



# Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

March 2018

Celebrating Our 40<sup>th</sup> Year

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

## March Guild Meeting

### 2017-2018 Executive Team and Committee Chairs

#### Executive Team:

President, Nancy Ryan  
Vice President, Winnie Johnson  
Treasurer, Karen Kehlenbach  
Secretary, Gina Saettone  
Past President, Linda Wade

#### Committee Chairs:

Demonstrations, To Be Filled  
Exhibits and Shows, Cindy Reynolds  
Federation, Hope Aguilar  
Historian, Michael Ryan  
Hospitality, Sue Bunch  
Library, Karen Kehlenbach  
Membership, Betz Frederick  
Newsletter, Karen Zorn  
Programs, Winnie Johnson  
Publicity, Lee Killpack  
Ways and Means, Sharie Monsam  
Website, Sara Jenkins  
Workshops, Debi Deadmond

**Correction:** Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 6 pm Social Hour, 7 pm Meeting

**East Mesa Christian Church**, 706 S. Greenfield Road, Mesa, AZ. The church is on the west side of Greenfield Road, between Broadway and Southern. Parking access is from E. Diamond Ave., the street just south of the church and north of Mesa Fire Department station #205. The room opens at 6 pm for a social hour.

**Hospitality:** Contributions to our hospitality table are always welcome. See Sue Bunch to sign up for future meetings.

**Raffle Baskets:** Sharie Monsam is offering several raffle baskets. Tickets \$1 each or six for \$5. All raffle proceeds go into Telaraña's Ways and Means account.

## President's Letter

Dear Telarañians,

Wow! Here we are again, already into the third month of the year! Does time really move this fast or does it just seem that way as we get older? How have those creative inspirations that you had at the first of the year panned out? Do you have lots of completed projects and you're already thinking of what you can submit to MAC this year? Not me! I have a towel warp on one loom and a rug warp about to go on another loom. But three of my looms have "old" projects that need attention. Tons of projects waiting in the wings!

We have lots of excitement coming up at the guild. Winnie has planned a fun meeting for March with our mini-workshops. And then there is the anniversary celebration in April! Can you believe that is just around the corner? Are you thinking about demonstrating your craft? Here are two opportunities for you:

- **Pueblo Grande Museum Ancient Technology Day** on March 10. Sharie will be there teaching kids to weave but we need demonstrators for the demo tent.
- **Higley School District Fine Arts Festival** on April 14. You don't need to spend the whole day, just come and spin, weave, or felt for fun. Give me a call and let

me know when you can help.

Time to go stare at my looms some more! Or straighten up my dirty studio for a polymer clay play day tomorrow.

Happy St Pat's day to the Irish in all of us!!!

Nancy

## *2018 Future Meetings*

**March 14:** Back by popular demand, Mini-Sessions! Come to the March meeting and participate in 3 of 6 mini-sessions:

- Blending board basics for spinners and felters, demonstrated by Barbara Bell
- Dyeing silk scarves using tissue paper, demonstrated by Lee Kilpack
- Fringe treatments for fiber arts projects: twisted, braided, beaded, taught by Karen Zorn (bring an alligator clip fringe twister, if you have one)
- Making a knitted bunny, taught by Suzanne Bird (her show and tell from the February meeting). Bring a 5 1/2" knitted square
- Needle felting taught by Sue Bunch
- Reeling silk cocoons (as described by Betz Fredericks in her February program) demonstrated by Jean Doig

**April 11:** Telaraña 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. We will have our annual at this meeting instead at the May meeting. Please bring appetizers and side dishes only. Main course and cake will be provided by the Guild.

**May 9:** Silent auction, **NO** potluck

## *Slate of Candidates for 2018-19 Program Year*

Our guild elections are held every April at the general meeting. According to Guild bylaws the nominating committee slate of candidates must be published in the preceding March and April newsletter. Additional nominations may be made at the meeting, with the approval of the nominee. Here is the slate of candidates.

### **Officers:**

President: Nancy Ryan  
Vice President: Winnie Johnson  
Secretary: Gina Saettone  
Treasurer: Hope Aguilar

### **Committee Chairpersons (does not require voting):**

Membership: Patti Hulet  
Programs: Winnie Johnson  
Workshops: Betz Fredericks and Linda Wade  
Hospitality: Linda Finkelstein  
Exhibits/Shows: Cindy Reynolds  
Demonstrations: Sandy Ewald  
Ways and Means: Sharie Monsom  
Library: Karen Kehlenbach  
Newsletter: Karen Zorn  
Federation Liaison: Hope Aguilar  
Historian: Michael Ryan

## *Telaraña 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April 2018. Do you know current or former Guild members who can provide history? Do you have Guild history you'd like to share? If so, please contact Historian Michael Ryan

## *Mentors & Learners*



**Jean Doig & Company** Most fiber arts projects are individual efforts, there comes a time when each of us needs a little help. The Mentors and Learners table can answer questions, help interpret charts, drawdowns, and other questions. eMail Jean Doig with your questions prior to the meeting.

## *Telaraña Workshops*

### ***“Turning a Hand-Painted Skein into a Warp, and Dye Workshop” by Mary Gavan Yarns and Betz Frederick***

Learn to wind a warp from a hand-painted skein to place the colors where you want them, demoed by Betz Frederick. Mary Gavan will teach you how to dye your own skeins for the most pleasing effects. See details on our website: <http://telarana.org/workshops>

**Date & time:** Saturday, May 12, 2018, 10am -3pm

**Location:** 1822 E Georgia Ave, Phoenix (Nancy Ryan’s outdoor studio)

**Cost:** \$100, includes dye materials and two skeins of rayon/linen yarn.

**Deposit:** \$50 at March 14 meeting, or mail to Linda Wade, 3716 S Jentilly Ln, Tempe, AZ 85282

**Class size:** 12

**Questions?** Contact Betz Frederick or Linda Wade



**Paper making workshop** is still in the ironing-out stages, details to follow at the March meeting.

## *Weaving Study Group*

**Meeting the 3rd Monday of each month, 7 to 9 pm** Our next meeting is March 19 at Cindy Reynolds’ home, 7 p.m. Penny Wakefield will demonstrate a lashing technique using ½-or 1-inch rings that doesn’t require any knots to tie on to the front beam. There will be time to practice the technique.

The past two months we met in member’s homes. We enjoy seeing studio/weaving set-ups and use our supplies/equipment to supplement our discussions. We had a great meeting on February 19 at Winnie Johnson’s home. Winnie demonstrated warping paddle and wheel. Lee Killpack demonstrated warping techniques she learned at a recent workshop. Show and tell is always a joy as are our discussions. If you want more information about our group, contact Cindy Reynolds.

The weaving study group is open to all Guild members. Come join us!

## *Ancient Technology Day: Prehistoric & Historic Saturday, March 10, 2018*

### **9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free Event, made possible by a grant from the Arizona Humanities**

Test your technology skills at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Ancient Technology Day on March 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pueblo Grande Museum in Phoenix. Enjoy a hands-on experience, fun for the whole family, where visitors can try their hand at throwing an atlatl (spear), weaving their own cloth, and sample roasted agave slow-cooked the traditional way, in an earthen oven. Artists will be on hand to demonstrate how the Hohokam people used various technologies such as flintknapping (making of arrowheads), pottery, shell jewelry, weaving and more! Experts in historic technologies will demonstrate skills from the Pioneer Days of Arizona such as cotton spinning and adobe brick making!

Ancient Technology Day: Prehistoric & Historic is recognized as both an official Arizona Scitech Festival event and an Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month event. In addition to hands-on demonstrations, families can enjoy free craft activities and games where they can practice their new ancient and historic technology skills. Also available throughout the day are free tours of the prehistoric platform mound, and artifact show-and-tell stations. Guests can also enjoy a guided tour of the Park of Four Waters, an area with the remains of prehistoric Hohokam canals not regularly open to the public. Frybread and breakfast items will also be available for purchase from [Yellowman Frybread](#), a Navajo owned and operated food truck!

**Demonstration Opportunity** We welcome all members to spend a little time at the Telaraña booth at the Ancient Technology Day, Saturday, March 10th. It is a fun day with lots going on at the Museum. Shari will need help in her popular booth with cardboard box weaving—kids love it!

## *Exhibits and Shows*

**Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum's 39th Annual Contemporary Crafts** exhibition through April 15th. 51 works of art from 46 artists representing 16 states. There are tapestries and baskets represented including Sharie Monsom's basket. Be sure and visit the MAC Artist Cooperative while there.

**Pueblo Grande Museum Ancient Technology Day**, March 10th 9-3pm. Come help us teach children in the Telarana booth or demo in the second booth.

**Quilt Arizona March 23-24**. Mesa Convention Center. Arizona Quilters Guild.

**Arizona Fine Art EXPO** through March 25th, Jomax and Scottsdale Roads. 115 artists' studios.

**Arizona Renaissance Festival** through April 1st. Saturdays and Sundays on Highway 60 East of Apache Junction.

**Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair and Market** March 3rd and 4th.

**Chandler Ostrich Festival** March 9-11th, Tumbleweed park.

**Scottsdale Arts Festival**, March 9-11th, Civic Center Mall.

**Carefree Fine Art and Wine Festival**, March 16-18th, downtown Carefree. Thunderbird Artists.

**Fountain O'green Artisan Market**, March 16-18. Ave. of the Fountain, Fountain Hills

**Fountain Hills Fine Arts Wine Affaire**, March 23-15. 125 artist booths, live music, food and wine.

**Tempe Festival of The Arts**, March 23-25th. Mill Avenue District, downtown Tempe.

**Colonial Frontiers**, 244 S. Park Ave., Tucson: Jewelry, weavings and dowry boxes of the royal Maharani women of Rajasthan, India circa 19-20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

**Desert Caballeros Western Museum**, 21 N. Frontier St., Wickenburg: "One trader's legacy: Steve Getwiller Collects the West" Navajo rugs.

**John Hill Antique Indian Art Gallery**, 6962 E. First Ave., Scottsdale: Pima and Apache baskets including miniatures.

**Turquoise Tortoise Gallery**, Hozho Center, 431 S. R. 179, Sedona: Handwoven rugs from Zapotec weavers in Oaxaca, Mexico.

## *CALL FOR ARTISTS*

The Española Valley Fiber Art Center is sponsoring the **New Mexico Fiber Crawl** on May 18 through May 20, 2018, at participating sites throughout northern New Mexico. This **Call for Artists** is for an invitational and juried show organized in collaboration with Tansey Contemporary, 652 Canyon Road, Santa Fe, NM. The exhibit will open at Tansey Contemporary on Friday, May 18, at 5:30 pm with a public reception. This opening will also be the kick-off party for the Fiber Crawl in Santa Fe.

The exhibit will run for four weeks. The exhibit will then be transported by Tansey Contemporary, at their cost, to their gallery in Denver, CO, and will open on Saturday, July 7, at noon.

### **THEME**

The exhibit, titled **Recall—Recapture—Remember**, will showcase the best in fiber work from the region and will reflect the theme of memory.

*"Memory fades, memory adjusts, memory conforms to what we think we remember."* —Joan Didion, *Blue Night*.

Does our past build us, or do we build our past? Things remembered can be as sharp as the current moment or so blurred that only a feeling remains. This exhibit embodies the essence of a recalled and recaptured past through the imperfect lens of memory.

For more information and details, go to <http://www.evfac.org/>

## *On-Going Events of Interest*

**6th Street Market**, Tempe, Sundays 11 am-4 pm October-April. Local artisans, live music, food booths. Location: 6th Street Park, 24 E 6th St. Free Parking in adjacent City Hall Garage.

**Scottsdale Art Walk** – Every Thursday evening 6:30-9 pm, downtown Scottsdale. Restaurants, museums and free trolley and/or horse-drawn carriage rides are available to transport folks from numerous free parking areas throughout the Scottsdale Arts District and Scottsdale Downtown. <http://scottsdalegalleries.com/>

**Chandler Art Walk** - Every third Friday 6-9:30 pm, Downtown Chandler welcomes over 35 local artists to the historic square. <http://www.downtownchandler.org/artwalk>

## *From Your Friendly Librarian*

Did you know the Guild Library has over 450 items and includes?

- More than 20 DVDs which are a great way to learn a technique!
- How-to, project-oriented, and historical Items on basketry, inkle and card weaving, fabric surface design, dyeing, spinning, felting, harness weaving, Navajo weaving, tapestry, rugs, knitting, crocheting, and fiber art forms!

Check out the library cart at the next meeting! You might surprise yourself and find a 'gem' to ponder over the next month!

## *Rep Weave Workshop at Convergence*

Convergence will be in Reno from **July 6-12, 2018**, <http://www.weavespinndye.org/convergence-2018>

## *Fiber Arts Guild Newsletters*

Desert Weavers Guild: <http://www.adwsg.org/our-newsletter-the-mother-of-all/>

Mountain Spinners & Weavers (Prescott): [www.mtnspinweave.org](http://www.mtnspinweave.org)

Tucson Handweavers & Spinners: <http://www.thsg.org/> Quite a few interesting workshops scheduled for the program year covering a variety of fiber art topics.

## *Telaraña Board Monthly Meeting Minutes*

Telaraña Spinning & Weaving Guild Aka Fiber Arts Guild

Board Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2018

Mesa Fire Station 202 Community Room

President, Nancy Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

**Present:** Nancy Ryan, Linda Wade, Gina Saettone, Hope Aguilar, Michael Ryan, Lee Killpack, Sharie Monsam, Debi Deadmond, Betz Frederick, Karen Kehlenbach,

**Not present** Cindy Reynolds, Winnie Johnson, Chair Sue Bunch, Karen Zorn, Sharon Bergkoetter, Sara Jenkins

### **Order of Business**

Approved January minutes

**Anniversary celebration:** Motioned to award founding members who are still active members, there are two, a lifetime membership. The motion was approved.

**Nominating committee:** All Committee Chair position/nominations have been filled. Voting will be at the April meeting.

**Using Square for workshops and membership:** 2.75% transaction (swipe); 3.5%+ \$.15 per keyed transaction

Discussed pros and cons of the Guild obtaining a Square with chip reader account to be used for payments to the Guild. The cost is \$51.74. Motion to approve and approved.

The Board approved the use of the Square.

**Workshop cancellation policy:** Deposits are nonrefundable unless someone from the waitlist or a substitute takes the person's place. If this is the case, the new person will pay the original registrant directly for any fees already collected and pay for any fees still due. The original registrant should contact the workshop chair to see if there is a waitlist before organizing a substitute. If there is a personal or medical emergency, the Executive Board will make final decision regarding any refund.

If the workshop is cancelled by Telaraña, full refunds will be issued.

Motioned to approve and approved.

### **Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

**Membership:** Betz reported that there are currently 98 paid members.

**Programs:** Winnie Johnson Next month is the mini-sessions. All of the sessions are set to go.

**Workshops:** Debi Deadmond, Betz, future workshop chair, reported that she is working on a Mary Gavan workshop on hand-painted skeins for May 12. It will be announced in the newsletter and at the next meeting.

Ice Dying workshop scheduled for March was cancelled.

**Treasurer:** Karen Kehlenbach Bank Account Balance as of February 28, 2018 is \$10,281.57. No outstanding checks. Checking Account Balance as of February 28, 2018 is \$10,281.57.

**Hospitality:** Sue Bunch was not in attendance.

**Shows and Exhibits:** Cindy Reynolds was not in attendance.

**Demonstrations:** Sharon Bergkoetter was not in attendance.

Sharie Monsam will do the demonstrations at the Pueblo Grande on March 10. She still needs volunteers. Sharie is teaching kids to weave which is separate from demo. We have 2 tents. **One is Sharie's and one is demo. We still need folks to demo as well as Sharie needed help. She always has a ton of kids.**

Coming up is the Higley School District art program, Saturday, April 14.

**Ways and Means:** Sharie Monsam Still has supplies for the raffle baskets.

**Library:** Karen Kehlenbach will order a new felting book that was recommended.

**Newsletter** Karen Zorn was not in attendance.

**Web:** Sara Jenkins was not in attendance.

**Federation:** Hope Aguilar Federation Day was a success. The raffle baskets raised \$800 for the Federation.

**Historian:** Michael Ryan Working on the Anniversary Celebration slide show.

**Publicity:** Lee Killpack Discussed possibly doing a Telaraña table at the Federation Day next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM, declared by Nancy Ryan, attested by Gina Saettone

Gina Saettone, Secretary

## *Linda Finkelstein's Fiber Arts Story*

My fiber arts story starts on my first day of 1<sup>st</sup> grade at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Elementary School on Detroit, Michigan's east side. I was escorted to my classroom where I found lots of desks and only Sister Mary Navard, no other children were present—they were all at Mass.

To keep me occupied and learning, Sister brought over long strips of green and red construction paper. She directed me to slide them over and under each other, so their colors alternated. When I got confused as to how to make the piece bigger, Sister returned and demonstrated again, I GOT it! I so enjoyed the weaving demonstration, time flew. When the other students arrived, the activity ended.

In 1986, several years after relocating to Mesa, Arizona, I enrolled in a weaving class at the Mesa Arts Center, located in an old school building next door to the downtown Post Office. I was introduced to a Glimakra table loom where I wove a *weed pocket*, a narrow holder for dried flowers. One day the instructor told us the Fiber Factory on Main Street where we could further learn about weaving and the Telaraña Guild. That was another lucky day for me.

After a ten-year absence, I returned to Telaraña to build both weaving skills and relationships. Affirming both past and current members, and looking forward to those yet to join us, congratulations to Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild as we celebrate your 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## *What's Your Fiber Arts Story?*

Telaraña Tidings is interested in your fiber arts story, and so are your fellow Guild members. It doesn't matter if you are a good writer, two professional editors are ready and able to turn your submission into a great article! Send your story to Karen Zorn, or Gina Saettone.

## *Do You Have News?*

Telaraña Tidings is published the first Wednesday of the month and is distributed to membership via eMail in PDF (Portable Document Format) which can be opened with free Acrobat Reader, and on the Telaraña web site, <http://telarana.org/>.

You can download a free copy of Acrobat Reader from <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>.

Newsletter submissions are always welcome; interesting web sites, classes, techniques, and other items of interest to the membership. Also, I'd like to run short articles regarding the Guild, how it came into being, membership, programs, and historical information. eMail to: Karen Zorn. **Publication deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

*Editor's Note:* If you have been having problems viewing the newsletter in Acrobat Reader, you probably need to update the software. All software is continually updated, and outdated versions will stop performing properly.

## *Fiber Shopping Pays!*

Do you shop at Fiber Factory, Halcyon Yarn, Amazon, or The Woolery? These retailers offer cash-back on sales to the Guild. Although the percentages look small, they do add up.

**Amazon Smile Program:** <https://smile.amazon.com/>, sign in just as you do on the normal Amazon site. Select Telaraña Weavers & Spinners Guild as your designated non-profit and we will receive 0.5% of the amount of your sale. No extra cost to you – just benefit to our Guild!

**The Woolery** – <http://www.woolery.com/Store/pc/home.asp?idaffiliate=101>

**Halcyon Yarn** – If you order over the phone, mention our Guild. If you order online, there is a comment box on the checkout page where you enter credit card info. When you select our Guild from the link, a note populates the comment box to apply to our account. <https://halcyonyarn.com/>

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