



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

November 2017

Celebrating Our 40th Year

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November Guild Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 6 pm Social Hour, 7 pm Meeting

East Mesa Christian Church, 706 S. Greenfield Road, Mesa, AZ. The church is on the west side of Greenfield Road, between Broadway and Southern. Parking access is from E. Diamond Ave., the street just south of the church and north of Mesa Fire Department station #205. The room opens at 6 pm for a social hour.

Hospitality: Refreshments will be available--feel free to bring something, it's always appreciated. Sign up for future meetings with Sue Bunch.

Raffle Baskets: Sharie Monsam is offering several raffle baskets. Tickets \$1 each or six for \$5. All raffle proceeds go into Telaraña's Ways and Means account.

President's Letter

Dear Telarañians,

Can you believe it's already the end of October?! As of this writing, only 60 days until Christmas. The holiday season is upon us and with it all the hustle and bustle to complete those handmade gifts. Thanksgiving is a time for food, friends and being grateful for all our blessings. How great that handwoven table runner looks on the feast table! Once all that food is devoured, it's time to get our act together for items for MACFest. Add to that those gifts that need to be completed. I always have such big plans for doing handmade gifts for everyone on my *long* list, and time is short. I am a procrastinator, so we shall see.

Remember, MACFest is December 9 and 10. There is still time to complete items and take a serious accounting of your submissions. It's a great opportunity to sell your handmade items and support the guild and community at the same time. Inventory instructions and forms are on <http://telarana.org/mesa-arts-festival>.

Well, back to my loom. I want to wish each of you the happiest of Thanksgivings and may your life be full of blessings.

Nancy

2017-2018 Executive Team and Committee Chairs

Executive Team:

President, Nancy Ryan
Vice President, Winnie Johnson
Treasurer, Karen Kehlenbach
Secretary, Gina Saettone
Past President, Linda Wade

Committee Chairs:

Demonstrations, Sharon Bergkoetter
Exhibits and Shows, Cindy Reynolds
Federation, Hope Aguilar
Historian, Michael Ryan
Hospitality, Sue Bunch
Library, Karen Kehlenbach
Membership, Betz Frederick
Newsletter, Karen Zorn
Programs, Winnie Johnson
Publicity, Lee Killpack
Ways and Means, Sharie Monsam
Website, Sara Jenkins
Workshops, Debi Deadmond

2017-2018 Future Meetings

November 8: Rosalie Neilson presents a slide lecture "Kumihimo: From Defense to Decoration" tracing historical development of Japanese plaited cords from fossilized remains in grave mounds to the exotic Samurai era when silk cords were used to lace together the warrior's armor. It also explores the current fashion trends using cords as obijime (an integral part of securing the obi and kimono) as well as decorative neckpieces. In addition to the slides taken in Japan and at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, there are also slides taken by a professional advertising photographer in Kyoto, documenting past fashions in kimono and obi. The samurai slides will include the recent exhibit of armor at the Portland Art Museum.

December 13: Holiday pot luck and slide show of tapestry exhibit in which Winnie participated in August/September.

January 10: Park ranger from Tonto National Monument will give a presentation about pre-historic textiles found at the site.

February 14: TBA

March 14: Mini-sessions

April 11: Telaraña 40th Anniversary celebration

May 9: Silent auction and pot luck

Exhibits and Shows

CHOI + SHINE ARTIST TALK Thursday, November 2, 7 - 8 pm at Jessica Knits, Friday, November 1 pm & 7 pm Friday, November 3 at the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art lounge (SMoCA)

Architecture and design studio Choi + Shine present their work and an introduction to the upcoming installation at the Scottsdale Waterfront. The "Arizona!" sculpture will stand 8 feet tall and 650 feet long. Installation is scheduled November 2018 through March 2019. Previous installations, "[The Lace](#)" and "[The Urchins](#)" are spectacular. The artists are recruiting experienced crochet artists to be part of the project. For more information contact Sarah Kim: Skim@choishine.com.

THE SHEMER ARIZONA ARTS FESTIVAL, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 4-5, 2017, 10 am/4 pm, 5005 East Camelback Road, Phoenix

PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM RUG & INDIAN ART AUCTION, November 4, 2017, 4619 E. Washington Ave., Phoenix. Preview: 9-11:30 am, Auction: at noon. This is a fun event especially being able to handle the rugs before the auction. There will be a fry bread booth outside and a Navajo weaver demonstrating.

WEAVING AND SPINNING House Tour, Monday, November 6th, 2017, 10am to 2pm

Where: Dolce Vita Resort, 3301 S. Goldfield Rd., Lot 5038, Apache Junction, AZ, Exit 198

Diane Wilson & Bernadine Goodrich (Bernie), Phone: 480-288-4402

You are invited to a Fiber Art House Tour of Weaving and Spinning. Bernie Goodrich is a longtime supporter of Telaraña. She has over 40 years of weaving experience and has a wealth of knowledge. She will be displaying some of the items she has made and share her knowledge. She is trying to help the community understand why handmade items can't be compared to a \$10 towel you can buy at Kmart. Her friend Diane Wilson will be spinning and sharing her spinning projects.

FOUNTAIN FESTIVAL OF FINE ARTS AND CRAFTS, Nov. 10-12 10-5pm 500 artists from around the country showing their art in Fountain Hills.

MOUNTAIN SPINNERS & WEAVERS GUILD & PRESCOTT AREA WOODTURNERS 8TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOW AND SALE

Saturday November 11, 10am to 4 pm, The Hassaympa Inn, 233 E. Gurley St., Downtown Prescott in the Marina Room,

<https://www.mtnspinweave.org/>

HEARD MUSEUM, Phoenix Weavers Market on Sunday, November 19 from 11-4pm.

HIDDEN IN THE HILLS, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, November 17, 18 & 19 and November 24, 25, and 26, 2017 Arizona's largest and longest-running artist studio tour and sale, will take place during the last two weekends of November. A signature event of the non-profit Sonoran Arts League, Hidden In The Hills features 174 artists in 44 studio locations throughout the scenic Desert Foothills communities of Cave Creek, Carefree, and North Scottsdale.

http://www.sonoranartsleague.org/hidden_in_the_hills_studio_tou.php

CHANDLER CENTER FOR THE ARTS, November 17th-January 5, 250 N. Arizona Ave “Artist Quilts” XXII. Wonderful quilts!

TEMPE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS, Dec. 1-3, 10-5:30 More than 350 artists

MACFest, December 9-10, 2017 Mesa Arts Center

MACFest is the Guild members’ opportunity to sell our work, show the community what we do, and educate the public about the wide variety of fiber arts. The venue is delightful at the downtown Mesa Arts Center.

Nancy Ryan, Inventory sub-chairperson, will send out inventory forms by email and <http://telarana.org/mesa-arts-festival>.

The entry fee is \$20 per exhibitor, payable when you submit your items on Tuesday, December 5 from 10 am to noon at Stapley Fire Station. *All items must be tagged (business card size) including an inventory number, price, fiber, and care instructions.*

Winnie Johnson, display sub-chair, will organize items as they are received. Friday afternoon, Equipment chairpersons, Karla and Jim Elling and their committee set up the tent display. Early Saturday morning Winnie and committee arrange the sale items. Then the fun begins as the community people come to our booth and enjoy and hopefully buy our work.

Our demonstration area, an attendee favorite, next to the booth is coordinated by Sharon Bergkoetter; be sure to let her know what and when you can demonstrate a fiber arts skill. *Please try to reserve a couple of hours during the weekend to demonstrate something.*

Contact Cindy Reynolds, 480-219-8096, with questions or to volunteer to work during the weekend.

PUEBLO GRANDE INDIAN MARKET, December 9 & 10th, Phoenix 100 booths of Native American art

ARIZONA FIBER ARTS RETREAT – January 17-20, 2018. Registration opens October 1. *New location:* Prescott Resort & Conference Center. Classes, fiber vendors; guest speaker Christine Dickey on Tinkuy 2017, a celebration of weaving in Cusco, Peru <http://www.arizonafiberartsretreat.com/>

FEDERATION DAY 2018, Connecting Threads, Saturday, February 24, 2018, 9 am-4:30 pm, Radisson North Phoenix (soon to be a Hilton Doubletree Hotel).

This year features half-day and full day classes on a variety of fiber arts, soup and salad luncheon with keynote speaker Rosalie Neilson. Don’t miss the great line-up of vendors for unique fiber shopping. Visit guild booths where guilds display and sell their work.

See Federation Guild Director Hope Aguilar for details and registration information. Classes and the luncheon to fill quickly, so be sure to get your registration in early. Registration opens mid to late October, with a deadline of postmark by January 7, received by 1/10/2018.

Rooms at a group discount will be available at the hotel for those wishing to stay over.

Telaraña Workshops

“IT’S IN THE WARP: COLOR AND DESIGN IN WARP-FACED REP” Rosalie Neilson Rep Weave Workshop Great news Telaraña Weavers! We still have a couple openings in this workshop! November 10, 11 & 12, 2017.

There are a few stipulations:

- This workshop is for **advanced beginners and higher**. Please do not register if you are a beginning weaver.
- Participants must have a loom (4-8 shaft) in good working order.
- Threading and sleying should be error free, **paper packing should not be used on your back beam**. Rosalie will not be able to help with loom or threading errors. Yes, we can help each other!

The registration reservation is \$75 which you may give me at the November meeting. You must be current on your dues! As always if you have any questions, please email Debi Deadmond.

Ice Dyeing Workshop with our member Barbara Belle Saturday, March 3rd, Karen Zorn’s home, Las Palmas Grand. More details in December *Telaraña Tidings*!

Paper making workshop is still in the ironing-out stages, but, hopefully I will have more details next month.

On Going Events of Interest

Scottsdale Art Walk – Every Thursday evening from 6:30 – 9 pm, downtown Scottsdale. Restaurants, museums and free trolley and/or horse-drawn carriage rides are available to transport folks from numerous free parking areas throughout the Scottsdale Arts District and Scottsdale Downtown. <http://scottsdalegalleries.com/>

Chandler Art Walk - Every third Friday from 6-9:30 pm, Downtown Chandler welcomes over 35 local artists to the historic square. <http://www.downtownchandler.org/artwalk>

Phoenix Art Museum, Ellman Gallery –“A Tribute to James Galanos”, a retrospective dedicated to the iconic American fashion designer. Featuring more than 40 couture-quality, ready-to-wear ensembles and accessories, the exhibition will illuminate the designer’s influence and legacy with objects from the 1950s through the 1990s. Through Jan 17, 2018.

<http://www.phxart.org/exhibition/james-galanos>

Sky Harbor Art Museums, Terminal 4, Level 3 gallery & display cases – “Drawn to Pattern Painting, Printmaking, Fiber Art and Sculpture”, through October 2017. Level 2 display cases – “A Shared Passion”, ceramic art from the Airport’s collection.

<https://www.skyharbor.com/Museum/Exhibitions/Terminal4>

Terminal 3, Level 4 – “Nature’s Materials Fiber and Wood Art”, through February 4, 2018.

Level 4, past security, ongoing – “Stories from a Local Community”, Paintings by Frank Ybarra

Level 1, restrooms near baggage claim, ongoing – “American Organic Architecture in Arizona”, The Heritage of Frank Lloyd Wright <https://www.skyharbor.com/Museum/Exhibitions/Terminal3>

Librarian Notes

IMPORTANT NOTE: No individual email items-due reminders will be sent prior to the November meeting. Please do plan on return checked out library items at the November meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please arrange with a fellow member to return the items for you. Thank you!

There will be limited access to the library at the November meeting. We anticipate returning to normal for the December meeting including email individual reminders.

Weaving Study Group

Meeting the 3rd Monday of each month, 7 to 9 pm, Stapley Fire Station (west side between Southern & Broadway)

In September we had a great play date on different rug weaving structures and techniques. Many thanks to Winnie Johnson for organizing this and Karen Zorn for hosting it at her 55+ community. In October we watched a video on different fringe and finishing techniques.

On November 20, we’ll review the rep weave structure workshop presented by nationally known weaver, Rosalie Neilson on the previous weekend. Join us for a great evening each month and bring your Show and Tell!

Treasurer

The bank account balance is \$12,166.18 as of 10.28.2017. With outstanding checks totaling \$148.13, the check book balance is \$12,018.05.

Telaraña 40th Anniversary



Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild is celebrating its 40th anniversary April 2018. Committee members Nancy Ryan, Cindy Reynolds and Gina Saettone are soliciting member input for celebration ideas. Do you know current or former Guild members who can provide history? Do you have Guild history you’d like to share?

What ideas do you have? If anyone has old newsletters with Guild history, please pass them along to Karen Zorn for reprint.

Membership

We now have 89 paid members. The new roster will be sent out right before the November meeting. If you haven't paid your dues, please make the check out to Telaraña and send them to: Betz Frederick. Dues are \$25/individual, \$30/family. A membership form can be downloaded: <http://telarana.org/membership>

Mentors & Learners

Jean Doig & Company

New to fiber arts? Need help with a project, interpreting a lace or knitting chart, weaving draft? Want assistance with a spinning wheel or Lazy Kate? Stop by the Mentors & Learners table at the monthly meeting where you'll find Jean Doig and other friendly faces ready and willing to provide support.

It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or experienced fiber artist, we can help solve a problem or provide help, and we all need at times no matter our skill level. If we can't answer your question, we'll find a resource who can.

For weavers who need help warping their loom, or want to know how, we'll be happy to come to you. Complex issues? eMail Jean Doig, with your questions prior to the meeting.

Scholarship Funds

Are available to help members attend workshops and seminars that will further their fiber arts skills. Applications must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2017. Awards will be disbursed to recipient(s) following our January board meeting. Download the application from our website, <http://telarana.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/scholarship2015.pdf>, or pick up one at the next meeting. Mail your completed application to Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild, PO Box 41832, Mesa AZ 85274, or to a member of the Scholarship Committee (Linda Wade, Debi Deadmond or Hope Aguilar).

Desert Weavers Lifetime Member

CONGRATULATIONS, IRIS DOZER! 90TH BIRTHDAY

We members who have been associated with the ADWSG realize what a treasure we have in Iris. Iris has held many offices in the guild over the years and has given countless hours of her time helping the guild with her expertise of spinning wool. Over the years Iris has shared her love of sheep by sharing her knowledge of taking the wool after it has been sheared to the most beautiful wool to weave. Iris' family would like to share the appreciation they feel for their mother: As children we took for granted Mom's spinning and weaving; pursuing these endeavors was just a natural progression for having wool from our flock. Iris's interest in fibers continued beyond the basics. During her fiber career Iris popularized wool combing for worsted threads, the impregnating of gold threads and the spinning of paper to mention just a few of her accomplishments. Her family is extremely proud of what she has taught us and her achievements in the fiber community.

Jody Dozer & Bernadine Goodrich

Editor note: Iris has been a member of Telaraña.

In the News

Phoenix Home and Garden Magazine, December issue: Sharie Monsam and her cactus baskets are featured in an article about the Mesa Arts Center Artist Co-op where she is a member.

Special Interest for Knitters (and Others Who Handcraft)

An interesting book review in <http://www.knittersreview.com/>. Clara Parkes was sent a review copy of *Knitting Comfortably, The Ergonomics of Handknitting* by Carson Demers. Carson is a trained physical therapist whose passion is knitting and spinning. In her review Clara talks about meeting Carson, how the book came about, and reviews the book in detail. Although somewhat on the pricey side, the information in the book is of great value to all who use their hands in craft. Reviews from knitting gurus, Ann Budd, Cat Bordhi, and others of note are extremely positive and noteworthy.

Editor's note: As a person who deals with hand, arm, and shoulder problems on a daily basis, I bit the bullet and purchased the book from <https://www.ergoiknit.com/knitting-comfortably/>. I will bring it to show and tell after I receive it.

Fiber Arts Guild Newsletters

Desert Weavers Guild: <http://www.adwsg.org/our-newsletter-the-mother-of-all/>

Mountain Spinners & Weavers (Prescott): www.mtnspinweave.org

Tucson Handweavers & Spinners: <http://www.thsg.org/> Quite a few interesting workshops scheduled for the program year covering a variety of fiber art topics. Check out the website.

Telaraña Board Monthly Meeting Minutes

Telaraña Guild Board Meeting

Mesa Fire Station 202 Community Room

October 25, 2017

Attending: Nancy Ryan, Mike Ryan, Winnie Johnson, Cindy Reynolds, Karen Kehlenbach, Betz Frederick, Linda Wade, Karen Zorn acting as Secretary

Absent: Debi Deadmond, Sue Bunch, Sharon Bergkoetter, Hope Aguilar, Gina Saettone, Lee Killpack, Sharie Monsam, Sara Jenkins
Nancy Ryan called the meeting to order 7:03.

Minutes Mike Ryan moved to accept the October Board meeting minutes, Linda Wade seconded, unanimous acceptance.

New Business:

Nancy Ryan stated the next Board meeting will be January 2018 due to holidays.

Storage Unit: The monthly fee going up to at least \$61 in December when the next yearly rent payment is due. Linda suggested we pay for the next year in November.

Workshop Cancellation Policy: Linda Wade will draft a new policy based on the discussion and policies from other guilds to be presented at next Board meeting. All agreed that the workshop deposit remain at \$75, a registration form be developed, and those who cancel will not receive workshop materials.

40th Anniversary: Presently there is no specific budget for the April party. Winnie stated that we have budgeted \$100/monthly meeting as an honorarium for outside presenters which could be used for the April meeting/party. All agreed.

Mike Ryan has retrieved the "Black trunk" with history notebooks for storage. He will review past meetings and extract information.

Winnie showed *Threads Through Time*, published by her Minnesota Guild for its 50th guild anniversary. It is a retrospective of weaving projects created by Guild members with pictures of the original project and new, updated weavings. She suggested that we think ahead to our 50th if we want to do something similar.

Nancy brought up the idea of lifetime memberships. Criteria will be discussed at the January board meeting.

Membership: Currently 87 members, which is the same as October 2016. Betz will send out reminder letters to 13 non-renewals with note regarding 40th year celebration. She has contacted 6 community colleges regarding student memberships. Only MCC and East Valley CC have expressed interest. The Membership Roster will be out in time for the November meeting. She will delete those who are unpaid.

Programs: Debi Deadmond absent. Rosalie Nielson's honorarium is separate from the workshop fee and will be paid out of the program budget.

Betz reported that the Neilson block workshop, November 9, had one cancellation which was filled. Attendees are 20 from local guilds, 4 from Nevada.

Treasurer: Karen K presented the current balance sheet.

Hospitality: Sue B not in attendance.

Exhibits/Shows: Cindy reported that everything is on track for MACFest. Committee will meet at 6 pm before November meeting. There will be a raffle, prizes towels purchased from Betz.

We have not heard back from Tempe public art display coordinator regarding guild exhibits at the library.

There will be no booth from the Guild at the Shermer, November 4 & 5.

Ways and Means: Sharie not in attendance.

Library: Repairs to the library cart were discussed. Karen K has reviewed the check-out logs for the past three years and determined that only 25% of the books currently on the cart were checked out during that time. Suggested that books of high value and uncirculated be removed from the cart and put into storage. Karen stated how the books need to be stored to avoid damage, a cart and plastic storage containers have been donated. Karen Z suggested we should investigate purchasing appropriate cart for designed for books that could be modified to be locked. We have funds to cover the expense. Decided to see how new wheels work before investigating a new cart.

Newsletter: The 25th of the month is submission. Betz suggested that Karen Z send out a reminder email on the 20th of the month.

Federation: Hope Aguilar not in attendance.

Meeting adjourned 8:34

Do You Have News?

Telaraña Tidings is published the first Wednesday of the month and is distributed to membership via eMail in PDF (Portable Document Format) which can be opened with free Acrobat Reader, and on the Telaraña web site, <http://telarana.org/>.

You can download a free copy of Acrobat Reader from <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>.

Newsletter submissions are always welcome; interesting web sites, classes, techniques, and other items of interest to the membership. Also, I'd like to run short articles regarding the Guild, how it came into being, membership, programs, and historical information. eMail to: Karen Zorn. **Publication deadline: 25th of the month.**

Editor's Note: If you have been having problems viewing the newsletter in Acrobat Reader, you probably need to update the software. All software is continually updated and out dated versions will stop performing properly.

Fiber Shopping Pays!

Do you shop at Fiber Factory, Halcyon Yarn, Amazon, or The Woolery? These retailers offer cash-back on sales to the Guild. Although the percentages look small, they do add up.

Amazon Smile Program: <https://smile.amazon.com/>, sign in just as you do on the normal Amazon site. Select Telaraña Weavers & Spinners Guild as your designated non-profit and we will receive 0.5% of the amount of your sale. No extra cost to you – just benefit to our Guild!

The Woolery – <http://www.woolery.com/Store/pc/home.asp?idaffiliate=101>

Halcyon Yarn – If you order over the phone, mention our Guild. If you order online, there is a comment box on the checkout page where you enter credit card info. When you select our Guild from the link, a note populates the comment box to apply to our account. <https://halcyonyarn.com/>

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