



# Telaraña Tidings

**Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild**  
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**October, 2014**

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**October Guild Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 8, 2014**

**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:** A big thank you to everyone who provided refreshments for September! Thanks also to Karen Zorn and Margaret Gleason – each has volunteered for October refreshments. Please remember to label your dish, list ingredients and bring serving utensils. I'll be sending out reminders shortly before the next meeting to our volunteers. Signups for future months will be available at the October meeting. If you prefer, you can contact Nancy Pimentel by to volunteer – [webmaster@telarana.org](mailto:webmaster@telarana.org). Both regular and decaf coffee are available at the meetings. We have a hot water pot with tea bags and hot cocoa available. As always, bottled water is on hand for the thirsty.

**Raffle:** We have a HUGE spinner's basket, a weaver's basket of 5/2 cotton and a knitter's basket. Bring your \$\$ and lucky charm!

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**With great sadness, I wish to inform our members that Bonita Nelson passed away on Sunday, September 28th. Please join the Fiber Factory in a Celebration of our Friendship on Friday, October 10th, 6:30-8:30. Please share your memories of Bonita with us, and celebrate the long life of Bonita. Debi**

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Dear Telarañians,

The technology that we now have gives us immediate information even as events are happening! Social media sites can be a blessing and a curse. I am not very techie, but I do keep in touch with my iPhone and iPad. I spend more time checking in than I would like to admit. I would be more productive with my knitting, spinning and weaving if I would just put these items away. But, we can all benefit from using websites and social media for our fiber arts in moderation! I love Ravelry! It is a free website. It began with knitters in mind, but has now added crochet, spinning and weaving. I belong to several groups (I won't tell you how many). I can search for yarn, buy a pattern, and find out who has made the item, what yarn they used and suggestions. I look mostly at the weaving groups. I belong to Warped Weavers as my "go to" group. You can sell equipment on Ravelry. Our guild is heading towards using technology for publicity; it is widely available and much more efficient. Telaraña has a group on Ravelry - please check it out for guild news. I also belong to Facebook. Telaraña has a group there also. Shannon Arns is moderating both groups and she posts our upcoming events, meetings, programs and workshops. Thanks Shannon! There are many other social media sites, but I don't use them. I have enough trouble keeping up with my emails, Ravelry and Facebook. So if you like to use your phones and

tablets and like social media, join us on Facebook and Ravelry. If you occasionally keep in touch with your computer then you can go to our own website, [www.telarana.org](http://www.telarana.org) and see what is happening in the guild. Thank you to Cindy Reynolds our webmaster.

So, if you check these sites out, you will see the exciting guild year we have planned! Gerard Begay will give our program in October, and show his beautiful Navajo weavings. Other programs and workshops are mentioned in the newsletter.

Please remember to contact Nancy Wanek to renew your membership.

Oh! Hell has frozen over! My husband went from flip phone to my old iPhone and he joined Facebook last week! Oh my! Should I friend him?

Happy October!  
Debi

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## Minutes of Board Meeting

### Telaraña Board met at the Stapley fire station on Wednesday, September 24, 2014.

Meeting called to order by Debi Deadmond at 6:10 p.m.

Members present: Debi, Lorri, Nancy P., Brenda, Nancy W., Gloria, Jean, Sharie, Betz, Wendy, Barb and Shannon.

**Board Meetings:** Next board meeting to be announced.

The building for the next program meeting should be opened by 6:30 p.m. The dance studio is still sharing space and may be in their renovated building in the near future.

**Treasurer:** Betz reported a bank balance of \$9,781.53.

**Membership:** Nancy W. reported 60 paid memberships and 43 unpaid memberships and she is going to send a reminder letter by email. It was commented that the budget line item would not be sufficient if regular mailed reminders need to be sent. Lorri made a motion to increase the membership line item to \$100. Brenda seconded. Motion carried.

The membership roster will be emailed to all paid members in a pdf format unless a request for a printed copy is requested. Smart phones and tablets are great ways to help save paper and have the membership roster at hand electronically. GO GREEN!!

**Show and Tell:** Wendy has added show N tell items to the Telaraña Facebook page. She says right click on a picture and you can save it on your computer if you need a picture of your lovely creation.

**Workshops:** Brenda reminded everyone there are 10 spots filled for the Gasali workshop. Don't miss the opportunity to join this workshop. There are 4 spots left.

**Programs:** Brenda says we will have Iris Dover in March to do a paper spinning program for us. Sounds like fun. Sharie will do a Biography about Gerard Begay who will be our speaker for our next program.

**Publicity:** Shannon has been busy with printing the new bookmarks and updating Facebook.

**Hospitality:** Nancy P. reports the closet in the kitchen not only has the Guild's items for Hospitality in it but also has some church maintenance items sharing the space. The great news is the Library cart is all Library related!! Great job, Nancy P.

**Newsletter:** Phil asks that newsletter items be submitted before the end of each weekend so he has time to prepare our wonderful Newsletter.

**Library:** Come check out the Library cart and see what's new.

**Demonstrations:** Jean reports there were no volunteers to demonstrate at Heritage Square. There are still some opportunities to demonstrate (remember your hours of volunteering help the Guild). Please let Jean know if you are willing.

**Study groups:** The spinner study meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at Lorri's clubhouse. Please email or call Jean for more details.

Navajo Tapestry Group meets 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 9-12 at the Palo Verde building at Mesa community college located at Power and McKellips. See Sharie for more details.

The weaving study group meets each month. Please ask Debi or Linda for details.

**Ways & Means:** Sharie is going to spend the remainder of the Gift Card money at Fiber Factory for some awesome goodies for raffle. Bring your money for a chance at a fabulous raffle prize!!

**Scholarships:** no report

**Federation:** Gloria reported a Federation meeting will be held at the Stapley fire station on Saturday, October 25, from 1-4. If you are interested in helping to organize and make suggestions for Fibers Through Time, please join this meeting.

**MAC show:** Betz and Paula will be spearheading the Mesa Arts Show this year. Please let one of them know if you are interested in displaying your wares for sale, can help set up and tear down, or man the booth. It takes a team to make a success. Ann Lindstrom will be in charge of the design for the Big Posters the Bookmarks for the MAC show. Karla Elling will print the Big Posters.

**Guild equipment:** There is a list of looms available for member use. Please see Betz for the checkout agreement. Lovely plaque labels have been affixed to the looms for Telaraña identification.

Debi made a motion to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Approved by all.

Lorri Van Weelden

Secretary Telaraña

## October Program- October 8, 2014

The featured presentation will be given by Gerard Begay, a weaver in the Navajo tradition. The following is his self- introduction.



### Gerard Begay - Navajo Rug Weaver

Gerard, is Diné, originally from Indian Wells, AZ and his clan is Big Water - born for the Black Streaked Clan. He attended Arizona State University and Northland Pioneer College. Gerard's grandmothers, Betty Begay (Indian Wells, AZ) and Lucy Lee (Greasewood, AZ), were both weavers., Grandmother Lucy who introduced Gerard to weaving. She demonstrated how to weave and explained the various styles. Grandma Lucy passed away, however, before she could get Gerard to weave. Four years later, in the Spring of 2013, Gerard began to weave with the help and guidance of Sharie Monsam, Mary Walker and Liz Munk. In the fall of 2013, he presented "Culture and Relevance: The Navajo Rug". at the Arizona Indian Education Association (AIEA) Parent Conference. A month later, Gerard brought five 18 by 18 inch pieces to the Heard Museum Gathering of Weavers Market.

Gerard enjoys weaving most traditional rug patterns, blankets, twill saddle blankets, rug dresses and contemporary designs. He also enjoys exploring the creative process. Gerard sees weaving as a therapeutic tool to overcome our day to day challenges and carry on an art that nearly vanished from his immediate family. Mostly importantly Gerard is honored to bring life back into his grandmother's weaving tools and carry the tradition of weaving. His motto is "Sharing a legacy of beauty and harmony".

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## Telaraña Workshop – space still available

**Nov. 14, 15 & 16, 2014      9am-4pm**  
**Traditional Yoruba Batik & Tie Dye      Gasali Adeymo**

During this workshop, students will explore traditional Yoruba Batik & TieDyeing techniques with indigo dyes while learning about the arts and culture of the Yoruba people of West Africa from native artist **Gasali Adeymo**. You will create beautiful cloth using wax resist, experimenting with patterns and deep indigo colors. All levels welcome.

**Where:** United Methodist Church, 15 East 1st Ave., Mesa, AZ 85210

**Deposit:** \$75 for Telaraña members starting September 10.  
Registration will open to non-members on October 9, if space is available.  
Maximum class size: 14  
Give deposit checks, made out to Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild, to Betz Frederick or send to 1371 W 12th Place, Tempe, AZ 85281. **Final cost is expected to be \$125 to \$200.** Registration deadline is Nov 1. Contact Betz Frederick [webmaster@telarana.org](mailto:webmaster@telarana.org) for more info.



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### Future Meetings & Workshops

12 November 2014 - Gasali Adeymo - *A History of Traditional Yoruba Tie-Dye and Batik*. Gasali will discuss why Indigo is important in his Nigerian culture, the methods used to prepare it, and about the designs he applies on the fabric.

10 December 2014 - Potluck and Mesa Arts Festival Planning

14 January 2015 - Nancy Crowley - *A History of Felting*. (Nancy Crowley is also scheduled for two workshops: Jan 17, 18 & half day on 19<sup>th</sup> *Batt to Hat*, and Jan 24 & half day Jan 25, *Fiber to Footwear*. More information will appear in future newsletters.)

11 February 2015 - Winnie Johnson - *My Trip with Helena Hernmarck*. Winnie shares her textile experiences in Norway and Sweden studying with tapestry artist Helena Hernmarck.

Feb 14, 15 & 16 - Jennifer Moore - *Beyond the Basics* workshop for 4 and 8 shafts. In this round robin workshop participants will explore what can be done with multiple layers of cloth on both a 4- and 8-shaft loom. They will weave samples and study the theory behind a variety of structures including the following: 4-Shaft- 4-Color Sampler, 4-Color Block Rotation, Double-block Layer Exchange, Tubular Log Cabin, Overshot-Patterned Doubleweave 8-Shaft- 4-Layer Weaves, Folded Twill Cloth, Decorative Stitching, Checkerboard, Windows, Two Double-blocks, Twill Pick-up, Block Pick-up.

11 March 2015 - Mini-Workshop on paper spinning, by Iris Dover.

8 April 2015 – Marcia McClellan *Artists' Books*. Marcia will give an overview of the history of the medium, artists' books as a contemporary genre, and will discuss various structures with many examples. (Marcia McClellan will also give an April 11 workshop titled *Artist Books 101*.)

13 May – Stash Sale.

10 June – Potluck and send-off.

## MEMBERSHIP

We welcomed a new member at the September meeting:

### **Marcia Wenbert**

Multi-Harness Weaving

Our membership is now at 74, including family members. Our number is low, due to almost 40 members who have not yet paid their dues for 2014-2015. While we welcome renewals at any time, the deadline to be included in our printed roster for the year will be October 20, 2014. Please renew as soon as possible.

The following is a list of paid members. If your name is not on the list, then you have not yet paid. A check for \$25 (\$30 family) may be sent to Nancy Wanek, Membership Chair, 3846 N. Calisto Circle, Mesa, AZ 85207. Dues may also be paid at the October meeting.

Paid for 2014-2015: Arns, Beaver, Bell, Brock, Broughton, Bunch, Chester, Clark, Cocco, Davis, Deadmond, diJeannene, Doig, Dove, Dozer, Elling, Ewald, Frederick, Frihart, Gleason, Gordon, Halle, Helms, Hunt, Jenkins, Johnson (T), Johnson (W), Katsaros, Kissam, Kline, Lange, LeFevre, Lindstrom, Logan, Masson, Martinez, McClellan, McCook, McDonald, Monsam, Munk, Murphy, Nelson (Barb), Oliphant, Ormiston, Pimentel, Reynolds, Romance, Rudnick, Russell, Santiago, Sharp, Silva, Stromberg, Teller, Tillery, Traicoff, Travis, Vangsnes, Van Weelden, Wade, Wakefield, Walker, Wanek, Wenbert, Wise, Zorn

## Mesa Arts Festival December 12 & 13, 2014

Telaraña will again have a booth at the **Mesa Arts Festival**. For new members that haven't heard, last year was our first year to participate and we won Best in Show! In addition, our booth fee for this year is waived and we are automatically juried in.

We want this year to be even better. This is a sales booth – not exhibition. Hopefully, you're already making items to sell. If you haven't started, it's not too late. At the September Guild meeting, there will be a sign-up sheet for participants. At this time, it is not a commitment -- we want to get a headcount of how many members plan to participate and number/type of items they anticipate providing. As it gets closer to the date, we'll want more specific info. You can still enter your items in the State Fair, as you will get them back in plenty of time to enter in the sale.

The Exhibits Committee has already started planning. If you have display equipment that we might be able to use in the booth, please let Betz or Paula know. We are looking for volunteers for set-up and take-down. At the meeting, there will be a sign-up for volunteers.

Contact: Betz or Paula, [webmaster@telarana.org](mailto:webmaster@telarana.org)

**Telaraña Scholarships:** Would a scholarship allow you to participate in a fiber-related workshop or seminar? Telaraña provides a \$200 scholarship for members for just such occasions! What do you have to do? Complete an application and agree to share what you learn at a future meeting. You may present a short program, demonstration, or workshop for the guild. The deadline for applications is our meeting on December 10. This is a great opportunity to further your fiber arts education.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 7pm. . All levels of weavers are welcome. For more information, contact Linda W., [webmaster@telarana.org](mailto:webmaster@telarana.org)

**Spinners Study Group:** Next meeting is on October 25, noon – 2pm at Lorri van Weelden's Community Recreation Center. Subject for October: carding/combing (fiber prep). Bring cards, drum carder, flick carder, blending board, combs. Need more info? Email [webmaster@telarana.org](mailto:webmaster@telarana.org) or call Jean on her cell (480) 201-5737.

**Library:** We have one new book and 2 new videos this month. The book is Weaving Designs by Bertha Gray Hayes: Miniature Overshot Patterns. She was an early 20th century weaver who used name-drafting to create unique miniature designs for 4-shaft overshot patterns. The book contains 72 color reproductions and copies of her original handwritten patterns.

Videos: Tom Knisely's "Weave a Good Rug" details the differences in making a warp-faced or weft-faced rug, use of wool or rags, structure, shuttles, temple and more. Even an experienced rug weaver will glean useful tips and it is invaluable for a newbie.

Our other new video is Laura Fry's "Wet-finishing for Weavers, Creating Finished Cloth" "Wet Finishing for Weavers" with Laura Fry Preview: <http://youtu.be/0840o2IqnB8>

**Federation News:** A meeting of the board of the Federation of Arizona Weavers and Spinners Guilds will be held on Oct. 25 from 1 to 4 at the Stapley Firehall. We will be discussing alternative ways of doing FTT, the "Fibers Through Time" conference. Everybody is welcome to attend. Gloria Traicoff, Telaraña Representative to the Federation.

## IN AND AROUND TOWN (and elsewhere)

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

**Scottsdale Art Walk**, every Thursday, 7-9pm <http://scottsdalegalleries.com/about/scottsdale-artwalk/>

**Heard Museum North**, 32633 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, "American Indian Fashions: From Lloyd Kive, New to Now" through October 26<sup>th</sup>

**Prescott Soumack Tapestry Workshop by Kathe Todd-Hooker:** The dates for the workshop are a full day October 17, a half day after the Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild membership meeting October 18 and another full day October 19. The workshop will be held at Stepping Stones Community Center, 6719 E. E 2nd Street in Prescott Valley, AZ in meeting room 4. If you would like to participate please use the reservation form at <http://www.mtnspinweave.org/wkshops.htm> . A deposit of \$75 will hold your place. Approximate total cost \$110. The more participants the lower the total cost. Checks may be mailed to Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild at PO Box 1820, Prescott, AZ 86302.

**Description:** Soumack-no matter how you spell it is a technique that can be used to create whole cloth or be mixed with tapestry to create lines that travel in any direction and any angle. Soumack can be used to outline, draw with, lock shapes into place, smooth edges or produce a unique surface. Traditionally, it was used throughout the Middle East to produce containers and household items. Mixed with tapestry it becomes an all-purpose technique for creating lines, texture and problem solving. Soumack, Friends and family members can also be used on and across any weave structure and on any type of loom. The

sampler for this workshop should be 6 inches wide, 10epi, 12/6 or 12/9 cotton seine twine. The 12/6 is preferable but 12/9 will work. Feel free to weave a .5 inch header with the warp.

**Shemer Art Center:** Pushing Paper Juried Exhibition, September 4 – October 9, 2014.  
Opening Reception: Thursday, September 4, 2014 7-9pm

**Tempe,** with work by Ann Morton. Street Gems in Tempe, "*Meaningful Daily Activity*," Tempe Post Office at Mill and 5th Street. Show runs through December 10th, 2014. Come out and see this whimsical installation of Street Gems' flowers under a shower of plastic "rain".

**Phoenix, Eye Lounge,** 419 E. Roosevelt Street, Sept 19 - Oct 12, 2014, EAST GALLERY: ABBEY MESSMER | ANN MORTON

**Phoenix, Sky Harbor Terminal 4,** The 7C's of Arizona.  
(Copper • Cattle • Cotton • Citrus • Climate • Cactus • Canyons ) Drawing from this traditional heritage, these artists have depicted, used or referenced one of the C's in their art. Enjoy a look into Arizona's unique character through contemporary artworks that explore the riches of our state.

**Tempe Center for the Arts:** The Tempe Center for the Arts Juried Biennial show entitled "Copper" will be showing September 26-January 31, 2015. This exhibition features works on copper, art made of copper and artists inspired by copper. The event falls on the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the TCA and features 22 Arizona artists, including Telaraña's own Karla Elling who recently gave our guild a papermaking workshop. Her handmade book has a copper cover, handmade paper inside as well as pictures of the mine and miners that her grandfather worked with in Globe, AZ.

**Tubac Center for the Arts:** "Woven Nation", Navajo blankets from the Nishoni Ranch through Nov. 30.

**PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM RUG AUCTION:** Pueblo Grande Museum Auxiliary is hosting its 9th Annual Navajo Rug and Indian Art Auction on **Saturday, November 1, 2014**. The auction, conducted by Bruce Burnham, of Burnham Trading Company in Sanders, Arizona and trader Hank Blair, is a one day fundraising event begins with a preview at 9 a.m., followed by the auction from noon to 5 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from the auction will benefit the Pueblo Grande Museum Auxiliary, a support group for the Pueblo Grande Museum which supplements the museums' preservation efforts, educational programs and special events, exhibits and artifact collections care. Enjoy fry bread and other native foods available for sale during the day along with coffee and breakfast treats in the morning. *The preview and auction are free and open to the public.*

**COLONIAL FRONTIERS, 244 S. Park Ave. Tucson. "19<sup>th</sup> Century Handmade Flat-weave and Knotted Rugs"** from the villages of Naxos Island in Greece, Oct.1-Nov.30

**HEARD MUSEUM, Phoenix:** "Chocolate, Chile and Cochineal" through Nov. 2.

**TURQUOISE TORTOISE GALLERY, 431 S. R. 179, Sedona, "John MacLeod and Escalante Rugs":** recreations of Native American war shirts and Aztec rugs and pillows from Oaxaca, Mexico.

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