



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild

JANUARY 2013

January Guild Meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 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 6:30 pm.



Hospitality: Thanks to all who participated and helped out in the holiday potluck. It was a fun and festive evening. This year we will continue to have great events and great food to go with them. Please feel free to bring any dishes you wish to share to any meeting. We love to be the taste testers of your new recipes! As always, please label all ingredients. We are trying to be more earth friendly this year and will continue to use reusable mugs for coffee and water, if you have a favorite mug you'd like to bring or donate, please bring to any meeting and help us think green. Thanks again to all the members; I couldn't do this without everyone's help and donations.

January Raffle: For those who are doing or want to do a rag rug, we have fabric precut and ready to weave! It is a lovely blue print cotton. Weaving baskets: We have 2 cones of 5/2 cotton that will be in one basket; in another weaving basket, miscellaneous cones of many colors of textured yarn. Knitting basket: There is a basket of sock yarn for you knitters!

President's Message

Dear Telarañians,

Our President, Betz Frederick and her husband Harold are traveling in the Galapagos. Doesn't it look like Betz is wondering, "Is there any part of this tortoise that could be used for fiber art?" Lucky for the tortoise, I don't think so!



Telaraña ended 2012 with some great activities, and inspirations for 2013. The December Pot Luck was festive and delicious. Our booth at the Mesa Art Center's Art Show was a fun event. Thank you to Elly for organizing it, with a big assist from Ruth, and all the Telaraña members who participated. We were busy educating people of all ages, spreading the word of fiber arts activities and resources in the area. The samples hanging in our booth got a lot of attention, too. Maybe next year we could be ready for selling? One person we met was an attractive young woman who wanted some help with a knitted hat. She was carrying a stuffed backpack, and we realized she was homeless. I've thought of her often, as the nights grow colder and wonder where she is.

Ann Morton, a former guild member who is now at ASU came to tell us of her journey in using fiber art as a medium to create connections to homeless people in our community. Her public art projects such as Unentitled (her MFA Thesis), setting up the Street Jems project where homeless individuals make jewelry from found objects, and her upcoming Ground Cover project with its goal of 300 blankets are thought provoking and beneficial to all involved. Through Ann, our guild has made a connection to the Lodestar Day



Resource Center in Phoenix. Many members have donated clothes and personal items, but the most special gift was from Dorothy. A quiet, caring woman with a huge heart, Dorothy set herself a goal of knitting 100 hats for the Center to distribute. The 100+ hats decorated the room at our December meeting, and were taken to the Center by Ann.

If you missed it, go back to the email from Sharie entitled: "FW:Hats!" (12/20) to see the pictures of the crowd that gathered to pick out hats. Heartwarming images, to say the least.

As we begin the New Year, let us have a greater appreciation for all that we have, and a stronger commitment to share what we do with others. Let's make Telaraña an even more active fiber arts *community*.

Nancy Wanek
Past President

No Board Meeting was held in December.

2012 - 2013 Executive Board			
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January Program & Mini-workshop

JANUARY: Alpaca fiber...from farm to fiber art with Sue Bunch and Karyn Doria. Learn and appreciate why the fiber from the alpaca is so special. We'll find out where the animal comes from, how the fiber is used and the various steps in preparing the fiber for a variety of end results, including felting. Finished examples of products using the luxurious fiber will be available to see and touch.

Telaraña member, Karyn Doria, raises alpacas on her ranch in Snowflake, **Darkhorse Ranch Alpacas**.
<http://www.openherd.com/farms/190/darkhorse-ranchalpacas> or
<https://www.facebook.com/darkhorseranchalpacas>

Sue Bunch, of **Back to Back Fiber Products**, will present a hands-on Make 'n Take to create popular needle felted Funky Felted Pins. If you have never needle felted before be prepared to be amazed. If you are already a needle felter you will learn a few new techniques. All materials will be provided. Back to Back Fiber Products supports the North American alpaca industry by manufacturing Pacafil--a non-woven alpaca product that is used by quilters, felters and weavers. See info later in this newsletter on the workshop she will present for us on Feb 2.



* Mini workshop before meeting: **Nalbinding** - come early (6:30) if you can, and Bill Oliphant will show us the basics of this ancient form of textile work that uses just a single-eyed needle to make things like socks, mittens and hats. You do not need to bring anything. Yarn and needles will be provided along with a handout on how to get started. If you cannot come early, you can still pick up a handout and figure it out watching YouTube videos (that's how Bill learned it).

Upcoming Programs

FEBRUARY: Ruth Greenspan will discuss judging skeins according to a rubric that evaluates skeins on their own merit. Members are invited to bring skeins in to be evaluated by Ruth. Also, members will bring in different brands of spinning and carding tools to sample and compare.

MARCH: Challenge

APRIL: Cindy Shanks, Arizona Sheep Trail. Cindy will present a new, more detailed program about the trail, with many previously unshared photos and stories.

MAY: Annual Stash Reduction Sale and Summer Send-Off Pot Luck.

Upcoming Workshops

FELTED ALPACA BAG WORKSHOP

Date: Saturday Feb 2, 2013. Time: 9:00am-2:00pm.

Location: Mesa Fire Station Community Room at 360 East First St, Mesa

"Wet Felt a Purse" Taught by **Sue Bunch** of **Back to Back Fiber Products**
(www.backtobackalpaca.com)

This class will give you instruction on how to wet felt a small clutch purse. Techniques learned here can be used to create other wet felted projects in three dimensions. If you have experienced this type of felting before you will be introduced to some methods learned from an Australian felter that makes the process much easier for most that have done wet felting previously.

Class cost \$30...Cash, Check and all credit cards accepted at time of class (cost includes materials)

If you want to make a larger project you can just purchase additional fiber and make the size you wish. Other favorite projects are Kindle or iPad cases. Have a favorite purse you want to re-create? Bring it along and we can discuss how to proceed.

Various rovings will be available for students to select from. Participants may bring their own fibers if they wish.

Note: Wear comfortable clothes. Bring several old bath towels.

Contact: Mary Snyder, webmaster@telarana.org



Arizona Desert Weavers & Spinners Guild will host a workshop with Jannie Taylor on Shadow Weave, March 21-23. \$50 deposit holds your place. Send to Virginia Glenn, 15819 W. Avalon Dr. Goodyear 85395.

Workshop will be held at the Guild's regular meeting place: Northtown Community Center
2202 E. Waltann Lane. Phoenix, AZ 85022

Final cost estimated between \$120-200 vmatglenn@aol.com

Demonstrations/Outreach:



Cub Scout Winter Day Camp Five members of the guild, Hilja Martinez, Jean Doig, Ginny Davis, Lorri Weelden & Wendy Beaver, demonstrated for 300 Cub Scouts, their leaders, and staff at the Cub Scout Winter Day Camp sponsored by the Grand Canyon Council, Boy Scouts of America. The group presented an overview of carding, spinning, drop spinning, and weaving. The demonstration was very well received and the demonstration team received many compliments. Following the main presentation, Wendy spent time with the staff children spinning, trying on homespun articles, and playing with vintage toys.

Richard Peel and the **Friendship Village weavers** have donated a children's upright tapestry loom to Telaraña. Sharie will get it warped so it can be used at the Pueblo Grande Technology Day and for other Demo functions.

Challenge Calendars: We still have a few calendars to be picked up, but all the calendars have been sold/spoken for. After expenses, we've made \$198.46, with \$60 still to be collected. In addition to that, last year we collected \$75 in "commitment fees" from those who participated in our Guild Challenge and provided the items that were photographed for the calendar.

2013 Donation Challenge: Make something extra this year to be auctioned off for a donation to charity. Have it finished by our March meeting. Are you working on an item for the Challenge Auction? We will be asking at the meeting. Bring the item if it is finished to share and excite!

Tapestry/Navajo Study Group: will be meeting Saturday, January 5, 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. Mary will show us how to braid with metal wire at our January meeting. All levels of weavers are welcome. If you are interested in our Study Group, contact Linda W., 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

MEMBERSHIP Our current membership, including all family members is 91. Here is a list of new members who were not listed in the printed roster:

Sharon Romance

Dyeing, Spinning, Felting, Knitting, Alpaca, Animal Husbandry, beginning weaving

Heather Erhart

Dyeing, Spinning, Knitting, 4H weaving

Brenda Brock

Dyeing, Spinning, Rigid Heddle and 4H Weaving, Knitting, Crochet

Colleen Murphy

Dyeing, Felting, Tapestry, Multiharness, 4-Harness Weaving

IN AND AROUND TOWN (and elsewhere)

Don't throw your old calendars away! I have a HUGE favor to ask of you. I have a friend who makes recycled art using calendars. They CAN have writing on them. She turns them into beautiful butterflies! So, please save those calendars and I will pick them up at the Telaraña meeting in January. -- Sharie



YARN BOMBING: The Mesa Art Center is going to cover their trees around the center for the Festival of Creativity, March 13-17. They would like stripes only of these dimensions:

Shadow Walk trees: 4 feet long by 15", 20" OR 30" long

Giant Palm Trees: 6-8 feet long by 40", 50" or 60" long

These are due by **March 1st, 2013** Take to the Box Office at the MAC. Contact Billy Jones at 480-644-6541 for questions.

Tucson Handweavers & Spinners Guild, a fiber arts community



Magic of Tucson Fashion Show, Luncheon & Boutique.

On Saturday, March 2, 2013, the Tucson Handweavers & Spinners Guild will hold a Fashion Show, Luncheon & Boutique at the DoubleTree Hotel Reid Park, 445 S. Alvernon Way, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Imagine the brilliant colors of hand-dyed silks, the rich

textures and lush drape of hand-woven clothing and accessories, centerpieces artistically formed from Tucson desert materials, and unique art. All will be available in the Boutique from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Education exhibits and demonstrations to entice your creative spirit will begin at 10 a.m. and end at noon. Raffle Baskets filled with exciting hand-crafted items, gift certificates, and donations by local merchants will be yours for a ticket and a lucky draw. Winners will be announced during the Fashion Show, but you need not be present to win. These events are open to the public and free of charge. The Luncheon will start at noon, followed by the Fashion Show featuring the creative artwork from the THSG Community. Luncheon and Fashion Show cost is \$40 per person. The Registration Form is available at www.thsg.org

Arizona Fiber Mill Opens! Arizona Fiber Mill, LLC is a family owned business located in Prescott Valley.

After learning that ranchers had to ship their fiber out of state for processing and that it could take from six months to 1 year to receive the finished product, (at a tremendous expense) Rita and Tom came up with the concept of the Arizona Fiber Mill. They process alpaca, wool, mohair, cashmere, angora, and any other animal fiber that is at least 3 inches in length.

“In the future the Mill will provide blending of your fiber with a choice of bamboo, nylon for sock yarn, silk or anything of your choice. The Mill’s retail outlet will offer hand knits, woven products, and felted creations for the discriminating consumer. As time permits the Mill will have retail yarn for sale.

We welcome you to come by our shop, visit and learn with us. You can also check us out on our web page www.arizonafibermill.com”

CHANDLER CENTER FOR THE ARTS 250 N. Arizona Ave. Chandler: “Art Quilts: Integrating a Paradox”. More than 60 handmade quilts are on exhibit Jan. 19.

MESA ART CENTER, 1 E. Main, Mesa 33rd Annual Contemporary Crafts, Jan. 25th-March 31st. Sharie Monsam has another basket juried into this show. Reception, Friday, Jan.25th, 6-9pm.

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

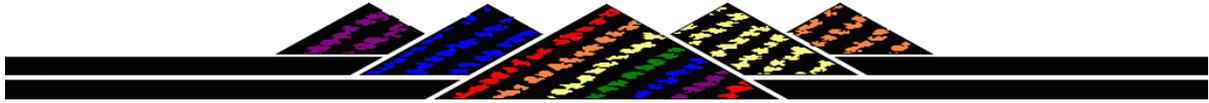
GALLERY WEST: 6420 n. Campbell Ave., Tucson “Ethnographic Materials of the Apaches” showing clothing, baskets and bags from the 19th century, through March 2

Downtown Mesa will be buzzing with activity with the return of Mesa's celebration of **Mesa Arts & Crafts Festival** (MACFest). **MACFest** is a free event featuring unique artist creations, music and fun for the whole family. **1st and 3rd Saturdays each month**, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Location: on North Macdonald St., between Main St. and Pepper Pl., with this one-block section closed to vehicle traffic.

For more information, please call 480-644-6500 or visit www.MACFestMesa.com.

Downtown Chandler Art Walk The Art Walk provides a fun family atmosphere where you can browse the many different types of art available from our talented artists.

Third Friday of Every Month, 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

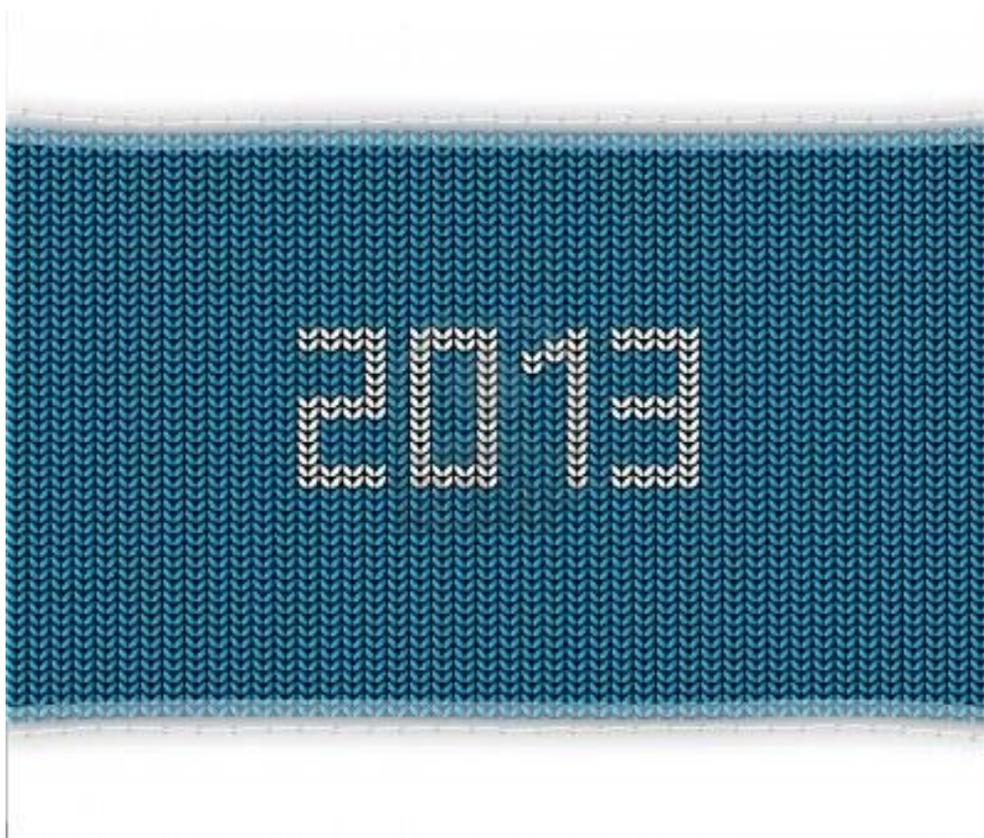


**INTERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS CONFERENCE
IWC 2013 - A Conference for Fiber Artists
Celebrating 30 Years**

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.

Visit the website for updates, www.intermountainweavers.org



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