



# Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

March, 2016

[www.Telarana.org](http://www.Telarana.org)

March Guild Meetings (Bonus Month)

Wednesday, March 9 and 17, 2016

**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 6:00 pm for setup.

**Hospitality:** Our tradition of refreshments being available at meetings continues. This happens because members kindly contribute goodies, whether by plan or spontaneously. Look for sign-up sheets and add your support to the cause.



**Raffle Baskets:** There will be raffle baskets at the March meeting. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

2015 - 2016 Executive Board			
<b>Executive Officers</b>			
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Library	Karen Kehlenbach	Website	Sara Jenkins
<b>Study groups</b>			
Weaving - Contact Cindy Reynolds			
Navajo/Tapestry weaving - Contact Sharie Monsam			

## President's Letter

Dear Telarañians,

From my perspective and the comments I overheard, Saturday's Federation Day was a huge success. As you know, Fibers Through Time, which is organized biennially by the Arizona Federation of Weavers & Spinners Guilds, was cancelled this year for re-grouping. To fill the vacuum, the Federation board decided to host a single day to celebrate our guilds. We have 13 guilds in the state; each one was offered a table to tell about their guild. I think one or two were missing, but most of the guilds were represented. Our table looked great – thank you Jean for setting it up and talking to visitors throughout the day. We had our stand-up display, Wendy's beautiful show-and-tell scrapbooks, sample books from the Collapse Weave Study Group and the Weavers Study Group, even the calendar we produced from our guild challenge a few years ago. Jean said they all got attention. It was fun to see the other tables and learn about our fellow guilds.

There were short seminars covering various fiber art forms and make-and-take workshops throughout the day. Registration also included lunch and a ticket for a door prize. At our lunch table, 3 of our members won prizes! We were also treated to a fun fashion show. Did I mention vendors? There were not many, but a good variety. All in all, it was a very enjoyable day. I had a chance to visit with friends from other guilds that I don't see often and make some new friends as well. I saw many of you there. Two of our members, Caroline Wise and Nancy Ryan, led seminars. Some of the make-and-take workshops would work great for our mini-workshop program next year. I'm writing them down so I don't forget...

At our last board meeting, Sharie suggested that it would be nice to open our doors a little earlier for socializing before our meetings. We normally open up at 6:30 and it's a rush to get everything set up by 7:00 with little time to get the coffee made and say hello to a few people. Our March "program" consists of a rotation of mini-workshops and some extra time will probably be of benefit. If you want to come a little early, we'll be there by 6:00. The meeting/workshops won't start before 7:00 so don't feel rushed.

**We will not have show-and-tell this month.** We'll need all our time and space for the mini-workshops. Save those items to show us next month – we still want to see them!

Linda

### Executive Board Nominations:

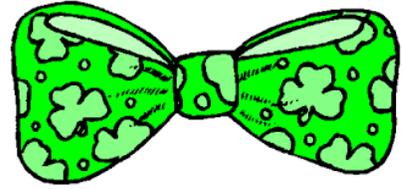
I am pleased to announce the following nominations for the coming elections for next year's Executive Board:

<b>President</b> - Linda Wade	<b>Treasurer</b> - Karen Kehlenbach
<b>Vice President</b> - Nancy Ryan	<b>Secretary</b> - Lee Killpack

Nominations are still open. If you know someone you wish to nominate, or would like to serve yourself, please contact me, Debi Deadmond.

**Board Meeting:** No formal board meeting was held in February. Treasurer Betz Frederick reports a balance of \$12,531.86.

## March Program #1 - March 9, 2016 Member-Presented Mini-Workshops



Make your plans to attend the upcoming annual mini-workshops that are sure to offer new, informative and fun techniques for the all that attend. An important note is that the presenters are your own guild members who excel in the techniques they are presenting. The following six workshops are being offered:

**JEAN DOIG - *Fiber Preparation*.** Crucial to the success of your spinning experience is the preparation of the fiber you are going to spin. Jean will demonstrate the mix and then the result of using the right combination of combed fibers when they are spun.

**WINNIE JOHNSON - *Card Weaving*.** This demonstration will show how to create woven images with cards and thread. The helpful hints will give you an understanding of the process involved. Keep your concentration hat on for this one!

**CINDY REYNOLDS - *Inkle Loom*.** Have you ever wondered how to use this funny looking loom? Well, this loom is surprisingly simple to use. You can make simple or intricate woven bands for uses from bookmarks to straps to trim to belts. The possibilities are endless.

**SHARIE MONSAM - *Beginning Weaving*.** This will be a lesson on weaving using a cardboard loom. This technique is used to start you off on basic steps to weaving and can be adapted as you progress in your experience.

**BILL OLIPHANT - *Carding Fiber*.** Weaving, felting, knitting, spinning, etc. all start with unaltered natural fiber. The process of carding fiber from natural sources enables you to eventually create the masterpieces that you make. Don't miss this one.

**SUE BUNCH - *Needle Felting*.** Sue will give basic instructions and tips on how to use a felting needle to make two or three dimensional fibers. Once you've seen this demo you will be able to make items as small as a button and as big as your imagination. The sky is the limit.

The workshops will be 20 minutes long with a 5 minute break. Members will have time to experience three different demos, or you can stay at the same table.

**Note:** There will not be show and tell this evening.

## March Program #2 - Thursday, March 17, 2016 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.

## Upcoming Workshops

### **Huck Lace with Color and Weave Effects with Tom Knisely**

The workshop will be held Friday-Sunday, March 18-20, 2016. This workshop currently has a waiting list, with 20 signed up to participate. We will have samples to show at our April meeting.

### **Anything You Would Ever Want to Know About Dyeing with Procion Dyes with Cindy Fowler.**

**When:** Saturday, April 16, 2016 9:30 – 3:30

**Where:** Outreach Center of the First United Methodist Church

**Who:** Beginner to advanced dyers

**Workshop:** This workshop will explore several techniques of dyeing cotton, tencel, silk, and bamboo yarns with Procion fiber reactive dyes. These dyes are less toxic than your traditional mordant dyes and produce brilliant and lightfast colors. There will be a brief color theory discussion. We will explore color placement and different methods of painting the warps. You will learn three methods of dyeing: Hand-painting on a pre-wound warp, space dyeing skeins, dispersion dyeing with balled skeins. Students bring their own warps, skeins and balled skeins.



Registration will be at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please contact me or call me after 4 pm if you have questions. **Class size limited to 12 students.**

**Cost:** \$40 to \$50 plus \$15 supply fee. \$40 deposit due at March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Give or send to Debi.

### **Upcoming Workshops for 2017!**

Betz has been hard at work making phone calls to instructors! Thanks Betz! We are pleased to announce that the following instructors will be coming in 2017. The subject of their workshops has yet to be determined. More information and registration dates will be provided in the Fall.

**Tom Knisely-January 14-16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Robyn Spady-March 2017**

## Future 2015-2016 Guild Meetings

**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.

## Previous Workshop Report

### Crimp and Create

Dianne Totten presented a wonderful workshop to 17 of our weavers. We learned how to weave different structures on 4 to 12 shaft looms. We “pulled” our cloth and then steamed to create the crimp. Everyone was pleased with the many samples we created. Learning how to easily cut off samples and quickly tie back on was a new technique several of us learned. Make sure you check out our samples at our next Show and Tell.



### For the Good of the Order

**Demonstrations:** *Ancient Technologies Day*, Pueblo Grande Museum in Phoenix, March 12, 10-4. I have had some people let me know they cannot go, but still need volunteers to go with me to demonstrate. *Maricopa County Fair*, Saturday, April 16, 10-4 at the AZ State Fair Grounds. Jean Doig - Demonstration Chair.

**Looms to Borrow:** Ever thought you might want to learn to weave, or have a friend who wants to learn to weave? Telaraña has table looms you can borrow for free. Contact Betz Frederick.

**Federation:** Federation Day on February 27 was a huge success with seminars and mini workshops. Vendors brought yarn, fibers, weaving and spinning tools, and knitting yarns. Door prizes were awarded, and there was an informal show and tell after a salad lunch. The Federation will soon be working on the next event for the guilds and guild members in Arizona.

**Library:** Here is news of two recent additions to our library, and a reminder of our “early opening” at the upcoming meeting. Karen Kehlenbach

**DVD *Woven Shibori: Sewing with Crimp Cloth***, with Dianne Totten (67 minutes)

Dianne Totten, an accomplished seamstress, weaver for thirty years and teacher for fifteen, uses a variation of woven shibori to produce what she calls “crimp cloth” to create one-of-a-kind garments by heat-setting the freshly woven fabric, and with no dyeing involved! As a follow-up to or recent workshop on weaving crimp cloth, this DVD provides tips and tricks for sewing with hand woven crimp cloth.

**BOOK *Plantation Slave Weavers Remember - An Oral History*** by Mary Madison 2015, Softbound, 145 pages. Mary Madison is an accomplished fiber artist who reviewed the extensive collection of interviews and photographs (housed in the Library of Congress), selecting those remembrances illustrating the daily lives of slaves who were spinners, weavers, knitters, and dyers. The book includes black and white illustrations of the people and their creations as well as a glossary, bibliography, and suggested further readings. Ms. Madison’s fiber creations have been exhibited in galleries in Washington, Ohio, Colorado and Canada. Mary resides in Colorado and is an active member of several weaving guilds and surface design groups.

**Reminder:** The doors will open at 6pm for the monthly guild meeting (March 9) and the library will be available for browsing! Items previously checked out are due March 9<sup>th</sup> at the monthly meeting.

**Membership:** You can still remit your membership dues (\$25/individ., \$30/family). A membership form can be downloaded: <http://telarana.org/membership> We are holding steady at 92 as announced at our last meeting. Barb Nelson

**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](mailto:webmaster@telarana.org)

## In and Around Town (and elsewhere)

**SCOTTSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY GALLERY: 11 Miles of Color.** This is a show to make Telaraña proud. It displays the effects of providing, to each of eleven different Arizona artists, a mile of ribbons from a Scottsdale civic installation. Sharie Monsam and Francine Kavanaugh have pieces in the show. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zST2iKFQvIY> to see a video featuring Sharie. The library website <http://www.scottsdalelibrary.org/exhibitions> also describes the show, which runs until April 30. 3839 N. Drinkwater Blvd, Scottsdale, just South of Indian School Rd. Enter into the parking garage on East side of Drinkwater. The Library is at the far end.

**CINDY SHANKS: Wild Horse Presentation,** Navajo Room, Apache Wells RV Resort, McKellips and 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Mesa. Thursday, March 10 at 10:00 am. Cindy has been a Telaraña presenter, telling us of her experiences with Arizona's (now discontinued) spring sheep drive. This presentation is about her rescue and adoption of a wild horse, and that horse's development as a mother. (Yes, there is a book about it.)

**Catharine Ellis Workshop:** The Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild would like to announce a new workshop for March 5, 6 and 7, 2017 with Catharine Ellis. She will be speaking at the Guild meeting on Saturday, March 4th at 10:00 at the Northtown Community Center in Phoenix. Catharine is one of the original inventors of woven shibori. Catharine will be teaching "Woven Shibori-and the Organic Indigo Vat. Registration will begin October 1st, 2016 for all ADWSG members and November 1st for non-members. There will be a \$50.00 deposit required when registering. Estimated cost \$175.00-225.00 + \$15.00 materials fee. For questions please email Jeanne Forrest at [rdjforrest@yahoo.com](mailto:rdjforrest@yahoo.com).

**PHOENIX ART MUSEUM: The White Shirt According to Me. Gianfranco Ferré ,** Steele Gallery, and **Gianfranco Ferré Designs,** Ellman Fashion Design Gallery. Through Sunday, March 6, 2016.

**Flowers, Fruit, Books, Bones- Still Life from the Center for Creative Photography,** Doris and John Norton Gallery for the Center for Creative Photography, Saturday, December 5, 2015 - Sunday, May 15, 2016. See [www.phxart.org](http://www.phxart.org) for both exhibitions.

**ARIZONA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL** through March 27. Go East of Apache Junction on Hwy. 60.

**SCOTTSDALE ARTS FESTIVAL**, Civic Center Mall, March 11-13.

**MESA CONTEMPORARY ARTS**, 1 E. Main “37<sup>th</sup> Annual Contemporary Crafts Exhibition” through April 24.

**SHEMER ART CENTER**, 5005 E. CAMELBACK RD., PHOENIX “Art in the Garden” outside art show, March 12.

**TUCSON MUSEUM OF ART**, 140 N. Main Ave. “String Theory: Contemporary Art and Fiber Legacy” through June 19.

**TURQUOISE TORTOISE GALLERY**, Hozho Center, 431 S. R. 179 Sedona, Handwoven Zapotec rugs and pillow “Weaving in the Clouds” through March 13.

**PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM**, 4619 E. Washington, Phoenix, ***Ancient Technology Day***, Saturday, March 12, from 9am-3pm. Come and help with the weaving booth or bring some fiber-related demo and show how it is done in the Demo booth next to the weaving. There will be a Fry Bread booth and they usually give us tickets. YUM!

**SHEMER ART CENTER: *Arizona Outdoor Sculpture Show***, juried by Mary Neubauer, November 1, 2015 – November 1, 2017. Works by seven sculptors. <http://www.shemerartcenter.org>

**CELEBATION OF FINE ART**, SW corner of Hayden and Loop 101, Scottsdale, 10-6pm, Jan. 16-March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**ARIZONA FINE ART EXPO**, Scottsdale Rd and Jomax Rd. through April 3.

**NIZHONI RANCH GALLERY**, Sonoita, “Woven Holy People” Navajo rugs: Yeis, Yei Be Cheis and Sandpainting textiles. Feb. 28-April 2.

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