



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild
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November, 2014

November Guild Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 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 October! Thanks also to Paul McLemore, Sandy Ewald, and Nancy Logan, who have all volunteered to provide November 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 November meeting. If you prefer, you can contact Nancy Pimentel by email to volunteer – npimentel99@gmail.com. Coffee (regular and decaf) is available at the meetings. We have hot water with tea bags and hot cocoa available. As always, bottled water is on hand for the thirsty.



Our December meeting is primarily a potluck dinner. No signups are needed. If you can, please bring a dish to share. December is also a time when we encourage our members to bring along family members to enjoy the festivities. Here comes the holiday season!

Raffle: Again this month, we will have an array of raffle items. Plan on supporting the guild by purchasing tickets, and may you have the best of luck as they are drawn.

President's Message

Dear Telaranians,

Welcome to November! I am hoping that we will finally see some nice temperatures, it would definitely help me get in the mood for some hat, mitts and sock knitting.

Now for some Bits and Pieces!

We have a few openings in the November workshop with Gasali Adeyemo. Please contact Betz Frederick if you are interested. I am very interested in learning to indigo and batik dye. He will present at our November meeting.

Congratulations to Barbara Nelson! She has received the Handweavers Guild of America, Certificate of Excellence in Weaving, Part 1 Award. Barb will present our program in January about her journey.

Speaking of January, Nancy Crowley has injured her neck and she will not be able to present her felting workshops. We wish Nancy a speedy recovery! We are working on a new workshop for January.

I will take registration for Jennifer Moore's, Beyond the Basics Workshop at our December meeting.

Speaking of December! (Aren't these called segues?) Are you furiously creating something wonderful for the Mesa Arts Festival Sale in December? I have 3 items completed. Please consult this newsletter for more information. Paula Rudnick, Linda Wade and Betz Frederick have been working hard to prepare for this sale.

Also in December, plan for our December Potluck. Family and friends are invited to join us and we always have wonderful food.

Now, for my last bit! We have reached 100 members in our Guild! People from all over North America have heard about our outstanding programs and workshops and are calling and emailing to join so they can participate. Thank you to Marilyn Kissam, Betz Frederick and Brenda Brock. These are the hard working ladies that are making our Guild renowned.

Now, back and check on the Sun Devil football game, hoping they are winning! [Answer: Yes] I'll let Phil figure out if I spelled segue correctly? [Answer: Yes]

See you at the November meeting!
Debi

Minutes of Board Meeting

The Telaraña Board met at the First Street and Mesa Drive fire station on Wednesday, October 29, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by Debi Deadmond at 7:04 p.m.

Members present: Debi, Lorri, Nancy P., Brenda, Nancy W., Gloria, Jean, Sharie, Betz, Barb, Shannon, Phil, Linda, Marilyn and Paula.

Board Meetings: Next board meeting is to be announced.

The building for the next program meeting on November 12 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 \$10,201.08.

Membership: Nancy W. reported 95 paid memberships and 6 "promise" memberships for a total of 101 members.

Last month there were 45 unpaid memberships and reminder letters were emailed. What a terrific response!!

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

Show and Tell: No report from Wendy this month, but Wendy has added Show and Tell items to the Telaraña Facebook page. She says right click on an image and you can save it on your computer if you need a picture of your lovely creation.

Workshops: Signups will start for the Jennifer Moore Double Weave workshop held on February 14-16, 2015. \$75 is required to register for a spot. There is space for 20 students. Total workshop cost will depend on student enrollment. We are hoping we can share the travel costs with Desert Weaver's Guild. Barbara is providing Jennifer's lodging in her home. Betz will check on our contract with the church regarding the space.

Diane Totten is being considered for a future workshop on Crimp and Create weaving. We are hoping for a commitment for either November 2015, January or February 2016.

The November workshop and program are with Gasali Adeyemo. There is room for a few more students. Contact the workshop chair to sign up! Also needed is a volunteer to host an activity with Gasali on Thursday, November 13.

Programs: Nancy Crowley has had to cancel for the program and the workshop scheduled for January 2015. We are working on a replacement workshop, and Barbara Nelson has agreed to provide the January program. She will tell us about her HGA award of Excellence. Congratulations Barb!!

Brenda says we will have Iris Dover in March to do a paper spinning program for us. This sounds like fun.

Publicity: Debi's husband Vince has written an article featuring Telaraña in the Pinal Ways magazine. What a great article it is. Thanks Debi for sharing your husband's skill and the article.

Shannon has been busy with printing the new bookmarks and updating Facebook. Mesa Arts Festival bookmarks are available to hand out to all the people you know and work with. Please let Paula know if you can spread the word for the sale. We want a lot of traffic for this event.

Hospitality: Nancy P. says the signups for refreshments for November are looking good. December will be our annual Holiday party potluck. Remember to have your dish labeled with ingredients for those with food allergies. January refreshments need some volunteers. Please see Nancy P. at the next meeting or send an email to the webmaster if you can provide a goodie.

Newsletter: Phil asks that newsletter items be submitted before the end of each weekend so he has time to prepare our wonderful Newsletter. Please let Phil know if you have any newsletter editors' email addresses from other Guilds. Nancy W, Secretary of the Federation, suggested getting the email addresses so there is opportunity to swap newsletters and see what other Guilds are doing.

Library: Linda has added a couple of items by Laura Fry to the library cart. Please send suggestions for any fiber-related materials you would like to see on the library cart. 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). An upcoming opportunity is the MAC Festival. We need lots of demonstrators! Please let Jean know if you are willing to share your skills.

Study groups: The spinner study meets the 4th Saturday of the month at Lorri's clubhouse. Please email or call Jean for more details. Navajo Tapestry Group meets 1st 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 will use gift cards donated by Tempe Yarn & Fiber/Arizona Yarn & Fiber to provide raffle items. Look forward to more fabulous raffle baskets at upcoming meetings. Remember to bring your money for a chance at a fabulous raffle prize!!

Scholarships: no report

Federation: Gloria reported on the Federation meeting held October 25 at the Stapley fire station. FTT will be held in 2016. The committee is working on alternating locations between the Valley and East Mesa and alternating with a location at a campsite. There is a request for fewer workshop choices and more advanced workshops. Sounds like some interesting things will come for this event.

Mesa Arts Festival: Betz, Paula and Linda are spearheading the Mesa Arts Festival sale this year. Please let Linda Wade know if you are interested in displaying your wares for sale. Contact Betz or Paula for bookmarks to pass out to all your friends, family and co-workers. Forms for inventory will be electronically emailed to the participants. Email Linda Wade or Paula Rudnick for more information.

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

November Program- November 12, 2014

Gasali Adeyemo--AFRICAN BLUES: My Life in Indigo

Gasali will discuss why Indigo is important in the Nigerian culture and the methods they use to prepare it. He will explain the three techniques he uses on the fabric: batik, adire, and tie-dye. Finally he will talk about the designs he applies on the fabric. All of these have meanings in his culture. Many of the designs send a message out to the community about how they feel. For example, there is a design called "Ore Merin" which means "four friends and represents the belief, if they all work together, they can make things happen.



Telaraña Workshop – A few spots still open.

Nov. 14, 15 & 16, 2014 9am-4pm

Traditional Yoruba Batik & Tie Dye

Gasali Adeyemo

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 Adeyemo**. 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.** A few spaces remain. Contact Betz Frederick webmaster@telarana.org for more info.

Future Meetings & Workshops

10 December 2014 - Potluck and Mesa Arts Festival Planning

14 January 2015 – Barbara Nelson – *My Journey to the Certificate of Excellence*. (Nancy Crowley, who was scheduled for the January meeting and two workshops, has had to cancel her planned visit. Watch future newsletters for possible alternative workshop plans.)

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. **Participants may sign up beginning with the December 10 Potluck meeting.**

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 NOVEMBER 2014

At the October meeting, we welcomed two new members, Nancy Ryan and Karen Kehlenbach. Lynn (Lam) Baldwin returned with her daughter Melinda and renewed her membership. We have had a wonderful rate of renewals for membership, and we already have 101 members for the year! To those who contacted me with a promise to renew, but have not yet sent in your dues, please remember to pay at the November meeting or mail your check to Nancy Wanek, 3846 N. Calisto Circle, Mesa, AZ 85307.

Nancy Ryan

Dyeing, Spinning, Knitting, Rigid Heddle,
4-H and Multi-Harness Weaving
weavingstonestudio@gmail.com

Lynn Baldwin & Melinda Lam

Weaving, Spinning, Knitting, Crochet,
Dyeing

Karen Kehlenbach

Tapestry, Multi-Harness Weaving

Mesa Arts Festival

Preparations are gearing up for the Mesa Arts Festival, December 13 & 14th. If you intend to participate and your name is not on the following list – or, if you originally signed up but now do not intend to participate, please contact Linda, ljwtime@cox.net .

Signed up: Broughton, Bunch, Deadmond, Doig, Elling, Frederick, Helms, Johnson, Killpack, Kline, McClellan, McLemore, Monsam, Nelson, Pimental, Reynolds, Rudnick, Silva, Traicoff, van Weelden, Wade, Wanek, Zorn

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

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, and combs. Need more info? Email webmaster@telarana.org or call Jean on her cell (480) 201-5737.

Library: We have one new book, "Best of Weavers: Huck Lace", and a just-out DVD, Laura Fry's "The Efficient Weaver". The DVD hasn't arrived yet, but I hope to have it by our meeting. Books are checked out for a month and due back at the next meeting. An updated list of our library books can be found on our website. www.telarana.org

Federation News: On Oct. 25th the Federation Board met and discussed the next Fibers Through Time conference. Suggestions included alternately holding it here in the Valley and Prescott. The committee is searching for good sites, such as church camps in the Prescott area and hotels/meeting places in the east Valley, possibly Mesa.

Many individuals have offered general suggestions, but now we need people to be more specific. Do you know of a particular place that might work for us? Can you suggest the names of presenters who might provide interesting workshops?

Several people have asked for more advanced workshops than are available locally. We all read about presenters from around the country. Some of us attended programs while on vacation. If your special interest group has been talking about them, please let us know. This is an opportunity to bring in interesting fiber artists that we've heard about, but can't travel to. Think outside your usual medium.

You can send any suggestions to me at webmaster@telarana.org or to the committee chairman, Carma Koester at treasurer@azfed.org.



We have good news to report about one of our members. Barbara Nelson is one of six people in the nation this year who have been awarded the Handweavers Guild of America's **Certificate of Excellence - Handweaving Level I: Technical Skills in Handweaving**. This represents 6 years of work on Barbara's part, and evaluation of more than 40 samples by a HGA panel. Congratulations, Barbara! Barbara will share her experience and show samples as program presenter for our January meeting. If you want to learn more about the HGA-COE program, go to www.weavespindye.org and click successively on "Resources", Educational Programs" and "Certificate of Excellence."

IN AND AROUND TOWN (and elsewhere)

TONIGHT!!! Phoenix Art Museum gallery talk **FASHIONING THE FUTURE**
November 5 | 7 PM **Join Curator of Fashion Design Dennita Sewell as she guides you through the recently opened Fashioned in America exhibition.**

This lecture is presented by Arizona Costume Institute and is on a [#FreeWednesday evening](#).

Phoenix Art Museum: Ellman Fashion Design Gallery – "**Fashioned in America**", an exhibition on the revival of fashion designs made in America. Presented in tandem with the documentary "Make it in America: Empowering Global Fashion". October 11 – March 15

Mountain Spinners & Weavers Guild, Prescott: The **Holiday Show and Sale** is a free one-day event on **Saturday, November 8th** from 10 AM to 4 PM, Hassayampa Inn, 122 E.

Gurley Street in the Marina Room, in downtown Prescott.
<http://www.mtnspinweave.org/HolidayShow/2014/flyer.pdf>

Yume Japanese Gardens of Tucson – “Kimonos: Splendor in Cloth”. View nearly two dozen examples of the traditional Japanese robe. Oct 1 – Nov 23. Fee (exhibition included with entrance to Gardens). <http://www.tucsonjapanesegardens.org/kimonos-splendor-cloth>

Art of Asia Gallery – “**Sacred Stories and Images of the Buddha, the Vessantara Jataka Scroll**”, a rarely seen 37-foot painted cloth scroll from Laos, shown along with Thai Buddhist figures and other Southeast Asian Theravada Buddhist works from the Museum’s collection. September 20 – March 8

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/>

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”.

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 7th 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.

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.

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