



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild

SEPTEMBER 2012

September Guild Meeting
Wednesday, September 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 6:30 pm.

Hospitality: The Executive Board will provide snacks.

September Raffle: Bring your \$\$ and lucky charm and buy tickets for the 2 raffle baskets that will be at the September meeting. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.



President's Message

Dear Telarañians,

Hope all of you have had a wonderful summer and had time to do something fun with fiber. My husband and I spent a month in the cool Northwest. We traveled from Seattle to Prince George, Canada where I was able to spend five days weaving with Laura Fry in her studio.

I wanted to learn how to be a more productive weaver and how to design projects and that is exactly what I did. When I arrived, the loom was warped for towels so that I could immediately begin to weave. She videotaped me at various times when I wasn't paying attention and we watched the video on the last day. It was obvious how much my weaving had improved. I was amazed.

It is difficult to put into words all that I learned, but below is a short list that I think you might be interested in:

- The shuttle should be brought above the beater not in front of it so that the thread doesn't get caught in the selvedge.
- Grab the beater so that your arm is perpendicular to it not in the middle of it
- Push the treadle with your entire foot, not the ball of your foot
- Use a rocking motion when weaving, i.e., lean forward to throw the shuttle & push the treadle then lean back
- If using two shuttles, put stripes on the edges using the color that is being carried so it doesn't show
- Minimum input, maximum output
- Perfection kills good

During the five days I made one towel and 4 beautiful scarves. My weaving skills improved, I used a trapeze to warp the loom and learned how to use a reed instead of a raddle. Laura shared a few of her secrets about how to design projects. In addition, Laura showed me how to wet finish and cold hard press my projects. It was a wonderful experience and one I will never forget. Winston Churchill once said, "If you have knowledge, let others light their candles with it" and I appreciated that Laura allowed me to light my candle with her knowledge.

This is going to be a very exciting year for Telaraña. We start the year with a summer catch up, so bring what you have been working on and enjoy some time with your fiber friends. In October, we are having a field trip to watch Jerry Ladd shear Navajo churro sheep and angora goats. You will even have an opportunity to purchase some fleece. In early November, Teresa Ruch is going to teach a weaving workshop on creating drape in hand-woven fabric. You may remember the tencel/bamboo scarf I brought

to a show and tell. You will have an opportunity to learn how to dye these beautiful hand-painted warps and then weave so they have good drape.

I am looking forward to seeing you and hearing about what you have been working on over the summer.

Betz Frederick, President

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING AUGUST 29, 2012

Called to order at 7:07pm

In attendance: Betz Frederick, Paul McLemore, Nancy Pimentel, Amanda Neal, Ginny Davis, Hilja Martinez, Wendy Beaver, Gloria Traicoff, Debi Deadmond, Christine Hunt, Elly Weinel, Cindy Reynolds, Nancy Wanek

Prior to the formal start of the meeting, Betz announced that Patti Hulet stepped down from Program Chair. Betz contacted Christine Hunt, who graciously agreed to become Program Chair. After the meeting was called to order, Betz checked to be sure that all Board members have the notebook for their office. She handed out a few revised job descriptions and asked those who received them to check them over.

Paul gave the financial report. The guild currently has \$5,706.38 in the bank account; last year at this time we had \$3900. The Budget for the year was presented in a handout that included last year's proposed income/expenses; last year's actual income/expenses; and the proposed income/expenses for 2012-2013. There were some adjustments made, including adding a line for Hospitality expenses and increasing the amount for insurance fees. Hilja made a motion that the budget be accepted; Gloria seconded, and the vote to accept was unanimous. A copy of the proposed budget for the year will be sent to Linda for the newsletter.

Christine reported on upcoming Programs using a handout that also listed mini-workshops and clinics that will be held immediately before the general meetings. A very full year is nearly completely planned out, but there are a few changes that may need to happen due to scheduling issues of the presenters. Christine will be contacting those involved and hopes to have a schedule that is as close to final as possible to be in the September newsletter.

Christine and Betz also reported on Field Trips and Workshops for the year. The first Field Trip will be October 20th to watch sheep shearing in Tonopah and/or Angora goat shearing in San Tan Valley – both will be done by Jerry Ladd. A flyer for the event was passed out; some changes were suggested. The flyer will be distributed at local fiber arts stores, and posted on our website, Ravelry, Facebook, and other places where it may attract the public's attention. Members will be encouraged to bring a friend for the day. The first guild workshop is being finalized for November, with Teresa Ruch from Portland, OR. Teresa will teach a dyeing workshop on Nov 12th at Tempe, Yarn and Fiber during which the participant may dye the warp for the guild's weaving workshop. Teresa will present "Creating Drape in Handwoven Fabric" for the guild on Nov 17th & 18th at the church hall. Pre-dyed warp will be available for purchase for those who do not attend the dye workshop. Teresa Ruch will also give a lecture to the guild, either at the Nov 14th meeting or as a separate event on Nov 17th depending on her final schedule while in AZ. Other planned workshops include making a felted alpaca bag with Sue Bunch in February and papermaking in April with Nancy Wanek. Workshop Chair Mary Snyder was unable to attend the meeting, but sent word that she is asking for suggestions for additional workshops.

Ways & Means Chair Sharie Monsam was also unable to attend the meeting, so Betz reported that the Calendar with pictures from last year's Challenge is coming along well. The Challenge idea that received the most votes for 2012-2013 was for a charity auction event. Participants would make an item for the Challenge, which would then be sold at an auction sale that would be open to the public. Proceeds would be donated to a non-profit group, still to be selected. It was suggested that Susan Clark be asked to be the auctioneer. A vigorous discussion followed with ideas for publicity, possible public venue locations, rules for the auction pricing, refreshments, etc. Amanda spoke up as the voice of reason, and

wisely proposed that for this year – our first attempt at such a fundraising activity – we should keep it simple, holding it at the church with guild members and invited guests welcome. Her motion was seconded by Paul, and passed unanimously. A committee was set up to work with Sharie which includes Nancy P., Ginny, Hilja and Wendy.

Betz also reported for Sharie that the Budget includes \$200 for scholarship awards. A motion was made by Nancy W. and seconded by Hilja, that applications should be submitted before or at the Dec 12th Guild meeting. It was passed unanimously. Applications may be retroactive, requesting funds for a workshop or activity held earlier in this fiscal year. It was also agreed that the committee from last year (Paul, Linda, Karen S. and Sharie) be asked to select the winners for this year. The application form was discussed; suggestions for changes should be sent to Betz.

Debi Deadmond announced that several activities are being planned with Tempe Yarn and Fiber, the AZ Spinners Group on Ravelry and The Fiber Factory to celebrate HGA's National Spinning Week October 1 -7. Information for the events will be posted on the website and in the newsletter.

The Library acquired a number of new items over the summer. The newsletter will have a list of new acquisitions, as well as a Wish List for additional items – along with a reminder that if members purchase and donate items, it is tax deductible. Receipts will be given to donors for tax purposes. Ginny also passed around a paper for board members to make suggestions for the Wish List.

Nancy W. reported that as of August 29th, we have 53 paid members. There are 36 memberships from last year that have not yet renewed. A reminder will be sent out prior to the September guild meeting. She also announced that the Constitution Committee set up last year will continue with one more task: to assemble a set of Standing Rules for the Guild. This will include guild policies, the job descriptions for the officers and committee chairs, and a standardized contract for workshop and program presenters.

Amanda announced that a signup sheet for refreshments at future meetings will be circulated at the September meeting. Board members will be asked to provide for the first meeting. Amanda indicated that Hospitality committee members will be available to assist in greeting people as they come in, and especially welcoming guests and new members.

Elly reported that Demonstrations has been asked to find volunteers to assist with a Cub Scout weaving workshop to be held between December 26-29. Wendy is involved with this activity, and will let us know when the specific date is set. In December, there will also be the Mesa Art Center Art Sale, and she hopes we can have another demo booth there. It was very successful last year. Other events may be a day of Period Crafts at the Superstition Mountains Museum in Apache Junction, and Open House at Alpacazona Farm.

As Historian, Wendy passed around lovely examples of the Show & Tell pages that she prepares from the Show & Tell forms. They include photos and details of items shared. These and additional photo pages will be placed in a new scrapbook that was donated by Debi Deadmond.

A table loom was donated to the guild over the summer. Debi made and Amanda seconded a motion that the loom be kept for the guild to loan out to members and used in demonstrations. Motion passed unanimously.

It was decided that donations of personal items for the Lodestar Day Resource Center be continued. Items will be collected at the December and May guild meetings. (Amanda proposed, Nancy W seconded, unanimous vote.)

Hilja announced that there is much to do in the year ahead for Publicity.

Cindy asked that all info regarding guild events be sent to her to post on the website. She also asked if Board members had received any unwanted/scam emails that came in from the website's email listings. There were none, other than a few that had already been reported to her. Mary Walker was contacted, and she said the website security has been tightened. Everyone was agreeable to continue with the email listings as they are.

Gloria reported that the next Federation's Fibers Through Time will probably be in Tucson in April, 2014. She will be attending the October Federation meeting, so if anyone has anything they want to send along, please email her.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.
Submitted by Nancy Wanek**

2012 - 2013 Executive Board			
Executive Officers			
President	Betz Frederick	Secretary	Phil Leonard
Vice-President	Debi Deadmond	Treasurer	Paul McLemore
Committee Chairs			
Demonstrations	Elly Weinel	Membership	Nancy Wanek
Federation	Gloria Traicoff	Newsletter	Linda Wade
Historian	Wendy Beaver/ Debby Taylor	Programs	Christine Hunt
Exhibits & Shows	Maureen McCarthy	Publicity	Hilja Martinez
Hospitality	Amanda Neal	Ways and Means	Sharie Monsam
Library	Ginny Davis	Workshops	Mary Snyder
		Website	Cindy Reynolds

September Program

Summer Catch Up We want to see and hear about the projects you've been working on over the summer! Did you take a workshop? Go to Convergence? We want to know! Bring your items for the show-and-tell table and everyone will have a few minutes to tell us all about them and/or your sojourns.

October Field Trip

Come watch Jerry Ladd shear Navajo churro sheep in Tonopah and angora goats in San Tan Valley on Saturday, October 20. Click here for all the details:

<http://telarana.org/images/Shearing%20field%20trip%20Flyer%2010%2012.pdf>

While you're at it, you might want to look at Jerry's blog: <http://tri-plyfibers.blogspot.com/>

November Workshop by Teresa Ruch

Creating Drape in Hand-woven Fabric November 17 & 18

Gain understanding of how drape can be created in a hand-woven fabric from the combination of fiber characteristics, yarn twist, sett (ends per inch), the weave structure and the number of intersections of yarn per inch and the finish of the fabric.



Prior to the Weaving Workshop, take Teresa's **Dye Workshop** on Monday, **November 12**, where you will dye 1 lb of bamboo, tencel, or blend for use in the weaving workshop the next weekend.

* This Dye Workshop is not a "stand alone" workshop. Participants are expected to also take the Weaving Workshop the following weekend (Nov 17 & 18), where they will use the warps dyed here.

\$100 deposit due now to hold your spot in the Weaving Workshop. See website for complete info:

<http://telarana.org/images/Workshop%20Flier%20nov%202012.pdf>



2012 – 2013 Estimated Budget	
INCOME	
Membership	1,830.00
Ways & Means	850.00
Workshops & Trips	3,500.00
Challenge Fee	
Other	
Total Income	\$6,180.00
EXPENSES	
Banking Fees	15.00
Programs	500.00
Workshops & Trips	3,500.00
Shows & Exhibits	125.00
Hospitality	100.00
Rent	540.00
Insurance	450.00
Website	150.00
Ways & Means	20.00
Membership	30.00
Newsletter	65.00
Library	250.00
Publicity	75.00
Historical	75.00
Governance	85.00
Challenge	
Other	
Scholarship	200.00
Total Expenses	\$6,180.00

MEMBER NOTES: Longtime Telaraña member, Mary Dieterich, has contracted West Nile virus. She is convalescing at the Friendship Village Healthcare Skilled Nursing Center. Cards can be sent to her: Mary Dieterich, Room 202, 2525 E. Southern Ave., Tempe, AZ 85282. We wish her a full and speedy recovery!

CHALLENGE: The challenge this year is a "Donation" Challenge. Make something that can be auctioned off with the proceeds going to a non-profit. It will be fun bidding on things our members have woven or knit. There is no fee this time for the Challenge. Applications will be available at the September meeting and on our website www.telarana.org

SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship applications are being accepted and will be available on our website or at the meetings. Workshops that are taken anytime during our fiscal year, June 1, 2012 through May 30, 2013 will be accepted. They are due December 12, 2012.

HOSPITALITY: Welcome to another great year members! This year we are trying to be a little more Earth friendly, allergy friendly, and member friendly. With our single cup coffee maker donated last year we are suggesting that members bring their own coffee mug to the meetings to cut down on our waste, don't worry we will still have regular coffee cups for those who need one.

There will be a sign up sheet for monthly snacks. We are also asking members who generously bring snacks to the meetings that they label them with the ingredients due to the fact that some of our members have allergies or food sensitivities. Lastly we want all members to feel welcome and to get to know all of our returning members so don't be shy and say hello. Thank you in advance.

LIBRARY: We have new books and videos! Too many to list here, but check out the list on the Library Cart. A few choice additions:

- Jennifer Moore's **Doubleweave** book and **Doubleweave Basics** dvd.
- Margaret Stove's dvd, **Spinning for Lace**.
- Tom Knisely's dvd, **The Loom Owner's Companion**.
- Cat Bordhi's book, **A Treasury of Magical Knitting**.
- U. S. Hollister's book, **The Navajo and His Blanket**.

MEMBERSHIP

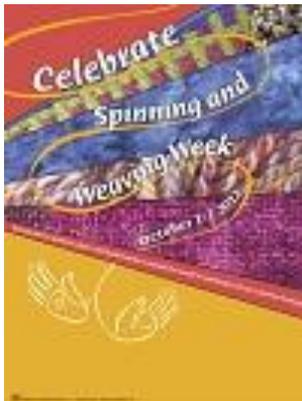
We have 53 paid members. There are 36 memberships from last year that have not yet renewed. Just a reminder to guild members that dues for 2012-2013 were collected last May. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so at the September meeting, or send your dues to Nancy Wanek. Membership application forms are available on our website www.telarana.org.

Tapestry/Navajo Study Group: The Tapestry Group is now meeting at MCC Red Mountain Campus near Power and McKellips in East Mesa from 9 -12:30 the first Saturday of the month. 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. At September's meeting, Betz will demonstrate warping using a trapeze. If you are interested in our Study Group, contact Linda W., newsletter@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 newsletter@telarana.org

IN AND AROUND TOWN (and elsewhere)



Handweavers Guild of America is celebrating *Weaving and Spinning Week* October 1-7

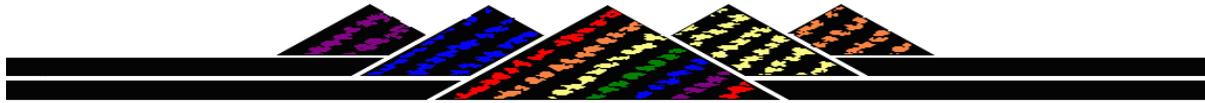
Local events:

October 6, noon – 4pm, **Tempe Yarn and Fiber**. Join an afternoon of fun spinning and weaving, and enjoy activities and refreshments.

October 7, **Arizona Spinners** will meet to spin. Check their group on Ravelry, or contact Debi Deadmond for details. vice-president@telarana.org

Fiber Factory will have a Spin-In on Saturday, Oct 6, 10:30am – 1pm. Their Beginning Spinning class starts that day as well.

Want to participate in a **Drop Spindle Flash Mob?** Show up at Chandler Mall, Tuesday, October 2, 6:00 pm. Bring your drop spindles and meet downstairs by Nordstroms.



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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