



# Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

May 2018

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

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

## *2017-2018 Executive Team and Committee Chairs*

### **Executive Team:**

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

### **Committee Chairs:**

Demonstrations, Sandy Ewald  
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

## *May Guild Meeting*

Wednesday, May 9, 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,

Can you believe it? This is the end of another Guild year. And what a year it has been! Wonderful workshops and programs. Participation at MAC resulting in our booth getting second place! New members and friends!

And then the cherry on the sundae - our 40th anniversary celebration! Such a special night! I had the honor of presenting Sharie Monsam and Elly Weinel with lifetime memberships. We were able to reminisce while watching a great slide presentation prepared by Michael Ryan. We were also able to get a glimpse of the past through the history of the Guild that Sharie, Elly, Beki Welsh and Patti Hulet presented. What fun to have our pictures taken by the backdrop developed by Linda Finklestein! Thanks to Winnie and Russ Johnson for the time and energy spent weaving mug rugs and turning wooden bowls so folks would have a take-home keepsake and prizes. Great food as well as beautiful cakes for dessert procured by Gina. The mugs were kinda neat, too! I want to thank everyone who worked hard to make this event possible.

I want to thank our Board for all their hard work this year. Special thanks go out to those board members leaving the Board. Debi Deadmond- I have known her as president and workshop chair so thank you, Debi, for the dedication you have shown to the Guild. Sue Bunch - thanks for coming early each month and setting up the refreshments. The new Board Committee Chairs will be introduced at the May meeting.

Reminder that there will be informal meetings at the Stapley fire station on the second Wednesday of June, July and August. No programs - mostly socializing and show and tell. Hope to see you there!

Have a great summer! Stay cool!

*Nancy*

## *2018-19 Telaraña Board*

At the April 2018 annual election, the 2018-19 Board was unanimously elected by a show of hands.

**Nancy Ryan – President**

**Winnie Johnson – Vice President**

**Hope Aguilar – Treasurer**

**Gina Saettone – Secretary**

## *2018 Future Meetings*

**May 9:** Silent auction, **NO POTLUCK.** Do your Spring cleaning on your yarn and fiber items. Donate to Telaraña and let's have fun bidding on those items! You may also sell items, 15% of the sale goes to Telaraña.

### **2018-19 Programs**

If you have ideas for next year's programming, please contact Winnie

## *Time to Renew Memberships*

Our official year extends from May 31st to the following May 30<sup>th</sup>.

We will be collecting dues at the May meeting. This is the first year you can pay by credit card. We will also accept cash or check. Please fill in the membership form and turn it in with your payment so we can be sure your information is up to date. Single membership: \$25, Family membership: \$30

<http://telarana.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/membership2016.doc>

## *Telaraña Workshops*



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

We still have a spot available and it's not too late to register. All materials are supplied – no prep for you! 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 2 skeins of rayon/linen yarn.

Contact Linda: [ljwtime@cox.net](mailto:ljwtime@cox.net)

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

## *Weaving Study Group*

**Meeting the 3rd Monday of each month, 7 to 9 pm** Weavers Study Group will meet May 21 at Winnie Johnson's home. She will share what she learned on hemstitching. "I took a hem stitching class from Tom Knisely's daughter Sara Bixley at Yarn Fest in Loveland, Colorado two weeks ago. I will share what I learned about doing more than just a simple hem to give a lace effect. We made a small sampler."

If you would like to practice what Winnie demonstrates, bring a small loom already warped. She will have a couple of looms set up to practice too. Please let me know if you plan on attending this meeting and if you are bringing a loom.

Also, don't forget your Show and Tell, always fun and informational. The weaving study group is open to all Guild members. Come join us!

Cindy Reynolds

**“Good finishes are always helpful. Somebody once told me that the back needs to look as good as the front and the inside as good as the outside.” Trudy Johnson**

## *Telaraña Board Monthly Meeting Minutes*

The Board did not meet in April 2018.

**Treasurer’s Report:** With no outstanding deposits or checks the bank account and checkbook balance are the same: \$10,632.56.

**Librarian’s Report:** IT’S THE DEAL OF THE YEAR: Check out library items and enjoy them all summer! Pick a technique you’d like to study this summer or a historical review and relish them all summer with items from the Guild library!

## *Telaraña Spinning and Weaving Guild a.k.a. Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild Story*



1 Lifetime Members:  
Sharie Monsam and Elly Weinel

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party held April 11, 2018 was a great celebration of our Guild and its founding members. Two members, Sharie Monsam and Elly Weinel were awarded Lifetime Memberships for their founding of the Guild and their outstanding contributions to the Guild.

After the Lifetime Member presentation, long-time members Sharie Monsam, Elly Weinel, Beki Welsh, Patti Hulet, shared a round-robin brief, detailed history of our Guild. Sharie shared the presentation with *Telaraña Tidings* for your pleasure.

“We met in the Chamber of Commerce building, the Pyle center, the Mesa Museum Annex, the Mesa Museum itself, then the Methodist church. Our first Show and Tell was a Demo to attract fiber people to join us. It was at the Bank of America building basement in downtown Mesa. Once we actually met on the North steps of the Mesa Museum when someone forgot to pick up the key! LOL

“We alternated a hung show with a fashion show. We had a juried hung show in the Chandler Center for the Arts and invited other guilds to join us because it was a large venue. We had one show in the Desert Botanical Garden (this was the only venue that had an item stolen; it was Becki Welsch’s handwoven jacket). Another in the Tempe Pyle Center that had bales of cotton and gave away small cotton plants (from ASU Jean George’s husband, Boyd). We had a fashion show at the Dobson Ranch hotel and Pointe South Mountain. We had programs that told who the models and weavers were.



2 Beki Welsh

“We did lots of demonstrations; so many that we finally had to limit them to two a month. We demonstrated at schools and the Chandler Arts Festival for many years. At the Phoenix Zoo we did a Sheep to Shawl for a couple of years. The sheep to shawl was featured in the Zoo magazine. We also demonstrated at the Historic House in Tempe and at Heritage Square in Phoenix several times.



3 Patti Hulet

“There was a time when different guilds hosted Federation Day. We hosted Randall Darwall for a lecture on Color March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1996 at the Sheraton Mesa Hotel. Brunch was 10:30 am. The Telaraña weavers wove placemats for the brunch as favors. There was an Art Walk to the Mesa Southwest Museum, Mesa Youth Museum, Mesa Art Center/Galleria. There were individual critiques with Randall Darwall and the Lecture

from 2-3:30pm.

“In our early days, we hosted weaving, spinning and dyeing classes in members’ homes to teach members. I took a class from Cynthia [Broughton] on 4-harness weaving. Sharon Erb taught weaving and substituted for a spinning class.

“We had Christmas sales (called Holiday Boutiques) in members’ homes. We invited a potter and Mr. Waters who did silver jewelry to show with us. (He had made spider web pins for the guild.) One of the sales was at Elaine Wirthlin’s home.

“We have hosted other known workshop instructors such as Kathryn Wertenberger on sewing with handwovens, Celia Quinn was here twice, once for collapse weaves and the other for silk. Harry and Olive Linder for cotton spinning, Bonnie Inouye, Tom Kniesley, Jennifer Moore, Sharon Alderman weaving linens, Joanne Tallarovic, Rosalie Neilson, Joan Ruane and others.

“There was a contest for the name of the Telaraña newsletter. One of the names suggested was Spider News! We decided on Telaraña *Tidings* instead.”

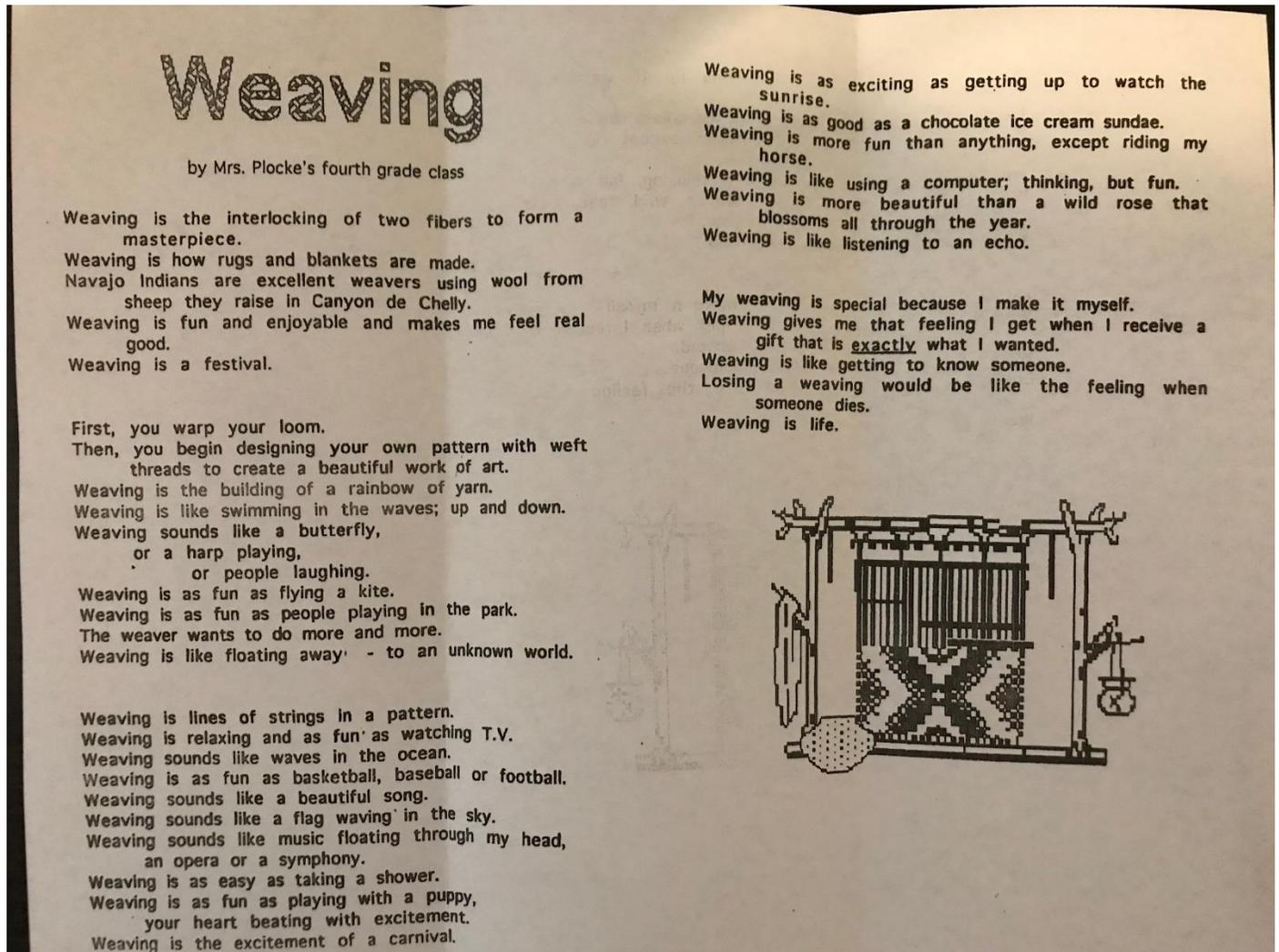
Presented by Sharie Monsam, Elly Weinel, Beki Welsh, Patti Hulet



4 Sharie Monsam, Elly Weinel, Beki Welsh, Patti Hulet

### School Demo

After a weaving demonstration to a fourth-grade class, the students were asked to write a short paper on weaving. The students' names are not attributed, but the comments are what many of us feel.



5 Fourth Grade Students Comment on Weaving

## Sharie's Hat

Sharie Monsam wore this stunning basketry summer hat. Her story is that she wove it for a Guild fashion show. She a basket weaver, not fabric, so why not! I tried it on and it's not a comfortable fit.



## What's Your Fiber Arts Story?

Several of the items on the Anniversary display table were binders with member profiles, personal brief introductions to the Guild's fiber artists. I found it interesting to reading Guild members stories. The Guild leadership would like to continue building member profiles, that's one of the reasons *Telaraña Tidings* has been asking you for your stories. The other is that I want to know fellow members better. Summer is upon us, some of us head for cooler climes, family get togethers, some of us stay here. *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.

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party in Pictures



Linda Finklestein's photo booth was a great place for Guild members to have celebratory photos taken. Linda was responsible for the decorating theme and it was beautiful. Except for time for dining the very excellent food and the history presentation, it was a busy place all night long. Each place setting was graced with a handwoven mug rug with Guild mug. Winnie Johnson wove the mug rugs in a wide variety of warp colors and weft patterns.

A lovely flower arrangement graced our buffet table, we have some great cooks in the group so there were scant leftovers. A sweet end to the celebratory dinner were two beautiful cakes, one gluten free!



Throughout social hour and dinner, a continuous slide show and music played. Former events, such as a fashion show, meetings, workshops, and other Guild events flowed across the screen. It was fun seeing pictures of older events and current members years younger.

Congratulations to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event team. Nancy Ryan, Michael Ryan, Sharie Monsam, Gina Saettone, Linda Finkelstein, Winnie Johnson, Russ Johnson, Cindy Reynolds

## Upcoming Fiber Arts Events

### Hubbell Navajo Rug Auction

Saturday, May 5, 2018, Gallup, New Mexico: Friends of Hubbell Navajo rug auction and Indian arts. Gallup Community Service Center, 410 Bataan Veterans St. <https://rbburnhamtrading.com/auctions-and-shows>

### 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/>

### **Woven Through Time: American Treasures of Native Basketry and Fiber Art**

**Arizona State Museum, Tucson, Arizona April 8, 2018-August 4, 2022** -- This new permanent exhibit celebrates the region's ancient and abiding fiber-weaving traditions featuring millennia-old objects to modern-day masterpieces. Contemporary Native voices will enrich discussions of materials and technologies and bring to life the many functions basketry has served and continues to serve. This exhibit is presented by OneAZ Credit Union. With more than 35,000 specimens, the ASM collection includes not only baskets, but sandals, mats, cradleboards, cordage, and other technologically similar items representative of every indigenous basket-making culture in North America, dating from 8,000 years ago to the present. It is the largest and most comprehensive collection of its kind in the world.

### **Convergence Reno 2018**



**July 6-12, 2018:** The Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. will present Convergence®, the international fiber arts conference, in Reno, Nevada July 6-12, 2018 at the Peppermill Resort. With more than 1,500 participants, HGA's biennial Convergence® Conference is a multi-faceted experience with exhibitions, shopping, fashion show, tours, workshops, seminars, lectures, and more. We are excited to share with our members and fellow fiber enthusiasts all that Reno and Northern Nevada has to offer. Nestled at the base of the magnificent Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, Reno's dry, mild climate with more than 250

days of sunshine makes it attractive to visitors year-round. The city is accessible by car, train, or the newly renovated airport - just an 8-minute drive with complimentary shuttle provided by the Peppermill Resort. At the Peppermill Resort we will be able to house our entire Convergence® conference in one space. The Peppermill offers guests 12 dining options from authentic Chinese and Italian to seafood, steaks, sushi and the convenience of 24-hour room service; free parking; and their rooms have been selected as the "Best Reno Hotel Rooms" year after year.

We hope you will make plans to join us in Reno for Convergence® 2018. Stay connected for more updates as they become available by following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

### **Arizona Fiber Arts Retreat**

#### **Meet, Greet, and Retreat" January 16-19, 2019!**



Arizona Fiber Arts Retreat is an event for fiber and textile enthusiasts of all types, from AZ and beyond, to connect with each other. Make new friends, learn new skills, and just enjoy some quiet time in a beautiful desert setting in Prescott, AZ.

Check out this year's retreat on our website at [AFAR](http://AFAR). Online registration for January 2019 will open on October 1, 2018. We look forward to seeing you!

**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, thru June 3, 2018.

**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.

## *On-Going Events of Interest*

**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>

## *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.

## *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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