



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild

APRIL 2013

April Guild Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

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 north & south: First Avenue and Second Avenue. The room will be open by 5:30 pm.

Hospitality: As the weather heats up once again please remember that we're trying to be more earth friendly and bring reusable cups and mugs for water. Also this month, I am in need of more volunteers for snacks for the meeting. If you want to try out that new recipe please bring it to the next meeting and we'll be your taste testers! Thanks for all you do to make this guild great.

Raffle Baskets: There will be 5 raffle baskets: **1)** a supported spindle with bowl and colored cotton roving **2)** Dye pot with hot plate and bags of onion skins and Navajo tea **3)** Weaving yarn cones in Spring Colors **4)** 10 cones of colored cotton warp **5)** chunky knitting yarns So! Bring your \$\$ and a lucky rabbit's foot. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

President's Message



Dear Telarañians,

I am always delighted by how generous the fiber community is. The challenge auction is over and I am so proud of all of those who made it a success!! Thank you to the people who donated the 46 pieces that were auctioned off, the members who set up the beautiful display tables, the members who accepted the pieces, wrote names and auction numbers on the items, the spotters, Susan Clark, our wonderful and funny auctioneer, and of course the people who opened their wallets or wrote checks. The total collected was over \$3300. The money will be split between Lodestar Day Resource Center and SEEDs for Autism to promote the

fiber arts in those two nonprofit groups.

Many of you might know about Ann Morton's project, Street Gems at Lodestar. There was a wonderful article about her and the project in *The Arizona Republic* recently. If you didn't see it, it's worth a read: <http://www.azcentral.com/thingstodo/living/articles/20130205street-gems-jewelry-homeless-help.html>

Twelve members of Telaraña have volunteered to provide squares for Ann's newest project, "Ground Cover". This project depends on 300 knitters, crocheters, weavers or quilters to make 1 blanket each. Details were in last month's newsletter or at: <http://groundcoveraz.com/>.



It's not too late to be involved. Contact Ann Morton, annmorton@mac.com and please put "GROUND COVER" in the subject line. I can't wait to see the finished blanket and am proud that Telaraña is participating in this worthwhile project.

You may have been at the meeting when Mary Ann LaRoche told us about **SEEDs for Autism** and encourage us to volunteer. Several of our members including Hilja Martinez and Nancy Pimentel have done just that. I thought it might be a good idea to have the clients at SEEDs try their hand at weaving so I sent out a message to all my Telaraña friends asking for rigid heddle looms that they would be willing to donate or sell cheaply. The response was overwhelming. Terri McCook donated a warped inkle loom. Phil Leonard, Mary Walker, Diane Wolf and Caryl Drain all donated rigid heddle looms. Others donated yarn. My dream is to have enough rigid heddles and inkle looms so those that those who want can have their own to make items to be sold in the SEEDs store. We are well on the way to realizing that dream.

I volunteered at SEEDs last week. The well-organized SEEDs program is housed in a large warehouse on the corner of 15th Ave and Grand. I was told that they were next door but outgrew that space. I can see why, because SEEDs is an active, growing organization. When everyone arrived, they knew exactly what to do. There was a list posted of the classes that the clients rotated through that day. After a short introduction, everyone went to his/her assigned workstation. I was in charge of weaving and had two people to work with. One did stick weaving and the other wove on the inkle loom that had been donated. After break they switched places so they got to experience both types of weaving. Lunch was at 11 and two new people came to the weaving station. I was pleased with how quickly they learned and how engaged they were. I had an enjoyable time and encourage you to try to find time in your schedule to volunteer for a morning at SEEDs. If you are interested, contact maryann.laroche@cox.net.

These are only a couple of examples of ways our members give back to others and I know there are many more. I would like to thank all of you who so generously give your time and money to help Telaraña and others. It is a pleasure to be associated with such a generous fiber community.

Betz Frederick, President

Minutes of Board Meeting March 27, 2013

Called to order at 7:05pm

In attendance: Betz Frederick, Debi Deadmond, Paul McLemore, Elly Weinel, Gloria Traicoff, Karen Stromberg, Ginny Davis, Nancy Wanek, Christine Hunt, Hilja Martinez, Sharie Monsam, Mary Snyder, Becky Helm, Nancy Pimental, Maureen McCarthy, Linda Wade

Betz has talked to our Church representative about the possibility of renewing the lease of our meeting room for a longer term, 3-5 yrs. He will check with the Church board. Meantime, Betz, Nancy P., Maureen, Amanda and Debi will meet with Kent about renovations to the meeting room on April 7.

Maureen has 2 display stands that she has offered to the Guild. The usefulness vs. storage requirements was discussed. One of them may be useful for us if we have an exhibit. Maureen will temporarily house it until a final decision is reached.

Paul, Treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$8600.82. This total includes proceeds from the March charity auction of \$3326.

Sharie: An additional check for auction items was given to Paul at the Board meeting and payment from one bidder is still due. The proceeds will be divided and donation checks presented to the two receiving charities at our April general meeting. Our Constitution allows us to donate to other non-profits in support of fiber arts. Lodestar will earmark our donation to be used entirely in fiber art projects; SEEDs for Autism is incorporating weaving into the skills taught to their clients.

After the success of our inaugural Guild auction, discussion ensued about whether to repeat the effort. There was general agreement that if we are to hold another auction, it should be biennial, in a year that does not hold "Fibers Through Time".

Karen and Maureen, Exhibitions and Shows, had more info on the Mesa Arts Festival which will be in December. Two members would need to apply and when they are accepted, we would be able to put up our Telaraña banner in the booth and other members would be able to show and sell their items. Nancy made a motion that the Guild underwrite the application fees (2 x \$25), the booth fee (\$250), tent and chairs (\$100); Gloria seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. We can eliminate the tent/chair fee if we provide our own. It was also approved that the Committee (Karen, Maureen, and Alexanna) has authority to select the 2 artists to apply in behalf of the Guild. Discussion will continue on commitments and requirements to members that wish to sell in the booth. It was proposed that any member offering items for sale would reimburse the Guild \$20 plus a percentage of sales to help offset the cost of the booth. Paul will check for a single event sales tax permit for city and state under the Telaraña umbrella.

Debi, Vice President, still has a few unfilled committee chairs for next year's board. Bonnie Inouye is a possibility for a program and workshop next year.

Christine, Programs: Cindy Shanks will begin her program at 6:00pm.

Ginny, Library, will prepare a blurb for the Newsletter reminding members to turn in their books monthly.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Submitted by Linda Wade
For Phil Leonard, Secretary

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April Program Cindy Shanks will present a new program about the Arizona Sheep Trail. The program will start earlier than usual, 6:00pm.

"Come along on the trail! Come with me as we meet Emily on the farm near Florence. We will spend a little time with the lambs and then follow the bands of 2000 ewes as they head north for the cool summer. We will follow along on a map and see the beauty of Arizona in places that you may have never visited. Experience life on the trail with the dogs, the burros and the men. Join me for the experience of a lifetime - through my eyes." - Cindy

Upcoming Program

MAY: Stash Reduction Sale Silent Auction! It is time to clean out your stash of yarns and fiber-related items and donate them to the Guild to be put in the silent auction. Then walk around and bid on yarn and things that YOU can use! It is a fun time and a chance to get rid of unloved yarn and to buy some other items that you might really use! If you have more expensive fiber items that you want to SELL, contact Sharie and ask for table space to sell (15% of your sales goes to the Guild).

Letter to Telaraña Members: I just wanted to say thank you to ALL of the Telaraña members for their hard work, time, and participation in your successful and meaningful fundraiser. Personally, I was thrilled to see such beautiful handcrafted items, made with such detail and devotion within such a variety of weaving arts.

As a blacksmith artist, and member of the blacksmith association, I appreciate the fact that you also strive to exist for community and education, with keeping the art alive, and having a cause to help out for charity. So SEEDs appreciates the fact that you are supporting our nonprofit, since we are based around education, opportunity for our underprivileged participants, and teaching them a variety of skills. We see how teaching these skills are guiding them towards independence and knowledge of how to use their hands to create functional items with traditional skills.

With deepest appreciation,
Mary Ann LaRoche, Executive Director
SEEDs for Autism

At our February meeting, we had a visitor from *The Country Register* – Patty Duncan. Her article about the visit is in this month's magazine, page 3.
<http://www.countryregister.com/publishers/publishersites/arizona/images/AZ%20CR%20A-M%202013.web.pdf>

MEMBERSHIP

If a new member joins Telaraña in April or May, their \$25 membership fee will cover all of 2013-2014. A reminder to all current members, dues are payable now for next year. We hope to have everyone renew by May 31st. Please let me know if there are any changes to your current listing in the roster.

Upcoming Workshops

Tucson Handweavers & Spinners Guild:

Dyeing with Plants & other Dyes from Nature

Instructor: Dr. Glenna Dean

Date: Thursday, April 25th and Friday, April 26th, Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Amphi Bible Church; 226 W. Prince Road (Oracle and Prince)

Cost: \$94 Members, \$124 Nonmembers (Half-year membership available)

<http://www.thsg.org/pcm/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Workshop-Registration-Form.pdf>

Demonstrations/Outreach: We have another opportunity to show what we do at **SEEDs for Autism's Art Jam Social**, April 27, 10am – 4pm. Please let me know if you are able to come (all day or just a few hours). I will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting, or email Elly, webmaster@telarana.org

Here is a link to the event flyer: <http://telarana.org/images/seeds%20flyer%206.pdf>

Exhibits and Shows: Telaraña is applying for admission into the **Mesa Arts Center Festival** in December 2013. We need at least two individuals who would be willing to submit individual applications in order to proceed with the application. If you are interested in exhibiting and selling as part of the Telaraña Guild, please contact Karen or Maureen, webmaster@telarana.org. We will hold a meeting for all those interested to cover the application process, the standards and requirements of **Mesa Arts Center Festival** and other information.

Tapestry/Navajo Study Group meets on the first Saturday of the month, at MCC Red Mountain campus, 9am-12:30. It will be in room 114 of the Palo Verde building. 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. All levels of weavers are welcome. For more information, contact Linda W., webmaster@telarana.org. At our April meeting, we will distribute napkins from our exchange project.

Library: We are getting to the end of our year and we have housekeeping to do. I need your help with the Library. This is a gentle reminder to return all Library books, DVDs, etc. to the cart at the April meeting. I know this is not common knowledge, but Library items are due at the next general meeting after being checked out. There are many items that have been out for several months. So, please check your personal library, studios, and craft areas for any items you may have forgotten about. We need all items returned so we can complete the end of year audit after the April meeting.

Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Our Guild representative to the Federation, Gloria Traicoff reports that the next meeting will be April 13. She will happily report on our auction. If there's anything else members would like her to bring up, contact her at webmaster@telarana.org

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 Wednesday of the month (except June, July, and August). Please email submissions to webmaster@telarana.org

IN AND AROUND TOWN (and elsewhere)

The City of Chandler Art Walk, every 3rd Friday, 6-10pm.
<http://downtownchandler.org/downtown-chandler-art-walk/>

Sunday A'Fair: Scottsdale Civic Center Mall, Scottsdale, April 7. Arts and crafts, outdoor concert. Free.
http://www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org/special_events_sunday_afair.php

Scottsdale Art Walk, every Thursday, 7-9pm <http://scottsdalegalleries.com/about/scottsdale-artwalk/>

Taos Fiber Marketplace April 19-21, 2013, The Taos Convention Center will be transformed into a fiber filled wonderland with a great variety of vendors. Scattered throughout the festival will be artists demonstrating the techniques they use to create their beautiful finished products, in addition to all the fiber supplies needed to create them! www.taosfibermarketplace.com

Museum Of Indian Arts and Culture, Santa Fe: "Woven Identities: Baskets from the Museum Collection" through May 1st.

Phoenix Art Museum, Ellman Fashion Design Gallery, through July 14, 2013
"Digital Print Fashion" features over 40 works by contemporary designers who incorporate digitally printed textiles in their designs. <http://www.phxart.org/exhibition/digitalprintfashion>

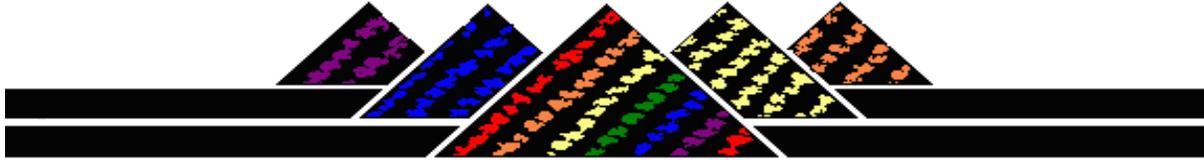
DENVER ART MUSEUM: "Texture and Tradition: Japanese Woven Bamboo" through July 28th

Heard Museum "Picture this: Navajo Pictorial Textiles through Sept. 2nd.

Museum Of International Folk Art, Santa Fe: "Plain Geometry: Amish Quilts, through Sept. 1st.

Silver City Fiber Arts Festival, Silver City, NM, November 15-16. Save the date!
<http://www.fiberartscollective.org/pdfs/Save%20the%20date%20flyer%202013.pdf>

Desert Caballeros Western Museum, Wickenburg, "Three Mesas, Three Art Forms, The Jerry Cowdrey Hopi Collection" through Nov. 10th. <http://www.westernmuseum.org/Three-Mesas-Three-Art-Forms-The-Jerry-Cowdrey-Hopi-Collection-W58.aspx>

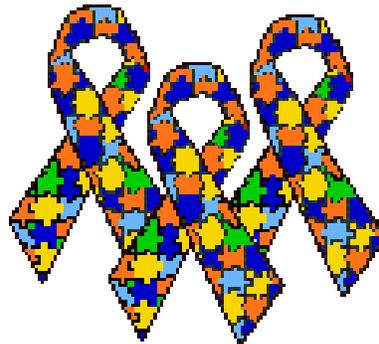


**INTERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS CONFERENCE
IWC 2013 - A Conference for Fiber Artists
Celebrating 30 Years**

Intermountain Weavers Conference will celebrate its 30th anniversary, July 25 - 28, 2013 at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. Mark your calendars so you will not miss this wonderful event with 3-day workshops, exhibits, and a vendor market.

IWC 2013 will honor all attending participants by featuring their work in a very special exhibit, A Celebration of Fiber. The exhibit will be open to all participants – work will not be juried into the exhibit. Numerous awards will be given. Look for more details to come. A separate exhibit will showcase work by workshop leaders and board members.

Workshop registration is now open! [Our online registration form is available here.](#) If you prefer to mail us your registration, you can download a [printable registration form.](#)
Visit the website for updates, www.intermountainweavers.org



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