$3330.15, Sharie contacted our insurance company to get coverage for it, at a cost of \$50/yr.

Historian – Progress continues in collecting information on the Guild's history. Lauren and Karen are about to begin oral histories using member interviews that will be published in the newsletter.

Website – Cindy plans to learn WordPress in order to upgrade our website.

Federation – Gloria reported that the FTT information will be available at www.azfed.org on October 1. Early-bird discount for class registration is good until December 18. Betz will pass out info on FTT at the general meeting, as Gloria will be out-of-town.

Other business:

Charity – Becky distributed a list of charity organizations that we could consider as a Guild project. She will investigate further to see which ones are local vs national. These are organizations that accept knitted/crocheted/sewn items for specific purposes, everything from scarves for students to blankets for newborns.

Scholarship – Linda made a motion to re-establish a scholarship fund, with the amount to be revisited annually. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Linda made another motion to establish a scholarship committee to review applications and make recommendations to the Executive Board. Jean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. A final motion was made by Cindy to fund the scholarship for the 2011/2012 year at \$200. Sharie seconded the motion; it passed with 8 votes for and 1 against. Betz appointed Karen, Paul, Sharie and Linda as the Scholarship Committee. Sharie has prepared an application form that will be available at the October meeting and on the website.

Promoting Fiber Arts in the Community - Betz has been exploring ways to publicize our Guild. GroupOn.com is a website that sends out daily emails to subscribers about deals in their area. We could perhaps advertise a weaving/spinning day. It turns out that there is a "Spinning and Weaving Week" sponsored by Handweavers Guild of America. HGA has excellent publicity suggestions, some of which include getting guild meeting/workshop/demonstration information published in city calendars and tourism calendars. Info will be passed on to Maureen.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wade (standing in for Joy Lange)

2011-2012 Executive Board

Executive Officers

President	Betz Frederick	Secretary	Joy Lange
Vice-President	Jean Doig	Treasurer	Paul McLemore

Committee Chairs

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

OCTOBER PROGRAM

OCTOBER 12: Merry Warner Surface Design Merry Warner will talk about her art, and how she became involved in the Surface Design Group. She will explain her bleaching technique used to create unique colored cloth, such as the t-shirts that will be done during her workshop. Merry will also tell us about where her art may lead her.

Merry Warner Surface Design Workshop.

Saturday, October 15th, 9am-1pm.

Location: First United Methodist Church, 15 E First St, Mesa.

Create uniquely colored t-shirts by using bleach to remove color instead of adding it. There is a variety of ways to remove color or discharge from dyed fabric, but for controlled results on all kinds of fabric you generally need lots of experience and testing, plus some highly toxic chemicals. Instead, in this workshop you will apply ordinary household bleach to dark, natural-fiber fabrics, either by spraying the bleach or painting soft scrub onto dark colored t-shirts using a resist. My resists consist of lace paper, leaves, or images cut out of contact paper. The results can be very exciting. *Wear old clothes, in case some bleach gets on them.

Workshop Fee: \$15 Members/\$25 Non-members Make checks payable to Telaraña Fiber Guild. You may pay Debi D. at the September Guild Meeting or send a check to PO Box #41832, Mesa, AZ 85274-1832. Questions: Debi, workshops@telarana.org by Wednesday, Oct 12. Registration will close following the general Guild meeting on that date.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Nov 9, 2011: Mary Walker – Navajo weaving

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"

Membership We currently have 51 paid members. We welcome new members, Hilja Martinez, Caroline Wise and Amanda Neal and returning members Terry Neal and Annie Vera Halle. **The deadline for paying your dues to be included in the 2011-2012 Roster is the October 12th Guild meeting.** If your name is not on this list, then you have **not** paid.

Allsopp	Goodrich	Martinez	Reynolds	Wanek
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Broughton	Halle	Monsam	Self	Weinel
Davis	Harrison	Murphy	Stromberg	Winn
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diJeannene	Hunt	Neal, T.	Teller	
Doig	Jarvey	Nelson	Traicoff	
Erb	Lange	Pedersen-	Travis	
Frederick	Leonard	Giles	Wade	
Frihart	Manion	Peel	Wakefield	

MEMBERS GRAPEVINE:

Sharie Monsam has been juried into the new Artist Cooperative at the Mesa Art Center Store. Grand opening will be September 9-11th. There are 5 of her baskets displayed there.

Karen Stromberg's handwoven scarves will be available at a special Art to Wear show at Rima Fine Art Gallery 7130 E Main St at the Scottsdale Artwalk during Scottsdale Fashion Week in February. Also on display will be handwoven/handsewn articles in collaboration between Karen and **Lauren Allsopp**. We'll keep you posted on the exact date!

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! We will have updates and Commitment Forms will be available at the general meetings or on the website, www.telarana.org. We want to hear from you at the general meetings on your progress. Include a \$5 "commitment" fee for a photographer to capture the beauty of your work and produce a calendar. Due date for completed projects is the March 14, 2012 meeting.

Scholarship Available!

Are you planning on taking a fiber-related workshop this year and could use help with the fee? Apply for a **Telaraña Scholarship**. 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 forms will be available at the October meeting. Forms are available on Telaraña website as well. www.telarana.org

Constitution Corner

The first change to our Constitution was published and discussed last month. We will be voting on this item at the October 12 general meeting. If you are unable to attend, please direct your proxy vote, yea or nay, to: Betz Frederick, president@telarana.org. Proxy vote must be received prior to or at the general meeting. Here is the proposed amended Article:

Article VI Amendment of the Constitution:

Section 2. Copies of the proposed amendment must be sent to all members at least thirty days in advance of the general meeting at which a vote will be taken.

Section 3. Approval of the proposed amendment will require a 2/3 majority of votes cast at the meeting when the vote is taken. Members who are unable to attend the meeting may submit their votes by surface mail or email sent to the President. Such votes must be received prior to the meeting at which the vote will be taken, and will be tabulated as absentee votes to be added to number present at the general meeting in order to determine 2/3 majority.

Continuing the updating of our Constitution and By-laws, we are publishing the following, for discussion at the October general meeting. The vote on these amendments will be at the November General meeting.

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. ~~Administrative~~ The Executive Board shall include the Members of the Executive Committee and the Standing Committee Chairmen. Each office will have one vote. Executive Committee 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. ~~The monthly Executive Committee meetings can, at the option of active members, be conducted via e-mail or other means of communication with the Executive Committee membership. Of the seven Executive Committee meetings scheduled during the program year, up to four may be conducted by means other than a physical gathering of the membership quorum. A quorum shall consist of 2/3 of the Executive Committee Membership.~~ 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.

To make it easier to read, here is the text of the proposed revised Section:

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Did You Know... ?

By Karen Stromberg & Lauren Allsopp

Did you know that woven cloth has played valuable roles on the battlefield (and we don't mean bandages)?

- Genghis Khan (d.1227) issued all his Mongolian horsemen with silk vests, as an arrow hitting silk does not break it but ends up embedded in the flesh wrapped in silk, allowing the arrow to be removed by gently teasing the silk open. This also dramatically reduces infections from wounds. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mongolian_armour)
- A friend of Lauren's, John Blakney, told how his grandmother inadvertently saved his father in WWII. She wanted her son to have clean handkerchiefs in case he caught cold. During the Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes Forest, many soldiers didn't have white camouflage gear like the Germans. Blakney's father handed out the handkerchiefs to his men to cover their helmets with and no one with a handkerchief died while crawling across open fields under direct enemy fire.
- Kevlar is a synthetic fiber developed by a female(!) chemist at DuPont in 1965 and is used for racing sails and body armor, to name a few. It's appeal is its high tensile strength-to-weight ratio; by this measure it is 5 times stronger than steel on an equal weight basis! The U.S. Military forces began using Kevlar in the 1980s for personal armor such as combat helmets, ballistic facemasks and ballistic vests. (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevlar>)

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 3rd Monday of each month, 7pm. We had 7 members at our September meeting. Cynthia showed color combining in woven samples and then we looked over everyone's Fair submissions. We will have a good showing at the Fair! In October we will be reviewing compound weaves. All levels of weavers are welcome. If you are interested in our Study Group, contact Linda W., 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

IN AND AROUND TOWN (and elsewhere)

2011 Arizona State Fair

October 14 - November 6 • Closed Mondays & Tuesdays www.azstatefair.com

6th Annual Pueblo Grande Museum Navajo Rug Auction, November 5th. Preview at 10am. Auction begins at noon.

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

Registration is open! AZ FEDERATION FIBERS THROUGH TIME

April 19 - 22, 2012

Four Points by Sheraton, Phoenix, AZ

Find information on classes and instructors and take advantage of the early-bird registration discount: www.azfed.org

Date and Venue Change!

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>

Small Expressions Exhibit

We invite you to enter HGA's annual *Small Expressions* exhibit. Entry deadlines are:

- January 25, 2012, for non-US entries, to allow for int'l delivery
- February 1, 2012, for US entries

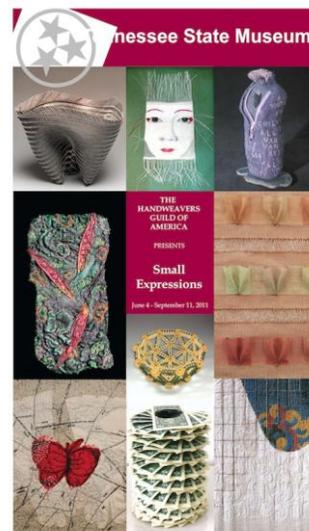
Small Expressions is an annual, international, juried exhibition that features high quality, contemporary fiber art, sponsored by the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc., (HGA). All works are smaller than 15 inches (38 cm) in any direction.

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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