



# Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild

SEPTEMBER 2011

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## September Guild Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 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:** The Executive Board will provide snacks.

**September Raffle:** There will be 2 Raffle baskets available to win! Bring your dollars! The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. *HANDWOVEN* magazines will be available for sale. They have been recently donated by Helen Harrison. Many are quite recent. Thank you, Helen. The Price is 2 for \$1. Buy in increments of 2; no quarters are available for change!

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## President's Message

Dear Telarañians,

Hope all of you have had a great summer and did something with fiber. I was able to do some weaving before leaving for a trip to Europe with my husband. In Lithuania, I met two lovely women who do traditional weaving and spinning. One of them even helped me spin some linen. From there we drove to Estonia and loved this wonderful country. Did you know that Skype was invented in Estonia? We found we could get free internet almost everywhere. I was lucky to meet another weaver and spent the night with her before visiting the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Parnu Guild day. We also visited an old wool factory, which was actually a working museum where they were using old machines to process Hiiumaa fleeces. In Germany and we were amazed at how much Eastern Germany has progressed from the Communist days. It was a wonderful trip but we were glad to get back to our own bed.

I think this is going to be a very exciting year for Telaraña. We had a planning meeting in May and accomplished a lot. Our theme for the year will be *Promoting Fiber Arts in the Community*. If you have any ideas about how we can do this, please share them with me or one of the board members.

In keeping with this theme, we are encouraging members to be involved in a personal challenge and do something or learn something that they have not had the courage to do. I am hoping that a plethora of members will step forward and take up the challenge. You will hear more about this at the meeting and you can read about it elsewhere in this newsletter.

Jean Doig, VP/Program chair has some interesting programs organized. The first meeting is a "**Summer Catch Up**". Members are asked to bring the projects they have been working on over the summer. In order to make Show-and Tell more efficient, a table will be set up to display the items people wish to share. During Show-and Tell, members will have a few minutes to talk about what they made and then leave the article on the table so others can look at it during the break.

Charlotte Weber and Debi Deadmond have been working hard to organize workshops for the coming year. And of course there is *Fibers Through Time* in April 2012, which is sure to be stimulating.

We have had a few changes on the board. Right before I left on vacation, Karen Stromberg notified me that she had to resign immediately as treasurer, due to a professional conflict. After talking to a few of the executive board members, I contacted Paul McLemore who did an excellent job as the board

secretary last year. He is a retired accountant and is very capable of doing an outstanding job as treasurer. He talked to Karen and agreed to accept the position. I asked the executive board to appoint him treasurer since there were no official guild meetings during the summer. At the September Guild meeting, I will ask for a motion from the floor to officially elect him as treasurer. If someone is interested in running against him, please call or send me an email.

The board suggested splitting the position of Publicity/Historian and I am pleased to announce that Karen Stromberg and Lauren Allsopp have agreed to undertake the mammoth task of organizing the Guild materials. They will give a short presentation at the meeting explaining their plan of action. Maureen McCarthy agreed to be chair of Exhibits and Shows. We will hear more about this when she returns to Arizona later in the fall.

Nancy Wanek and her committee have been working hard on getting the Constitution and Bylaws up to date. There is going to be a Constitution/ By-laws corner in the Newsletter and you'll hear more about this at the meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing you and learning what you have been working on over the summer.  
Betz Frederick, President

### **Minutes of Board Meeting**

On August 31, 2011, 7:00pm, the Telaraña board meeting was called to order by President Betz Frederick. Others in attendance were Nancy Wanek, Linda Wade, KarenStromberg, Joy Lange, Sharie Monsam, GloriaTricoff, and Paul McLemore.

The following reports were given:

**President:** Members will vote for treasurer at the September general meeting.

**Vice-President :** The program schedule is nearly complete.

September - Members will share class or workshop experiences and show-and-tell Summer projects.

October - Merry Warner will give a presentation on surface design.

November - To be announced

December - Annual dinner and entertainment

January - Jean Doig will give a presentation about flax *From Seeds to Thread*

February - Sharie will demonstrate and discuss basketry. Members will be able to make a basket.

March -The results of the Personal Challenge projects will be shown.

April - To be announced

May - Annual potluck and stash sale.

**Treasurer:** We have a balance of \$4,456.06 as of August 31,2011. Linda Wade and Betz Frederick will review the books. A motion was made by Joy Lange to accept the proposed 2011/2012 budget. Linda Wade seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

**Ways and Means:** Members of the Guild may choose to accept a "personal challenge" of their own choice to produce a project which will expand their own expertise. See additional information later in this newsletter.

**Historian:** Even though a great deal of information has been collected, more is still needed, particularly Newsletters from years past. Photos will be taken of show-and-tell items in order to document members' work.

**Membership:** We currently have 44 paid members. Last year at this time we had 61.

**Constitution and by-laws:** Many changes are needed to update our Constitution and Bylaws. Each month the newsletter will have information on a particular change to consider. (NOTE: Following the meeting, the Board communicated by email to approve sending the amendments to the general membership via the newsletter. The vote was Yes: 12 No: 0 - no vote: 3.)

**Scholarship:** Discussion ensued about making a scholarship available to assist in workshop registration. Recipient would be asked to share their new knowledge with the guild in some way.

The next board meeting will be on September 28, 2011. Meeting was adjourned, 9:00pm.

Attest, 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

**Telaraña Fiber Guild Budget**

2011-2012 Proposed

Membership	1,575.00
Ways & Means	870.00
Workshops & Trips	<u>1,875.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,320.00</b>

Banking Fees	10.00
Programs	490.00
Workshops & Trips	1,875.00
Rent	495.00
Insurance	475.00
Website	150.00
Ways & Means	50.00
Membership	30.00
Newsletter	65.00
Library	250.00
Publicity	100.00
Historical	75.00
Governance	<u>85.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,150.00</b>

**BALANCE      \$170.00**

**COMING to TELARAÑA**

**SEPT 14: Summer Catch Up** – Projects? Workshops? Show us and tell us!

**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 Methodist Church, Mesa.

4Create uniquely colored tshirts 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.

**Workshop Fee: \$15 per participant** 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: call Debi Deadmond or workshops@telarana.org

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**MEMBERSHIP Dues** for 2011-2012 were due in May. If your name is **not** on this list, you have **not** paid. Please submit dues (\$25 single/\$30 family) to Nancy Wanek, Membership Chair. You can download a membership form at [www.telarana.org](http://www.telarana.org). Please be sure to update your interests and contact info for this year's roster.

**Paid members:**

Allsopp	Haggerty	Manion	Reynolds	Wakefield
Davis	Halle	Martinez	Russell	Wanek
Deadmond	Harrison	McLemore	Self	Weber
diJeannene	Helm	Murphy	Stromberg	Weinel
Doig	Hunt	Nelson	Teller	Winn
Erb	Jarvey	Pedersen-	Traicoff	Wise
Frederick	Lange	Giles	Travis	
Frihart	Leonard	Peel	Wade	

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**MEMBERS GRAPEVINE:**

A Telarana member stopped at the High Country Art Gallery in Pinetop in August and saw Telaraña member **Richard Peel's** wonderful shawls, scarves, towels and other weavings. Wow! There were lots! Richard really is weaving up a storm.

**Sharie Monsam** has been juried into the new Artist Cooperative at the Mesa Art Center Store. Grand opening will be September 9-11<sup>th</sup>. 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 on October 20<sup>th</sup>~~. Also on display will be handwoven/handsewn articles in a collaboration between Karen and **Lauren Allsopp**. This has been rescheduled to February during Scottsdale Fashion Week. Exact date TBA.

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**TELARAÑA CHALLENGE** Attention all fiber folks! **TELARAÑA'S FIRST CHALLENGE** is a *Personal Challenge!* What have you wanted to do or learn but have not 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 on the telarana.org website or at the general meetings. 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 is the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting.

The pinchusions for **Fibers Through Time** are done! FTT wants to have handmade basket pincushions at each place for the banquet, about 200 in all. I volunteered Telaraña to help – hoping that enough of you would be willing to participate in yet another of Ruth’s off the wall projects! And thank goodness you did! Again! Sharie taught 6 of us how to make the little baskets. We made a big mess, had a lot of fun, and got them done.



Next came the pincushion part. Members donated fabric and fiberfill. With Gloria’s help we managed to get the circles cut and the flowers made before the June meeting. Then the fun began again. We all came to the meeting at the fire hall, and gathered and stuffed and stitched and gabbed and got all 47 done in one evening!

I want to thank you all SO much for getting involved. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. We are planning to be a big ‘presence’ at the next Fibers Through Time, (April 20,21 & 22, 2012) and getting involved this early gives us a jump-start. A Big Thank You to all of you.  
Ruth Teller

Karen Stromberg and Lauren Allsopp have been appointed co-Guild Historians. If any of you have absolutely anything regarding the Guild, please either call or email them and they will make arrangements to collect or copy your documents to add to the history. Thank you.

Karen Stromberg  
Lauren Allsopp

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

As we delve into, collect and compile the Guild’s history, we wanted to share tidbits and interesting finds with its members. To do this, we have created a column entitled “Did You Know...”. As we have only just begun our task, we thought we’d start with a tidbit of weaving history, taken from *The Year 1000* by Robert Lacey and Danny Danziger (1999), page 171. Did you know that the word “wife” is derived from the word “weaving”?

Old English law codes reflected the values enshrined in the language of *Englisc*. Women were *wifmenn*, “wife-persons,” with *wif* being derived from the word for “weaving.” Women were responsible for providing the necessary clothing, and this responsibility is reflected in the grave goods with which pagan Anglo-Saxons were buried: women were buried with spindles, weaving batons, and small, symbolic sewing boxes that contain needles, thread, and even minute samples of cloth.

By the year 1000 people were no longer being buried in this fashion. The church told believers that they had no need of physical adornment or accessories for the next world.

**TELARANA SCHOLARSHIP** The Board is considering offering a scholarship this year. Are you interested in taking a workshop at Fibers Through Time Conference in April or one of Telaraña or another guild's workshop? Watch your October newsletter for details. For input and your opinion, pass it on to Karen S. or Sharie.

**NEWEST NEUTRAL FALL COLOR:** The Coldwater Creek catalogue states the "newest neutral color for this fall is rich mossy green". Also heavily featured were Teal, Rust and Gold as well. Head on over to your favorite yarn shop and . . . . .

**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)

**Weavers Study Group:** Our meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 7pm. All levels of weavers are welcome. We have great plans for this year. Our most immediate goal is to have a good showing of entries in the State Fair. Get your applications in by Sept 14! If you are interested in our Study Group, contact Linda W., [newsletter@telarana.org](mailto:newsletter@telarana.org).

**Telaraña Library:**

We are working hard to have the Library Cart at the September meeting. It needs to have a locking door before it can be stored at the church. We also have volunteers that are looking up each of the 217 books on Amazon to get a monetary value to be added to our insurance policy. You may soon see our Telarana Library again!

**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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**Constitution Corner**

At the end of last year, the Board set up a committee to review our Constitution and By-laws. The Committee [Nancy Wanek, Sharie Monsam, Elly Weinel, Linda Wade and Betz Frederick] met over the summer and found that a great number of changes need to be made in order to bring the documents up to date for the guild. Some are as minor as typos or removing descriptions of Board positions that are no longer active. Others are more significant, and will require active discussion before votes are taken. In order to get the process started, the Board has approved two amendments to be sent to the membership for consideration. We are publishing these amendments here, for discussion at the September general meeting. The proposed date for voting on these two amendments is the October 12<sup>TH</sup> general meeting.

**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 ~~Official Annual Meeting~~ **general meeting at which a vote will be taken.**

Section 3. Approval of the proposed amendment will require ~~voting response of 2/3 of the regular membership and of that response, 2/3 must approve the proposal.~~ **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.**

Once the Board has reviewed the additional recommendations of the Committee, we will set up a schedule for (1) publishing in the newsletter (2) dates of meetings for discussion and (3) dates of voting on each of the changes. Please keep watching for articles in the newsletter in the upcoming months. If anyone would like specific information, please feel free to contact Nancy Wanek. Thank you!

## IN AND AROUND TOWN (and elsewhere)

**ARIZONA STATE FAIR** Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild, Inc., sponsors two awards at the State Fair and Exhibition-- the Mary Belle Kellar award for excellence in spinning and the Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners award for excellence in weaving. Both awards are accompanied by \$75 gift certificates to the Fiber Factory in Mesa. Go to:

[http://azstatefair.com/Common/Files/CreativeCraftsCollections\\_2011.pdf](http://azstatefair.com/Common/Files/CreativeCraftsCollections_2011.pdf) for entry forms, rules, and deadlines. NOTE: Applications in the Creative Crafts & Collections divisions must be postmarked by 9/14/2011. You can also enter online. Items must be dropped off on Saturday, 9/24 & Sunday, 9/25. \*\* If you can't drop your entries off at the fair, Susan Clark at Fiber Factory has offered to take them for you. Get them to her the week of Sept 19-23 (no later than Friday, Sept 23!). Be sure to take them in when Susan is there and give them TO Susan, she is in the store evenings and Friday. Have a copy of your entry sheet, your item(s) in a bag and everything clearly marked. Thank you, Susan!

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*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>

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### ***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](#) Long Beach, California

For more information, please visit the website:

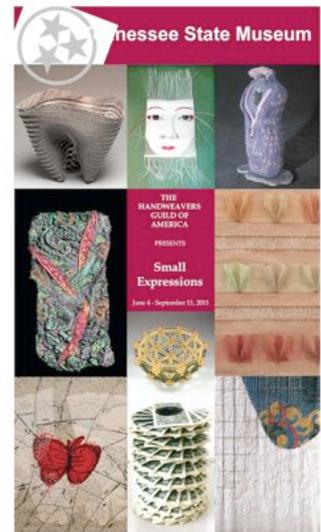
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### **Save the date! AZ FEDERATION FIBERS THROUGH TIME**

**April 19 - 22, 2012**

Four Points by Sheraton, Phoenix, AZ



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