



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild

DECEMBER 2012

December Guild Meeting

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

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 6:00 pm.



Hospitality: Potluck! Bring your favorite dish.

December Raffle: No raffle this month, but there will be sales tables for members who wish to sell their goods. See details under program info.

President's Message

Dear Telarañians,

I love taking workshops and classes because I learn so much. The dyeing and weaving workshops with Teresa Ruch were no exception. I got to dye both a warp and two skeins of yarn. I really like the bright colors and can't wait to get yarn on the loom to see how they weave up. One of the skeins I dyed was purple and the other one was green so I am hoping I get some iridescence in the scarf. In the weaving workshop, different wefts and setts were used to discover how yarn twist, sett, and the weight of the yarn all contribute to drape of the fabric. We shared our samples at the end and were able to feel and see the differences that sett and weft make. We had enough yarn left on our looms to make a scarf. This is a picture of the one Debi Deadman made.



I was born on Thanksgiving Day and it has always been my favorite holiday. This year was no exception. Our daughter flew over from Sydney and we had a crowd. The same people have been coming to our house for about 10 years. Most are past students and their children and spouses. They don't have family in the area so we have become their extended family. As I reflected on the good time we had, I started thinking about how very blessed I am to have so many riches in my life. There are many people, who are struggling. The holiday season is especially difficult for the homeless. At our June meeting we collected toiletries for the Lodestar Day Resource Center. For those of you who don't know about the Lodestar Day Resource Center, it's mission is to provide a safe, engaging, holistic community that empowers people to end their homelessness and create positive, long-term life changes. Our members were very generous and I took a tub overflowing with items to the center. I got to tour the facility and was very impressed with the work they are doing to help the homeless. At the December meeting we are going to again collect toiletries for the center. If you don't have anything around that you can contribute, please consider picking up some personal size toiletries next time you are at the supermarket. Ann

Morton will be speaking at the December meeting about her work with the homeless community and her future intentions in the pursuit of her socially motivated fiber art. I am sure it will be a very informative program.



Speaking of donations, I was thrilled to hear about Dorothy McLemore’s latest challenge to herself. At the last meeting, she announced that she is going to make 100 hats for the Lodestar Day Resource Center. She is well on her way to completing this challenge. We will be celebrating her success at the December meeting and she will present the 100 hats to Ann Morton who will distribute them to people who need them.

I hope to see you at the December 12th potluck meeting. No need to bring plates or silverware, as these will be provided. The dinner starts at 6:30 but the room will be opened at 6:00 for set-up.

Betz Frederick, President

No Board Meeting was held in November. Treasurer, Paul McLemore, reports a current bank balance of \$6148.55.

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December Program

"Unentitled" - From picking up lost items on the road and highways to her work with the homeless in downtown Phoenix, Ann Morton has employed a range of fiber-based techniques to create her work. Ann will share her experiences from her most recent body of work, "Unentitled", and discuss her challenges and future intentions in the pursuit of her socially motivated fiber art. Ann is a native Phoenician, and recently secured her MFA in Fibers from ASU.

Pot luck details: Don't forget this meeting will be our annual Holiday potluck. Please bring your favorite holiday dish to share. Guild will provide drinks, plates, utensils. Remember to bring serving utensils and label your dishes with your name and the ingredients.

Set up starts at **6 pm**; dinner to start at **6:30 pm**. Guests and family members are welcome to join us. Happy Holidays.

MORE! Bring items to sell: we will have a craft table available for members to sell their items. 15% of sales will go to the guild. Each member showing will take care of their sales and give receipts to Sharie for the Ways and Means tally.

Upcoming Programs

JANUARY: Alpaca fiber...from farm to fiber art with Sue Bunch and Karyn Doria. We will learn and appreciate why fiber from alpacas is so special.

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 Workshop

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

Demonstrations/Outreach:

Mesa Arts Festival. Saturday and Sunday, Dec 8 & 9. Both days are from 10am to 5pm. Location: Mesa Arts Center, corner of Main St and Center.

Two days full of food, music, and vendors selling their crafts. Last year we were invited to demonstrate and had a great time. We were situated smack in the middle of campus and attracted a lot of people. So we are doing it again. I have had a good response from demonstrators, but if you want to come out and join us with a fiber related activity that would be great, even if you have only a couple of hours.

I will try to get us shade and bring a few chairs (4). You will have to unload on Center and then move your car to a designated parking lot. Need more information? Contact Elly: webmaster@telarana.org

Cub Scout Winter Day Camp, Saturday, December 29. 12:15 – 12:45pm
Heard Scout Pueblo, 1901 E Dobbins Rd Phoenix, AZ

We've been asked to demonstrate to 300 Cub Scouts during "quiet time". Volunteers will need to meet to plan the presentation, perhaps having a narrator explain as various volunteers demonstrate carding/spinning/weaving/crochet/knitting. If you would like to participate, contact Wendy Beaver, webmaster@telarana.org

CALENDAR: We still have a few Challenge Calendars for sale. We need to sell them all. Don't forget -- they will be terrific Christmas presents. If you didn't pick up your pre-order last month, see Linda at the meeting.

DONATION CHALLENGE: Make something extra this year to be auctioned off for a donation to charity. Have it finished by our March meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP: The Deadline is almost here! Scholarship applications are being accepted until **Dec. 12**. Any workshop or class taken between June 1, 2012-May 30, 2013 is eligible. Applications are available on our website: www.telarana.org

Library: Remember to turn in your borrowed books and browse our new additions.

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. In November, we had several members show and discuss their sampler from the Teresa Ruch workshop. Afterwards, Hilja demonstration finger weaving. 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

IN AND AROUND TOWN (and elsewhere)

Shemer Arts Center "Home for the Holidays" Show and Sale, December 2-31.

Hours vary, see website www.shemerartcenter.org

5005 East Camelback Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85018

Tel: (602) 262-4727 Tues-Sat 10 am to 3 pm, Thurs evenings 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Sundays noon to 3 pm.

Local artists' work will be on display and available for sale throughout December. The Art Center will be festively decorated and will remain open on the weekends to help facilitate holiday shopping. Visit the open house Sunday, Dec. 2, from noon-3 p.m.

* Be sure to stop by and see items in the Show/Sale by Telaraña weaver, **Karen Stromberg**.

PUEBLO GRANDE INDIAN MARKET Dec. 8th and 9th, Phoenix

HEARD MUSEUM "Holidays at the Heard" Dec. 26-31, Phoenix, dance and artist demos

CHANDLER CENTER FOR THE ARTS 250 N. Arizona Ave. Chandler: "Art Quilts: Integrating a Paradox" through Jan 19th.

MARK SUBLETTE MEDICINE MAN GALLERY, Santa Fe, NM: "Navajo Saddle Blankets circa 1890-1930" includes Germantowns, pictorials and twills.

PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM, Palm Spring, CA: "Southwest Textiles from the Permanent Collection" through Dec. 30.

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.

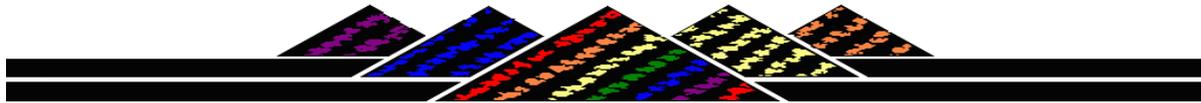
For more information, please call 480-644-6500 or visit www.MACFestMesa.com.

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

Navajo Weavers Marketplace: Heard Museum, Saturday, Dec.1st 10am-4pm. More than 50 weavers will fill the central courtyard to sell their textiles. There will also be raffles, lectures and weaving demos.





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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