



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild

MARCH 2013

March Guild Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 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 for set-up. The auction will start promptly at 7:00.

Hospitality: Remember that we are trying to cut down on the garbage we create at each meeting; please try to bring one of your favorite mugs for our great coffee and hot tea. Thanks to all the members who signed up to help with the refreshments for the March meeting, our meetings wouldn't be as great without members volunteering. Thanks to all.

No Raffle this month.

President's Message

Dear Telarañians,

The challenge auction is nearly at hand and I can't wait to see all the beautiful items that have been donated. One hundred percent of the money raised will be split between two worthy nonprofits: Lodestar Day Resource Center and SEEDs for Autism. Let me tell you a little about each charity.



The Lodestar Day Resource Center's mission is to provide safe, engaging, holistic community that empowers people to end their homelessness and create positive, long-term life changes. This innovative agency serves as a gateway to self-sufficiency and success for homeless individuals. They welcome and engage individuals; help them transition from crisis to stability; aid them in removing their barriers to self-sufficiency; and finally ensure they have stable income and housing, thus ending their homelessness. For more information visit their website at:

<http://lodestardrc.org>

SEEDs for Autism provides Vocational Training for Adults with Autism & Asperger's. Their mission is to nurture and grow the spirits and skill of their clients with Autism Spectrum Disorders through education and job training that promotes work ethic, pride and success in an environment that is tailored to the client's individual needs and comfort. This non-profit gives a much needed opportunity to a population of adults who would otherwise would remain cut off from the community after high school. Instead of trying to integrate their clients into a work environment where they might become over stimulated, the program is tailor made to meet the individual needs of each client. They learn and produce in a classroom studio setting, where they can grow and successfully be taught new skills at their own pace. They produce functional products for resale, related to the arts. For more information, visit their website:

<http://seedsforautism.org>



It's not too late to donate an item to the auction, just bring it to the meeting or drop it off at the Fiber Factory or Tempe Yarn and Fiber. It can be something you just created or something you have been holding on to. So bring a friend, your checkbook and join the fun. Cash donations will also be accepted and appreciated. Remember, **100%** of the proceeds will be split between the two charities.

Betz Frederick, President

Minutes of Board Meeting January 30, 2013

The Board met at the Mesa 1st Street fire station from 7:09 to 9:15 p.m. Betz Frederick chaired the meeting. Present: Nancy Wanek, Nancy Pimentel, Hilja Martinez, Ginny Davis, Paul McLemore, Betz Frederick, Linda Wade, Debi Deadmond, Phil Leonard, Amanda Neal, Christine Hunt, Maureen McCarthy. Sharie Monsam participated via speaker phone.

Betz circulated an agenda, and began the meeting at 7:09. She mentioned hearing from Sharie, reminded us about the March 20 meal with Susan Clark, and read from the recent survey results. These included a need for updating our meeting space, and that the church has indicated willingness to do that. We discussed paint, lighting, room use costs, and lease renewal. A meeting with the church delegate, and consultation with other groups using the room, will be planned. Depending on the outcome of the meeting, a 5-year renewal of lease may be requested.

Paul passed out a Treasurer's Report, indicating a bank balance of \$5,274.58, and commented on a few items outstanding. **Betz** and **Nancy** volunteered to clarify two of these. Paul's report was accepted.

Nancy Wanek gave a membership update: 97 guild members, and attendance of 40+ at our recent meetings. We discussed survey results, including noise during meetings, some of it due to the size of the room and general audience noise, some of it due to conversations carried on by members during program presentations. It was agreed that a microphone for the presenters might be helpful and was referred to the projector committee for investigating costs. Nancy continued by indicating the slate of nominees for next year's officers: Debi Deadmond (Pres.), Christine Hunt (VP), Paul McLemore (Treasurer), and Lorri Van Weelden (Secretary), with voting scheduled for the April guild meeting. The nominating committee will proceed to recommendations for committee chairs in cooperation with Debi Deadmond.

Nancy reported plans for the March 9 event at Pueblo Grande, for which about 10 people have signed up. Details will be in the newsletter.

Policy for non-member fees for workshops was voted on: Nancy made a motion that no additional fee would be charged to non-members for workshops less than \$50; \$20 additional fee for non-members for a workshop costing \$51-100; and an additional fee of annual dues plus \$5 for non-members for a workshop over \$100. Debi seconded the motion, and the group passed a motion setting policy about nonmember fees for workshops. The structure is aimed at encouraging membership. Workshop information will include information about half-year membership available from January forward, when applicable.

Sharie joined us by phone for discussion of the coming Challenge Auction to benefit Seeds for Autism and Lodestar. Details are coming together and an effort from all on the board that evening and beforehand will ensure a good outcome. Linda moved, Hilja seconded, and the group passed a motion in two parts. First, the Guild will absorb costs (publicity, hospitality) for the event, and, second, the gross proceeds will be equally distributed between the two charities. **Hilja** discussed and circulated a publicity flyer for the auction.

Maureen spoke about shows and exhibits. She asked that we consider a booth for the December 14-15 juried show at the Mesa Arts Center, and outlined the costs and other issues associated with this. She suggested our using the Challenge for a "booth photo" and that we make a decision and address budgeting at a future Board meeting. She will proceed in gathering information.

Ginny addressed Library issues. The Library will not be available at the March meeting due to the auction, but books can be turned in to Ginny. Amanda moved, Phil seconded and the group passed a motion establishing a 1-month borrowing period followed up by a reminder from the Librarian. To make it easier for the Librarian to contact members about overdue books, a space for email address will be added to the

check-out sheet. Since we do not meet at the church during the summer months, the Library is not available and all books should be turned in by the May meeting.

Next board meeting will be March 27th.

Submitted by Phil Leonard, Secretary

2012 - 2013 Executive Board			
Executive Officers			
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March Program

TELARAÑA AUCTION BENEFITTING **LODESTAR** AND **SEEDS FOR AUTISM**: Be sure and come with your friends to the March 13th meeting at the Outreach Center of the First United Methodist Church. We will have 100 chairs set up and tables displaying the auction items. Because of the number of items donated, we will also have a silent auction table. So if you are shy about bidding in the regular auction, you may write down your bids for the items in the silent auction. Be sure and bring your checkbook and remember, the proceeds go to these good causes. Prepare to be generous. Thanks to all the fiber artists who have donated items. If you still have something to donate, you may bring it to the meeting. It must have a 3 by 5 card pinned on it that has your name (or anonymous), description of item, and value if you were to sell it. See you on the 13th!

Upcoming Programs

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

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

Maximum class size: 20. **There are 3 spots left!**

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

Tucson Handweavers & Spinners Guild:

Inkle Loom Workshop

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)

Workshop size: Min. 8; Max. 10

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

Dyeing with Plants & other Dyes from Nature

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Submitted by Ann Morton:

Hooray for Telaraña! Twelve members or groups of members have volunteered to make blankets for the City of Phoenix commissioned public art project "Ground Cover" - introduced by Ann Morton to the membership during the December and February meetings. The project is seeking 300 volunteers to make blankets for the homeless - but not just any blankets. When put together, these individual blankets create a colossal image

of lush desert blooms. Each blanket is made up of 28 10" x 10" squares - each square making a "pixel" in the overall image. Packets are available that provide pattern information about making a specific blanket. So far, in just a few weeks, the count of volunteer makers is up to over 80 - but there are 300 blankets to make! So - spread the word!

The deadline for making blankets is October 1, 2013. If you want to find out more about this project, or would like to volunteer, contact Ann Morton - annmorton@mac.com.

Demonstrations/Outreach:

Saturday, March 9, 10am – 3pm Ancient Technology Day Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington Street, Phoenix AZ

This is always a fun day at the Museum which highlights many ancient crafts, has activities for children (and adults), and foods - even an agave heart roasted in an underground oven (horno). Our booth has two aspects: one is a demo and display table of the ancient and highly skilled textile arts of the Hohokam culture, and the other is a hands-on activity in which we teach children how to make their own weaving. Sharie Monsam developed a quick method of making a portable handloom from a cardboard box - and we get the children weaving within a few minutes. This year we also want to have some spinning wheels and looms, too. Contact Nancy Wanek or Weinel webmaster@telarana.org to join in the fun.

<http://azscitechfest.org/events/ancient-technology-day>

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

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

Telaraña welcomes two new members who joined at the February guild meeting and one after. Our current membership is 93 + 4 family members for a total of 97.

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IN AND AROUND TOWN (and elsewhere)

Art in the Superstitions Art Festival March 9-10 at Superstition Mountain Museum. Artists of the Superstitions host this show featuring painting, photography, potters, glass fiber and wood. Gunfights and other entertainment as well. <http://superstitionmountainmuseum.org/>

spark! Mesa's Festival of Creativity is March 13-17 at the Mesa Art Center. The trees are to be yarn bombed with bright stripes of knitted fabric. Many knitters and crocheters have been working hard on covering the trunks of trees. This is the week of Spring Break for school children, so there will be lots of activities for kids as well as demonstrations at The Store, MAC Artist Cooperative. <http://www.mesaartscenter.com/spark>

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

Fountain Hills Fine Art and Wine Affaire, March 15-17 10-5, Avenue of the Fountains. 125 Artists, live music, food and wine. <http://www.thunderbirdartists.com/fountain-hills/>

Sonoran Festival of Fine Art, March 15-17, Carefree. 150 artists, dance performances, wine and food.
<http://www.sonoranartsleague.org/festival.php>

Shemer Art Center, Phoenix 5005 E. Camelback. "Fine Art in the Garden Festival" From 9am-4pm. March 16th Quilting is included in the art. Live music as well.
<http://www.shemerartcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/webflyer.pdf>

Prescott Indian Art and Navajo Rug Auction, March 15-16 at the Smoki Museum,
www.smokimuseum.org

Arizona Quilters Guild 2013 Show, *Trends and Traditions*. March 14-16 Mesa Convention Center, 263 N. Center St., Mesa <http://www.azquiltersguild.org/events.php?ID=111> Admission fee.

Splendor in the Desert Quilt Show 2013. March 15-16, 2013, Community Performing Arts Center, 1250 W. Continental Rd. Green Valley, Arizona www.valleyquiltersguild.com

American Indian Art And Artifacts Appraisal Day, Heard Museum. March 23, 10-2pm. Leading art traders offer information about materials, dates, artists and traditions.
http://www.heard.org/appraisals/Spring2013_AppraisalDay_Flyer.pdf

Arizona Renaissance Festival & Artisan Marketplace: Through March 31. You will see weaving and basket making and lots more! 12601 East Highway 60, Gold Canyon, AZ 85118. The Arizona Renaissance Festival is one of the largest of the Renaissance events in the nation because it is really five Festivals all rolled into a giant, costumed fantasy village. www.royalfaires.com/arizona/

MESA ART CENTER, 1 E. Main, Mesa 33rd Annual Contemporary Crafts, Through March 31. Sharie Monsam has another basket juried into this show.
<http://www.mesaartscenter.com/index.php/museum/upcoming-art-exhibits/34Crafts>

Sunday A'Fair: Scottsdale Civic Center Mall, Scottsdale, March 3, 17, 24, 31, April 7. Arts and crafts, outdoor concerts. Free. http://www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org/special_events_sunday_afair.php

Wickenburg Art Club Fine Art Festival March 24-31 10-4pm Wickenburg Art Center.
<http://www.wickenburgartclub.org/festival.html>

Sun Lakes Quilt Show March 30, 10-4pm, Sun Lakes Country Club, Sun Lakes Blvd. & Riggs Rd (1 block south of Riggs). Features more than 100 quilts. Raffle, silent auction, and sewing demonstrations are included.

Sedona Arts Center 15 Art Barn Rd. Annual Juried members' exhibition through April 1st. Includes fiber works.

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.

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>



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