



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

September 2018

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2018-2019 Executive Team and Committee Chairs

Executive Team:

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

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Demonstrations, Open position
Exhibits and Shows, Cindy
Reynolds
Federation, Hope Aguilar
Historian, Michael Ryan
Hospitality, Linda Finkelstein
Library, Karen Kehlenbach
Membership, Patti Hulet
Newsletter, Karen Zorn
Programs, Winnie Johnson
Publicity, Lee Killpack
Ways and Means, Sharie Monsam
Website, Sara Jenkins
Workshops, Betz Fredericks and
Linda Wade

September Guild Meeting

Wednesday, September 12, 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 for September from Board members. See Linda Finkelstein 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,

Welcome back from all your summer adventures. Hopefully everyone has had a good summer filled with lots of time for fiber related activities. I am looking forward to seeing lots of great projects at our September meeting show and tell.

The Guild may have taken a hiatus from regular programs for the summer, but our informal meetings have been a great time to share. Unfortunately, we have also had some Board changes over the summer. Due to changes in their personal lives, both Hope and Sandy have had to step down from their positions as Treasurer and Demonstration Chair, respectively. We are actively seeking to fill those position as soon as possible. I would strongly encourage anyone who has the slightest interest in being more involved in the guild to consider one of these positions. You do not have to have been a member for years to step up. I had been a member for less than 6 months when I was asked to serve on the Board. Our Board is a team that works together and will help any member to be able to do a good job. Board positions are a serious responsibility, but it is also fun. Please talk to me or any other Board member if you are interested in serving.

As you read this, September is arriving and right behind it will come the State Fair.

Now is the time to consider entering your project in the fair. Information on how to do this is available online at <https://azstatefair.com/competitive-exhibits/>. Online deadline is September 14 and is \$1 per entry. The fair dates are October 5-28, Wednesday thru Sunday.

Nancy

2018 Future Meetings

September: Convergence and the Handweavers Guild of America

Slide show and talk our own Gina Saettone attended Convergence and will inform us about it and the sponsoring Handweavers Guild of America.

October: Fabric with Panache

Talk with examples Maria Santiago.

November: Pattern and Print: Pushing the Parameters

Slide show and demonstration Clare Verstegen

December: Holiday Potluck

After dinner, a slideshow of Winnie Johnson's visit to Swedish museums with traditional weaving collections and a textile mill.

If you have ideas for this year's programming, please contact Winnie Johnson.

Time to Renew Memberships

Fall Greetings! We have 57 members who have renewed their Telaraña membership plus 4 new members:

Brenda Brock and Sara Jane and AJ Odneal signed up in May.

Welcome to our newest member: Julia Garina, a felter.

Without summer meetings it may have slipped some of your minds to renew your membership. This is the first year you can pay by credit card which can be accomplished at the September 12 meeting. You may also send a check payable to Telaraña to: Patti Hulet, 2721 E. Lynwood St., Mesa, 85213. Membership is \$25/individual, \$30/family. Membership forms will be available at our meetings, download from <http://Telaraña.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/membership2016.doc> or email Patti Hulet. You may text her or call if you have any questions.

Even if you don't plan on attending any of the meetings or events this year, you can support Telaraña by renewing your membership. We are a nonprofit organization and dues are our only means of support. As a 501(c) 3, your dues are tax deductible.

Members who have renewed are:

Aguilar	Doig	Halle	Matthieu	Stromberg
Beaver	Dozer	Hulet	Mawson	Tiline
Benson-Dyke	Elling	Johnson, T	Monsam	Traicoff
Brock	Erb	Johnson, W&R	Odneal	Wade
Broughton	Ewald	Kahn, D	Oliphant	Wakefield
Bunch	Finkelstein	Kahn, E	Ormiston	Weinel
Cocco	Frederick	Kehlenbach	Peel	Welsch
Coolman	Frihart	Killpack	Peters	Wise
Crawford	Garina	Kline	Reynolds	Zorn
Crowell	Glenn	Lange	Rudnick	
Deadmond	Goodrich	Librizzi	Saettone	
Davis, A	Gordon	Masson	Self	

Telaraña 2018-2019 Workshops

Betz Frederick and Linda Wade are gathering info and schedules for potential workshops in this guild year. We are working to bring Deborah Silver in March through the “traveling teacher” program of the Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds. Deborah teaches a split-shed weaving technique that has a tapestry-like effect, woven on a harness loom (www.deborahsilverstudio.com).

Also in the pipeline:

- papermaking workshop,
- sewing bags with handwoven fabrics,
- nuno-felting,
- and a dye workshop.

Stay tuned for details.

Treasury

As of August 25, 2018, the bank account balance is \$10,935.05 and checkbook \$10,205.05 with one outstanding check for \$730.

Hospitality

Linda Finklestein, Hospitality chair is looking for a Guild member willing to assist with monthly Hospitality and able to cover for when Linda will be away out of state

Calling on Guild members willing to provide tasty treats for the September meeting or for any other meeting during our guild year.

Kindly contact Linda. Thank you!

Weaving Study Group

Fourth Annual Fall Play Date, Saturday, October 13, 2018, 8-5, Los Palmas Grand Clubhouse

We are gearing up for our fourth annual fall play date! This year each participant selects a 4-shaft structure with multiple treadlings from *A Handweaver's Pattern Book* by Marguerite Davison. Each participant is to bring a dressed loom with their chosen structure and copies of the page for handouts. (If you want to participate but can't provide a warped loom, you are welcome to come.) There's room for additional looms and weavers, contact Cindy Reynolds.

The day is lots of fun, many different floor and table looms to experience (I hear a small counter marche loom will be there). You can bring your lunch, or order sandwiches or salads from Kneaders to eat on the beautiful patio by the pool.

Current participants and structures:

Karen Z: page 78, Shadow Twill

Cindy R: page 13, Birdseye

Barb N: page 15, Swedish Rose Path

Sandy E: page 118, New Canaan Check

Karen K: page , Crackle

Winnie J: page 53, Undulating twill

Beki: page 77, Pique

Lee K: page 189, Johan D's No. 34 Summer and Winter

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER IS
SEPTEMBER 20, DUE TO TRAVEL COMMITMENT. ANY SUBMISSIONS
AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER.**

Tapestry/Navajo Weaving Study Group

Mesa Red Mountain Community College Red Mountain Campus near McKellips and Power Roads is the meeting place for the **Tapestry/Navajo Weaving study group**. It is in the Palo Verde Building, first classroom #114 on Saturday, September 8th from 9am-12:30pm. Oct. 6th and Nov. 10th are the next meetings there. We have plenty of room! Do come and join us. Email Sharie Monsam if you need directions. See our Face Book page: **MCC Tapestry and Navajo weaving study group** Our Guild also has a Face Book page: **Telarana Weavers and Spinners Guild** I hope you are a member of that also.

PLEASE COLLECT:

Coffee cans/lids or plastic containers/lids to put coffee grounds and peelings of vegetables/fruit. The MCC Red Mountain has a newly planted orchard with 9 fruit trees and has started a compost pile. The containers will be sent home with students to collect this material. Give to Sharie.

Boxes or we used to call them flats. When you are in the grocery stores, look down the beverage aisle and see if a soda pop representative is filling product. He/she will be happy to have you take the boxes. We need them for our children's weaving project at Pueblo Grande Museum in February. Sharie is collecting these and will pre-cut them so they are ready to be warped.

Yarn suitable for Navajo weaving and tools (Forks) to be sent to Tohatchi High School in New Mexico. They have a class in Navajo weaving for interested students. They always need yarn and tools. A one-ply wool yarn like Brown Sheep brand or handspun is what is needed. Give to Sharie to mail.

The Board has agreed to donate to **Adopt an Elder** which is a non-profit that provides firewood, food, stoves and YARN to these elderly weavers. They will even post the finished rugs for sale and 100% of sales goes to the weaver. Adopt an Elder is for Navajos 75 years and older. See: www.anelder.org They do wonderful work! Marie Nez is shown with her rug for sale.

The Board has also agreed to donate to Seeds for Autism. Linda Wade and others volunteer there in Phoenix.

Love of Fiber Art at Convergence

By Gina Saettone

Convergence is a bit like reliving the first time I threw my first shuttle at a floor loom; tears burst out of my face and a deep guttural sound of joy came from somewhere deep in my soul. The teacher thought I was odd, but I felt reunited with an ancient friend.

I attended the Convergence fiber arts conference in Reno this past July — my third Convergence. I also attended in Denver in 2002 and Vancouver, British Columbia in 2004. This conference is a chance to connect with other people who connect with fiber arts. Hundreds of fiber fanatics gather every two years to learn, share and enjoy community with like-minded enthusiasts. For me it is like going to a fiber shop and staying for a week.

Convergence is a biennial International fiber art conference offering lectures, seminars, workshops, vendor marketplace, juried art exhibits, fiber-related tours and an inspiring fashion show. The conference is sponsored by Handweavers Guild of America (HGA), a 501(c)(3) International arts organization whose mission is to educate, support and inspire the fiber art community.

HGA started by a few hand weavers in 1969, quickly expanded into tapestry, hand-spinning, dyeing, and basketmaking. Because the world of fiber art is so expansive, in addition to those mainstays, this year Convergence included: a workshop on Wired Knitting to make jewelry, Wet Felting, Copper Wire Sculpting, Bead Art on a Loom, Kumihimo, Rag Rug Weaving, Sewing with Handwovens, Silk Painting, The History of Tartan, Viking Knitting, Locker Hooking, Lucet Braiding, a lecture on how to prepare your work once it's been accepted into a show, How to Price Your Work, Color Mixing, a panel discussion with the HGA magazine editors, a Sheep to Shawl Competition, and a Marketplace filled with vendors tempting me with supplies that are hard to find where we live. I went with carryon luggage and no intention to purchase anything. I bought several books, five cones of naturally colored cotton and won a grocery-sized paper bag full of fiber from Lunatic Fringe, not to mention all the local guild and vendor gifts stuffed into the cute conference bag.

There were also excursion tours to: a Milliner's shop for a demonstration on how to make a Fedora hat, a cottage industry fiber mill, and an exhibit of Fabulous MGM Costumes. Scattered around Reno were four different fiber exhibits which made for a day of scavenger hunting to a library, bank lobby, and downtown galleries. I rented a car for the day just to do it and had a blast.

Within the ballrooms of Convergence there was a juried basketry exhibit, juried tapestry exhibit, juried fashion exhibit (which were in the fashion show), juried yardage exhibit, Certificate of Excellence awards display for handweaving, hand spinning,

dyeing and basketmaking. And the celebrity Key Note Address was by Jason Collingwood, (Peter Collingwood's son) who has made an International name for himself in handwoven designer rugs.

I saw several Telaraña members at the conference. Marcia Mattheiu describes Convergence as, "A place to meet amazing teachers, learn some new things, see old friends and soak in the atmosphere of being surrounded by people who talk about fiber." Marcia's first Convergence was in Chicago in 1988 and she attended it with the same friend she attended Reno.

I will be showing photos of the fiber art work at Convergence at our September meeting. Also, checkout the HGA Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2058863697661670/photos/>

Scholarship \$ Available!

Telaraña has a yearly scholarship fund established to help members further their knowledge and skills in the fiber arts. Applicant must be a current Telaraña member and willing to share what they learn with the Guild in some way – short program, demonstration, workshop, etc.

The workshop must be taken during the current Guild year (May 31 – May 30), and applications received by December 31. Forms are available online, <http://telarana.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/scholarship2015.pdf> and at our general meetings through December.

Remember to Return Checked Out Library Items!

Fiber artists - hope you enjoyed the books and DVDs during the summer hiatus! Now is the time to gather them up and return them to the guild at the September guild meeting. Thank you!

Mary Gavan & Betz Frederick Dye Workshop



1 Lee Kilpack's skeins
and the resulting scarf

In May, 12 members participated in a workshop presented by Mary Gavan and Betz Frederick. Mary provided wound skeins and discussed how to dye in a repeated color scheme (palindrome) so the skein can then be wound with colors grouping. Betz demonstrated how to wind the warp and adjust the colors to make "flares" in the woven cloth. For some, picking colors was quick and easy. For others, it was painstaking to decide. They all came out great.

Telaraña Board Monthly Meeting Minutes

Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild (previously known as Telaraña Spinning & Weaving Guild)

Board Monthly Meeting Minutes – August 29, 21018

Mesa Fire Station 202 Community Room

President Nancy Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

Present: President Nancy Ryan, Past-president ex-officio and Workshops Co-Chair Linda Wade, Secretary Gina Saettone, Exhibits & Shows Committee Chair Cindy Reynolds, Historian Michael Ryan, Publicity Chair Lee Killpack, Ways & Means Committee Chair Sharie Monsam, Membership Chair Patti Hulet, Newsletter Chair Karen Zorn, Library Chair and interim Treasurer Karen Kehlenbach, Hospitality Chair Linda Finkelstein

Not present: Vice President and Programs Chair Winnie Johnson, Federation Representative Hope Aguilar, Website Coordinator Sara Jenkins, Workshops Co-Chair Betz Frederick

Order of Business

Approved May minutes.

Reviewed the Annual Budget Proposal.

- Discussed adding a line item titled Charitable Donations. Approved.
- Discussed adding a line item titled Professional Organization Guild Membership (fiber-related organizations). Approved.

- Discussed adding a line item titled Fund Raiser. Approved.
- Motioned and approved the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Annual Budget Proposal.

REVENUE			
Membership dues	2,200.00	Insurance	550.00
Ways & Means	700.00	Website	700.00
Workshops & Trips	3,500.00	Membership	40.00
MAC Gross Sales	6,000.00	Newsletter	110.00
Other	150.00	Library	160.00
Fundraisers	??	Publicity	100.00
TOTAL REVENUE	12,500.00	Historian	50.00
		Governance	210.00
EXPENSES		Secretary	00.00
Banking Fees & CC fees	175.00	Other	100.00
Programs	700.00	Scholarship	200.00
Workshops & Trips	3,500.00	MAC Payouts & expenses	6,000.00
Exhibitions & Shows	50.00	Storage Unit	610.00
Hospitality	50.00	Professional Organization Mbershp	100.00
Rent	700.00	Charitable Donations	400.00
		TOTAL EXPENSES	14,530.00

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Membership: Patty Hulet reported that there are currently 60 paid members.

Programs: Winnie Johnson (not present) Nancy announced the upcoming programs that will be listed in the newsletter.

Workshops: Betz Frederick (not present) and Linda Wade, reported on possible upcoming workshops.

Treasurer: Karen Kehlenbach serving interim, reported current bank balance.

Hospitality: Linda Finkelstein reminded Board Members that the first meeting refreshments are supplied by the Board.

Shows and Exhibits: Cindy Reynolds, reported that we have registered for the MAC Fest.

Demonstrations: Looking for a Chair person.

Ways and Means: Sharie Monsam, nothing to report.

Library: Karen Kehlenbach, nothing to report.

Newsletter: Karen Zorn, nothing to report.

Web: Sara Jenkins (not present)

Federation: Hope Aguilar (not present)

Historian: Michael Ryan, nothing to report.

Publicity: Lee Killpack, nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM, declared by Sharie Monsam, attested by all.

Gina Saettone, Secretary

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 bluesheltie@icloud.com, or Gina Saettone weaveittogina@gmail.com.

Upcoming Fiber Arts Events

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](#). Online registration for January 2019 will open on October 1, 2018. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

Desert Caballeros Western Museum, 21 N. Frontier St., Wickenburg. "One Trader's Legacy: Steve Getzwiller Collects the West" through October 31st.

NAVAJO RUG AUCTION: Smoki Museum, Prescott, September 15. Preview 9am-noon. Auction begins at noon.

NAVAJO RUG AUCTION: Pueblo Grande Museum, Washington St., Phoenix. November 3. Preview from 9am-noon. Auction begins at noon.

Mesa Arts Center Artist Cooperative opens its season, Tuesday, September 4th. There are baskets and tie-dye, painted scarves and Italian type woven scarves for sale.

Mesa Arts Center opens its season with "Get Jazzed", Sept. 14th 6-11pm with a festival featuring live music on 3 stages, 5 new exhibitions in the Contemporary Arts Museum. The Art studios will be open with demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Fiber Arts Guild Newsletters

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

Mountain Spinners & Weavers (Prescott): 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.

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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