



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild
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December, 2014

December Guild Meeting

Wednesday, December 10, 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: I can't believe December is nearly upon us! 2014 has flown by. The December meeting is our annual holiday potluck. Bring a dish to share with friends and family. Please include a list of ingredients for those monitoring food allergies. Feel free to bring along spouses and significant others to enjoy the meal and gathering. We provide the plates, cutlery, beverages and tablecloths. We have a limited number of serving pieces, so consider bringing your item in a serving dish with a serving utensil. I'm looking forward to all the yummy items shared at these events!



President's Message

Dear Telaranians,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I'm writing this before Thanksgiving as I am getting ready to fly out to join my two sisters for a Birthday Bash Celebration. We are going to Charleston, SC and Savannah, GA. I have been looking forward to this trip all year! I think I even saw there is a yarn shop in one of the cities.

My message is about being thankful and counting our blessings. I just finished having my 35th First Grade Thanksgiving Feast with my students today. I stay away from saying a prayer before we eat. Instead I ask them what they are thankful for. We had all the usual - family, food, toys, and then- bless one little friend, who was thankful for having me as a teacher. That brought tears to my eyes! Even though some days are difficult and frustrating I

am thankful for this class. I am thankful that I have had a teaching career for 35 years and that I still have contact (Facebook) with quite a few former students. I even now have had the children of several former students. I love the successes: one student is going on to medical school, another is a banker and several are having great college experiences. My career has also blessed me in being able to have a family and to support them. My girls are my life, and now that my four cute (most of the time) grandchildren are so wonderful, being Grandma is my life too! I am thankful that my girls, husbands, and fiancé live close by and we can celebrate the holidays together. My husband Vince is the most supportive, generous and caring man around. Yes, we joke about my hobbies and his, but I truly believe, having our own interests, vacations and friends have kept us happily married for 40 years. I am thankful and blessed to be able to pursue my fiber arts. Sometimes I throw caution to the wind and I get carried away by buying yarn, needles, spinning wheels, looms, etc. but weaving has calmed me and helped me through some stressful periods. I am thankful and blessed to be part of Telaraña. We have an amazing guild and I have made wonderful friends and have had great experiences. I am thankful for the country I live in and the freedom to make choices. And, I thank God for all that I have in my life. Please take time for yourself and your family during this holiday season! Reflect on what you are thankful for and count your blessings.

Debi

Minutes of Board Meeting

As is usual at this time of year, there was no Board Meeting in November. Treasurer Betz Frederick reports a bank balance of \$9816.70.

December Program- December 10, 2014

The Program is the Meal. See "Hospitality" above.

Telaraña Workshop in Indigo

Fourteen Telaraña Guild members enjoyed the Traditional Yoruba Batik & Tie-dye with Gasali Adeyemo. They explored traditional Yoruba batik and tie-dyeing techniques with indigo, and got to learn about the arts and culture of the Yoruba people. A lot of beautiful cloth was created.



Future Meetings & Workshops

14 January 2015 – Barbara Nelson – *My Journey to the Certificate of Excellence.*

January – Sue Bunch - *Painting with Fiber*, time and location to be decided.



Using a combination of Wet Felting and Needle felting, learn the techniques to paint with fiber. Blend fiber colors and textures to create your own beautiful felted painting. Success is guaranteed. Class is suitable for beginners or advanced felters. . If you are interested please email sue@backtobackalpaca.com and she will contact you as soon as arrangements are made.

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, and Block Pick-up.

Debi Deadmond will begin taking *Beyond the Basics* registration and an initial payment of \$75 at the December meeting. The final cost has not been determined, but estimated at between \$125 and \$175. Jennifer can take up to 20 weavers. Please contact Debi if you have any questions. Checks can be mailed to: Debra Deadmond, 8540 E. McDowell #14, Mesa, AZ 85207, Cell # 602-818-2305 (after 4pm).

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.

For the Good of the Order

Demos: Volunteers needed

Dec. 13-14 MAC Art Festival - next to our sales booth
So far I have 4-5 people signed up for this weekend.
If you want to sign up to demonstrate, email Jean Doig or sign up at the meeting.
Jean Doig doigfiber@cox.net

January 24th - Chandler Hamilton Library
We have been asked to demo and talk about our guild and fiber arts “then and now” in Arizona.
If you want to sign up to demonstrate, email Jean Doig or sign up at the meeting.
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Library: While participants in Gasali’s workshop were making their batik samples, I took advantage of access to the library cart. Many thanks to Debi’s son-in-law, Tracy, for coming in to reinforce the shelves. I culled some books and reorganized a little. The library won’t be available during the December meeting, but if you want to return your books, see Linda. Otherwise, you get an extension over the holidays and can keep your loaned books until the January meeting.

I’ve been gradually adding some videos to our collection, mostly weaving, but we have a new spinning DVD “Spinning Energized Yarns” with Kathryn Alexander. This might be of particular interest to the Spinners Study Group and to spinners in the Collapse Weave Study Group. It will be available at the January meeting.

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

Malcolm Benson-Dyke

Multi-harness weaving, Dyeing, Spinning

Fumie (Zuni) Ishikawa

Dyeing, Spinning, Felting, Knitting, Crochet,
Tapestry & Navajo style weaving (regular/mini),
4-Harness Weaving

Peggy Smiesko

Knitting, Crochet, 4-Harness and Multi-harness
weaving, Lace-Making

Elizabeth Venn

Spinning, Felting, Tapestry, 4-Harness Weaving
(also a member of Threadbenders Guild of
La Grande/Baker, Oregon)

MEMBERSHIP: Our membership continues to grow, with four new members joining us in November. We now stand at 107 members, including family. The Membership Roster was sent out by email on Sunday (11/30/14). If you did not receive the email, or had any difficulty opening or printing the file, please let me know at nwanek@cox.net or call me at 480-325-0600. The Telaraña Board decided to give out the Roster electronically this year. I will be making printed copies for those people who do not have e-mail, or for anyone who specifically requests a printed copy. Please let me know before December 6th if you want a printed version. I will bring it to the December guild meeting.

Some Web Resources for Arizona Guilds

For other workshops offered by Arizona guilds, see their web pages: AZ Desert Weavers & Spinners <http://www.adwsg.org> (see the Jennifer Moore *Doubleweave Diversity* workshop February 5-8), Tucson Weavers & Spinners <http://www.thsg.org> (several workshops offered Jan.- March.)

IN AND AROUND TOWN (and elsewhere)

Schemer Art Center: *LAYERS: Collage & Assembly*

December 4, 2014 – January 1, 2015. Opening Reception December 4, 7-9pm

Undergraduate Juried Exhibition at ASU's Harry Wood Gallery: A juried group exhibition of multimedia artwork submitted by undergraduate students in all disciplines will be on display in the Art Building on ASU's Tempe campus from December 8, 2014 to January 23, 2015. Opening reception: Dec. 9, 2014, 6–8 p.m. Cost: Free

Mesa Arts Center Holiday Festival: Main and Center Streets, Dec. 13th and 14th. Visit the Telaraña booth there!

Pueblo Grande Indian Market: 44th and Washington in Phoenix, Dec. 13th and 14th

Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave., "*Art Quilts XIX: Permission to Play, Storytelling Art Quilts*" through Jan. 17.

Vision Gallery, Chandler: Chicago St. and Arizona Ave, Arizona Surface Design Association presents "*Explorations*" through January 18.

Fountain Hills Artists' Gallery: 16858 Ave. of the Fountains, Fiber and Silkscreen by Reiko Wantanabe.

Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston: On exhibit is some interesting 3-dimensional sculptural fiber work. The ICA web site is www.icaboston.org. For a slide show of the installation click under "ON VIEW" and then select "SLIDE SHOW". If in Boston on Dec. 6, go to Demo Day!

Seeds for Autism Holiday Sale, Saturday, December 6, 10am-3pm, 1345 E McKinley, Phoenix (corner of McKinley & 15th Ave). Unique functional gifts, decorations, demonstrations, baked goods. \$5 donation suggested.

<https://www.facebook.com/SEEDSforAutism/photos/a.187298254634573.45422.184104558287276/871754522855606/?type=1&theater>

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.

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>

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

July 17-18, 2015 Silver City Fiber Arts Festival in Silver City, NM. from 10am to 5pm at the Grant County Conference Center

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/>

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