



Telaraña

Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

October, 2015

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October Guild Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

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: Refreshments will be available, with signups for future meetings still welcomed. Contact Marilyn Kissam by email to volunteer.

Raffle: We will have 2 weaving baskets. One is naturally colored cotton and the other is different fibers on cones.

Yarn Sale: Again we will be bringing yarn for sale. 15% of sales goes to Telaraña. Price is \$2 a skein or 25% of original price. Whatever is less. Much of this is knitting yarn, so bring your knitting friends! Next month will be the last month I will be bringing this yarn.

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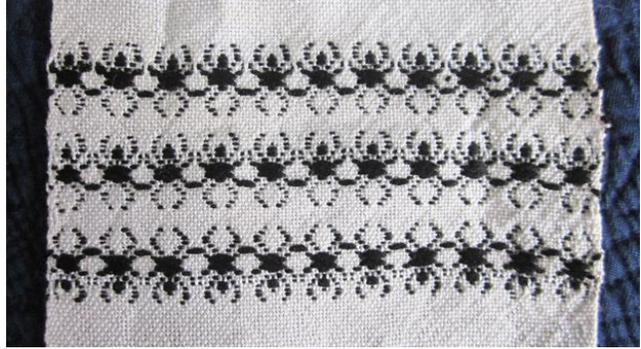
Study groups

Weaving - Contact Cindy Reynolds
 Navajo/Tapestry weaving - Contact Sharie Monsam

President's Letter

Dear Telarañians,

I love a new warp on the loom. Sometimes getting it there can be difficult: miscounted threads, tangles, and - horror of horrors - a lost cross! But when it's done and all the threads are in perfect alignment and tight on the warp beam, colors mingling or in rows beside each other on their way to the heddles and beyond to the breast beam, it's glorious. Not yet the complications of weaving: broken threads, treadling errors, the drudge of multiple shuttles. I admire the symmetry, the possibility, anticipate the finished item. It's a smell-the-roses moment. Ahh!



Right now, I've got a towel warp beamed on my loom – a pattern with little woven sheep on the borders. Can't wait to get started and see those critters grow. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll read about our Weavers Study Group structure workshop last month. We don't often get to weave together due to the size of our equipment, so we decided to arrange a time and place where we could do just that. In honor of the name of our Guild, here's what I had on my loom. I've wanted to weave these little spiders since the pattern was in our newsletter a few years ago.

It's official - we have been accepted for the 2015 Mesa Arts Festival! Get your needles clicking, your shuttles speeding, your dye pots brewing – we need your participation to fill our twice-as-large booth with enticing treasures. Contact Betz to let her know you plan to submit items and the type of item; it's not a commitment yet, but helps the committee plan for displays and booth arrangement. Would you like to come to our evening meetings but don't drive at night, or need a ride for another reason? As someone that almost always rides to our meetings with my good friend, Betz, I know it is more pleasant to share the drive. It can make a long ride seem shorter and traffic less of an irritation. If you need a ride but are unsure if another member lives near you, send me an email and we'll see if we can connect you, webmaster@telarana.org. We've got some programs coming up that you won't want to miss!

Linda

Minutes of Board Meeting: Mesa Drive fire station, Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

Meeting was called to order by Linda Wade at 7:05pm.

Members present: Linda Wade, Kathy Silva, Wendy Beaver, Jean Doig, Sharie Monsam, Betz Frederick, Karen Kehlenbach, Debi Deadmond, Mary Snyder, Barb Nelson, and Nancy Ryan

GUILD REWARD PROGRAMS: Linda informed the members that there are guild reward programs sponsored by Woolery and Halcyon that allow the guild to receive a percentage of total sales made to members. It was mentioned that Amazon also has a similar program. Linda will research these programs.

BUDGET: Betz reviewed the budget as it stood on 9/30/15. Bank balance is \$11,242.91.

MEMBERSHIP: Barb report that we have 56 paid members to date. Membership roster will be available in November.

PROGRAMS: Kathy reviewed the October program: Erika Lynne Hanson will speak of her residency at Icelandic Textile Center.

WORKSHOPS: Deb previewed upcoming workshops. Signup for Diane Totten will be at the October general meeting with Betz. Signup for Tom Knisely will be at the November general meeting with Linda. There are still openings for Marcia McClellan's book workshop on 10/10.

EXHIBITS/SHOWS: Betz reported that the committee is requesting an additional \$400 to their budget as expenses for MAC exceeded the current budget due to larger tent rental, banner and publicity. Barb moved that we approved the request; seconded by Mary and approved unanimously. Exhibits and Mesa Art Show now have a budget item of \$1400. Any entries into MAC must be fiber-related. Betz will research estimates on banners.

PUBLICITY: Mary handed out newly designed Telaraña rack cards for distribution.

WAYS & MEANS: Sharie reported that we received a thank-you note from the winner of the Telaraña raffle basket at IWC who loved it. Sharie said she will have yarn at the Oct meeting. After the Nov meeting, there will be no more wool.

DEMONSTRATIONS: Jean has been involved in regular demos at the Irish Cultural Center. October 5-10 is National Spinning/Weaving Week and she is trying to set up demos at Fiber Factory and Tempe Yarn. She will also look into demoing at the State Fair.

FEDERATION: Linda reminded board members to complete the online questionnaire for Debbi Brunner.

HISTORIAN: Wendy reported that the photo booth will be back up at the Oct meeting

HOSPITALITY: No report.

LIBRARY: Karen presented information on Library Thing. It was suggested by Jean that we look into Lil'Bib. Karen will research this. Karen reported that the library survey will be given to members at the Oct general meeting. Storage of old records was discussed and options will be researched. Development of a policy for monetary donations to the library was discussed - no action taken.

NEWSLETTER: Phil needs items by this weekend.

WEBSITE: Linda reported that Sara has put the show-and-tell form on-line

Motion to adjourn by Betz and seconded by Karen made at 8:58pm. Approved by all.

Nancy Ryan
Secretary, Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

October Program - October 14, 2015 - Erika Lynne Hanson



Erika Lynne Hanson

will speak of her residency at **Icelandic Textile Center** in Blondous, Iceland and her project investigating the relationship between traditional textiles of Iceland and the immediate landscape.

Future Workshops

Crimp and Create Weaving Workshop, presented by Dianne Totten.

February 13-15, 2016 at the Outreach Building, First Methodist Church, Mesa, Arizona.

Cost is estimated to be \$150-\$200

This is an on-loom workshop taking fiber in a new direction by creating "crimp cloth." Using a variation of woven shibori for both warp and weft, learn to create a fabric with permanently crimped designs that hold their memory even when washed. Participants will draft, weave, and crimp their samples in class to discover the endless possibilities. Learn how the fabric can be used for entire garments as well as for permanent pleating to replace knitted ribbing for a sweater or to add a knit look to the collar area of a jacket. Sewing tips for using this amazing cloth will be included. No dyeing is involved. This is not a round robin workshop.

We will begin accepting checks at our general meeting, Wednesday, October 14th. If you are not able to attend that meeting please send your check in with a member. A \$75 non-refundable check can be given to Betz Frederick. For more information, please contact Debi Deadmond.

Huck Lace with Color and Weave Effects for 4 and 8 shafts, presented by Tom

Knisely, March 18-20, 2016 at the Outreach Building, First Methodist Church, Mesa, Arizona.

Registration to members will open at our November 11th meeting. If you cannot attend that meeting, please send your check to the meeting with a member. A \$75 non-refundable check can be given to Linda Wade that evening. For more information, please contact Debi Deadmond.

Future 2015-2016 Guild Meetings

11 November, 2015 - Betz Frederick: The Fiber Arts and Cultures of Papua New Guinea--Bilas, Bilums, Baskets, Masks and Gourds Our own member, Betz, will discuss the culture of Papua New Guinea and its many sides and complexities. She will show pictures and artifacts collected during the time she lived there.

9 December, 2015 - Potluck & Mesa Arts Festival: Our annual holiday potluck will be the event of the evening.

13 January, 2016 - Ann Morton, Surface Design: Ann will be discussing her participation in the recent **Surface Design Conference** at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts. You'll remember Ann and her project, **Ground Cover**, a social project that drew major recognition.

10 February, 2016 - Dianne Totten, From Cone to Clothing, One Weaver's Journey: Dianne has experimented extensively with a variation of handwoven shibori that she calls "crimp cloth". Through visual presentation, view the garments that flatter your figure, the shawls that won't slide off your shoulders, and scarves that can serve a dual purpose.

9 March, 2016 - Mini-workshops: Back once again will be an evening of mini workshops that will be engaging and inspirational with new and fun ideas that may expand your horizons to future new projects. Watch for details TBA.

Please note the day and date of this special program....Thursday, March 17.

17 March, 2016 - Special Program by Tom Knisely What can we learn from Antique Textiles?

Tom has been collecting textiles of one sort or another for more than five decades, looking past the, “Oh isn’t that pretty”. He will bring numerous samples from his collection and invites you to bring yours, somewhat like being on the Textile Roadshow.

13 April, 2016 Lisa Takata - Peace Fleece, a 1,200 mile adventure. Lisa will share stories from a volunteer project she has been involved in for two years. **Peace Fleece**, a small New England yarn company, partners with the Mid States Wool Cooperative, a Chicago mohair buyer, Dine College and the Black Mesa Water Coalition to host a multi-city wool buy on the Navajo Nation every summer.

11 May, 2016 - Annual Stash Reduction Sale and Summer send-off Potluck. Nothing more should be said, except we all love the stash sale and what better way to end the season than with a potluck dinner with friends.

For the Good of the Order



Mesa Arts Festival: Mesa Arts Festival will be December 12 and 13.

We will need a lot of inventory as Telaraña has been accepted for a double booth. Any guild member who would like to put items in the show should contact Betz and fill out a participation form.

We are looking forward to a great show and an opportunity to sell our work.

We hope all guild members will help us publicize our participation in the show.

Federation News: The next Federation Meeting will be on October 10 at the community room at Fire station 217. The address is 10434 E. Baseline, Mesa. It is just west of Signal Butte. Anyone is welcome to attend.

The AZ Federation of Spinners and Weavers Guilds is still looking for volunteers to teach seminars or make-and-take classes at Federation Day 2016 which is scheduled for Feb 27, 2016. A seminar is a 45-min program about a fiber arts subject that you feel passionate about. It is not a hands-on class. It could involve showing samples or slides. A make-and-take class would be a short (less than 1 hour) hands-on class where attendees start with a kit of supplies and end up with a (more or less finished) small item. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions please contact Mary Humme at maryhumme@gmail.com as soon as possible. The deadline for submissions is Oct 15.

Library: October Survey! Please complete the survey -- either at the meeting or by email following the meeting (it will be sent to you following the meeting). We are very interested in hearing your thoughts on making the library more valuable to you, to all our guild members! We have over 400 resources -- Lots of good books, articles, and DVDs -- so check them out at the next meeting!

Demonstrations: This is a one-time pitch for members’ participation in, and reporting about, demonstrations or “demos.” What is a demo? A demonstration is classified as a member of our guild doing one of our handcrafts in public. “In Public” includes doing a fiber art outside of your home and someone says “What are you doing?” and you respond. That is a demo.

If you are at doctor’s office, kid’s game, waiting anywhere, riding public transportation, etc., and are spinning, knitting, etc. and someone asks you the question, you are doing a personal demo. It does not matter if is a scheduled demo or a personal demo, I need an email indicating the demo and your time

spent doing it. Demo time includes prep time, drive time, plus actual time demonstrating. Our demos help us keep our nonprofit status, so the more the merrier.

When you report, I will need to know if it is a personal demo or our group planned demo. If it is a group demo I need to know where and when. (This is not necessary on a personal demo.) I also need to know for the group or special demos (schools, other clubs, etc.) what your prep and drive time are.

Anybody doing demos during Spinzilla or National Spinning Week needs to email me with their hours. Our only scheduled demo right now is the MAC Fest in December. Please sign up, either at a meeting or by emailing me. Please email me with all demo information, and any questions you may have.
Jean Doig, Demonstration Chairperson.

Membership: We would like to welcome our new members. Please make them feel welcome.

Candy Caldwell Basketry, Handmade Books, Jewelry	Collyer Ekholm Dyeing, Spinning, Multi-Shaft, Lace Making
Mary Coolman 480-326-6658 Basketry, Dyeing, Knitting, Crochet	Cynthia Fowler 303-250-9766 Dyeing, 4-Shaft Weaving

You can send your membership dues (\$25/individ., \$30/family) to: Barbara Nelson. A membership form can be downloaded: <http://telarana.org/membership>

Weaving Structure Experience Workshop a Great Success: On Saturday, September 12, the Weavers Study Group organized an all day workshop for themselves. Nine members brought warped looms with a specific structure for others to try. In addition several brought finished projects of the structure AND yarn to use and directions on how to weave the structure. Kathy Silva fixed a wonderful lunch for us complete with woven table decorations. Karen Zorn was a wonderful hostess for us at her community center. Cindy Reynolds kept everyone informed of who was to bring what.

The structures included easy to moderate to seemingly difficult: advancing twill, krokbragd, summer and winter hybrid, deflected warp, turned taquete, motifs on a point twill, supplementary warp, and rosepath. In addition Barbara Nelson brought her AVL Dobby loom for all of to try out.

During the workshop someone was always there to answer questions and to help others through the process of weaving a particular structure. And as with all workshops, each of us picked up new "tricks of the trade" or was inspired to try something new when we got home.

In a follow-up meeting, it was agreed that we should make this an annual event for our study group members. So, if you're not part of the study group, you should think about joining us!

Below are some of the comments that participants made about the day.

"What a great group. Everyone works like a well oiled machine. I loved what I was able to weave."

"Really enjoyed our day together today. It was great!"

"I had a great day and was happy to host the event. My friend was very impressed with all the different structures and the group's comradeship."

"It was a wonderful day and I think quite successful. Everyone did a great job in preparing their looms and handouts."

"Saturday was such an inspiration to me to get weaving again. It was fun, educational, and our weavers were all very helpful and encouraging. And let's not forget about the lunch! Phenomenal!"

Tapestry/Navajo Study Group: The 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 normally held on the 3rd Monday of each month, 7pm. All levels of weavers are welcome. For more information, contact Cindy R., webmaster@telarana.org

Service Opportunity – Refugee Focus: There is a need for volunteer teachers in two Refugee Focus locations, downtown Phoenix (Central and Osborn) and (for assistant sewing teachers) in Chandler. If interest, contact the organization through www.refugeefocus.org.

Show and Tell: Remember that you can fill out your show-and-tell form at home. Here is a link to the form on our website: <http://telarana.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/showtellform.pdf>

In and Around Town (and elsewhere)

ARIZONA STATE FAIR: Oct. 16-Nov. 8th Fiber animals and Home Economics Barn are sites to visit.

ART IN THE OLIVE GROVE: Oct. 18th 10am-3m Queen Creek Olive Mill. 25 artists for a day of art and wine tasting.

COLONIAL FRONTIERS: 244 S. Park Ave., Tucson. "Royal Weavings: 19th and 20th. Century Antique Shawls and Saris from Gujarat, India" through Nov. 30th.

TUBAC FALL ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL: Nov. 6-8th 10-5pm. Free admission

MESA POW WOW: Oct.23-25, Pioneer Park, 525 E. Main, Mesa. **Times:** Fri. 6-10pm, Sat. 11am-10pm, Sun. 11am-5pm. **Admission:** FREE! Competition dancing, craft booths including baskets and Navajo rugs, and Fry Bread booths. Put this on your calendar!

MARANA COTTON FESTIVAL: Heritage River Park, 12375 N. Heritage Park Dr., Marana, Oct. 10.

"COVEY of QUILTS": Cottonwood Middle Sch., 500 E. Mingus Ave, Cottonwood, Oct. 16-17.

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