



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

January 2019

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January Guild Meeting

Wednesday, January 9. Doors will open at 6pm for a social hour. Our meeting will start at 7pm.

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.

Hospitality: Dessert items for guild members to enjoy have thus far been brought by either a couple or several members each month. Sometimes those who volunteer are not known to me ahead of time and that has created anxiety in case nothing at all would be brought. But members do come through! So, in terms of the monthly volunteers for desserts, any of the following: 1) a quick verbal to me at a meeting, 2) a quick email to me: webmaster@telarana.org would be very appreciated.

President's Letter

Dear Telarañians,

Here we are again. The needles are falling off the Christmas tree, the cookies are all eaten, and gifts have all been exchanged. And for guild members, Mesa Arts Festival has come and gone. Once again we had a great show with lots of beautiful articles showcasing the amazing work our members do. I hope everyone had a great holiday filled with love, friends and fun.



How many of you make New Year's resolutions? Do you keep them? One of the motivational folks that I follow had an interesting blog yesterday relating to why we do not keep our resolutions (think of them as goals). She stated that, in order to keep the resolution, we must acknowledge what needs to be sacrificed to achieve that resolution and be willing to make those sacrifices. For example, let's say that one of my resolutions is to move my art business to the next level. In order for that to happen there are a few things I need to change. I need to make a serious commitment to "work" time - determining how many days a week I plan to work and putting in a full work day on those days. I need to dedicate time to my online store and website. I need to research the best shows for me. You get the drift. Am I willing to make the changes I need to do these things? - like get out of bed before noon?! After reading her blog, I am motivated but we'll see how 2019 rolls out.

HAPPY NEW YEAR and may you be blessed in the most unexpected ways in 2019!

Nancy

There was no Board meeting in December. The Treasurer reports the bank balance is \$13,043.86 as of 12/26/18, with outstanding checks totaling \$1,456.25, the check book balance is \$11,587.62.

Note from Hospitality Chair: Keeping with our guild's tradition, such a wonderfully congenial and scrumptious gathering our December guild meeting was! To everyone: "Thank You!" for making this time together a most delightful and delicious forerunner to the festive Christmas and New Year Holiday get-togethers for which we are now preparing and/or experiencing. Additionally, the charming slide show provided by Winnie and Russ Johnson, provided plenty of inspirational "food for thought" about lovely fiber creations which can be made to grace the home.

For my part, I offer to ensure Hospitality in the following ways: Based upon feedback at our December meeting, hot chocolate and tea in addition to coffee and water will be that welcomed touch for members during the cooler evenings of our winter meetings. And, given my ongoing studies and need to develop a personal esthetic, some kind of floral design will be brought to grace our Hospitality area. Cheerfully, Michael Gaffney, an enthusiastic floral designer, educator, and author, holds that: "A meeting without flowers is just a meeting; but a meeting with flowers becomes an event." Let us look forward to Telaraña enjoying a wonderfully eventful 2019!

Upcoming Programs

January 9: Saskia Jordá, A Geography of Line

Saskia Jordá is an interdisciplinary artist working on site-specific installations, soft sculptures, and drawings. Her work has referenced the relationship between body and space, cultural identity, and mapping a sense of place since her undergraduate studies at Arizona State University and her graduate studies at the School of Visual Arts in New York City, where she earned her MFA. She has received various awards, including the Arlene and Morton Scult Contemporary Forum Award of the Phoenix Art Museum and an Artist Project Grant from the Arizona Commission on the Arts. She has exhibited widely within the U.S. and internationally, and is currently based in Phoenix, Arizona. In addition to her studio work, Saskia co-founded the Taliesin Artist Residency Program, which she directed from 2005-2017, and has been teaching Drawing and Textiles at college level since 2012. www.saskiajorda.com

February 13: "My Journey to Discovery; using handmade paper as textile" by Julie McLaughlin.

Julie has been making paper and exploring its sculptural possibilities since the early 90's and has been making large sheets from Kozo fibers for the last 14 years. Her interest in wearable paper garments subconsciously began over 50 years ago when she wore her first paper dress (popular in the 60's) and she continues today in pushing the boundaries between paper and textiles.

March 13: Mini-workshop sessions.

April 10: Annual Meeting to elect Executive Board Members for the 2019-2020 guild year. Program to be announced.

May 8: Summer send-off and potluck.

If you have ideas or suggestions for future programming, please contact Winnie (763-379-6305) Winnruss@msn.com

Telaraña Workshops

Oh Bag It! Trudy Johnson will lead a sewing workshop constructing a small cosmetic/tool bag and a larger market bag. Starting with the cosmetic bag, you will learn about appropriate fabrics (handwoven or commercial), interfacing materials, how to line the bag and put in a zipper. For the larger bag, you will incorporate the skills learned earlier and customize with pockets, straps, trim, etc.

Equipment required: sewing machine & usual sewing supplies (scissors, needles, pins or clips). Participants will be advised of materials they should bring including fabric, thread, batting, fabric stiffener, ornaments if desired (buttons, decorative threads, woven bands like kumihimo and/or inkle). Loaner sewing machines are available by arrangement.

Here's a chance to use some of your handwoven odds and ends (maybe a sampler from a previous workshop) or weave something specifically for the workshop.

Date of workshop: January 26 & 27, 9am-4pm

Place: Mesa Fire Department 360 E. 1st Street Mesa, AZ 85201

Total cost \$20 plus materials you provide. \$10 deposit payable at meeting or mail to: Linda Wade, 3716 S Jentilly Ln, Tempe, AZ 85282.

Maximum class size: 15



Making Paper as Textile – Julie McLaughlin is an Artist-in-Residence at the **Morgan Art of**

Papermaking Conservatory and Educational Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio. She makes large sheets of paper (some as large as 6' x 9') and uses them in both sculptural pieces and wearable garments. "The large sheets I make are fairly thin, yet strong and fluid, much like a woven textile, and can be easily manipulated with dye using Shibori and Joomchi techniques."

<http://www.mcjuliestudios.com/galleries.html>

She will be offering Telaraña a 2-day workshop where we will not only learn how to make paper by hand, but also how to take those finished sheets and cut them for spinning thread (kami-ito) using drop spindles and bobbin winders. Not a spinner? Don't worry, you will learn. Don't have a spindle? Not a problem, hip

spindles will be available for you to use.

Date: February 16 & 17, 9am-5pm

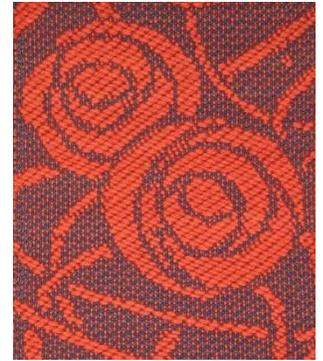
Location: Mummy Mountain Press (studio of Karla Elling), 6710 E Hummingbird Lane, Paradise Valley, AZ

Member Cost: \$60-75 plus materials fee. Registration will open for members at our Dec 12 meeting. \$50 deposit payable at meeting or mail to: Linda Wade, 3716 S Jentilly Ln, Tempe AZ 85282.

Maximum class size: 12 (Workshop is full, but we can put you on a waiting list. Contact Linda)



Break Out of Blocks with Split-Shed Weaving - Deborah Silver will teach a three day workshop where the participants will weave curves and blend colors using continuous wefts on a four shaft loom with no special equipment. In this three-day workshop, students will learn to weave multiple combinations of weave structures using only four shafts and a straight threading. Students will also learn to make a cartoon on cloth that will advance with the warp and will not wrinkle when beating. Deborah's technique looks very much like tapestry, but is woven on a harness loom (floor loom is faster, but table loom can also be used).



We will use a straight threading and experiment with a 17 structures. Color blending will be addressed in the polychrome sample. For more examples of her work see <http://deborahsilverstudio.com/index.html>

Date of workshop: March 21, 22, 23, 2019, 9am-4pm

Place: East Mesa Christian Church, 706 S. Greenfield Road, Mesa, AZ

Estimated Member Cost: \$140-160 **Register now** to reserve your spot! \$75 deposit payable at meeting or mail to: Linda Wade, 3716 S Jentilly Ln, Tempe, AZ 85282. **Non-members: add \$30**
Download your registration form here: <http://telarana.org/workshops>

Mesa Arts Festival

Telaraña had another wonderful booth at the Mesa Arts Festival in December that we can be proud of. This only works because we have some wonderful, dedicated members who provide the work to make it happen. We grossed \$4444.55 by selling 159 items. 13 people submitted items. 15 different members helped working in the booth. 7 people demonstrated their work to the delight of visitors.

All of these numbers are slightly down from previous years as several people couldn't participate that normally have. All of those people had very good reasons why they couldn't participate this year. Hopefully next year, everyone will be well and we will have our usual 20-24 members submitting items for sale.

Tapestry/Navajo Weaving Study Group

MCC Tapestry/Navajo weaving study group is meeting Saturday, Jan. 5th from 9-12:30pm. Palo Verde Building room 114, Mesa Red Mountain Community College near McKellips and Power Roads. Email Sharie if you need directions. sharie@arizonabaskets.net

Still Collecting:

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.

LIBRARY

Did you know that we have these books in our guild library:

- **The Bag Book** – check it out at the January meeting and be ready to glean priceless tips and know-how at the Bag workshop!
- **Bags That Rock: Knitting on the Road**
- **The Basic Book of Fingerweaving** – something to keep those little ones busy during the let-down days of January!
- **Classic Knits** and **Glamour Knits at Home**
- **Felt Jewelry** and **Felting by Hand**
- **Kumi Himo, Techniques of Japanese Plaiting**
- **Sprang Unsprung!**

Plus over 400 others! Check out the guild library cart at the January meeting! See you there!

Membership

We had three guests come to our December meeting and they ALL joined as members: Lucy Huckery, Michelle Waling, and Gretchen Starks-Martin! We now have 95 members.

A new up-to-date email roster will be sent out January 2, 2018. For those of you without email, here is info on new/renewed members that has been added since you received your printed roster.

Anabel Aportela

Dyeing, Spinning, Knitting, Lacemaking, Papermaking

Lucy Huckery

Dying, Felting, Papermaking

Ann Morton

Basketry, Spinning, Knitting, Crochet, Tapestry, Multi-Shaft Weaving

Fernmarie Russell

Rag Rugs, Multi-Shaft Weaving

Gretchen Starks-Martin

Basketry, Dyeing, Spinning, Tapestry, Navajo Loom Weaving

Michelle Waling

Dyeing, Spinning, Felting, Tapestry, Knitting, Multi-Shaft Weaving

Volunteers Needed!

Ancient Technology Day at Pueblo Grand Museum is coming up on March 9, 9am-3pm. We show (mostly) children how to weave on a box loom. This is a fun demo/teaching event and we get a lot of kids at our booth. Please contact our new Demonstration Chair, Nancy Wanek if you can help for all or part of the day.

webmaster@telarana.org

TAXES! Unfortunately, tax season is right around the corner. Don't forget that your member dues are deductible as a charitable donation. Telaraña is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Fiber Events and More!

A unique, juried exhibition of woven art in various media, "**Weave – Weft – Warp**". Mark Saturday, January 12, 4:30 – 6:30, to attend an artist reception at **Holland Gallery of Fine Art**, 34250 N. 60th St, Scottsdale. Three of our members were accepted to show their work – Sharie Monsam, Claudia Cocco and Cindy Reynolds took their work on December 21 for intake and got to see some of the work of other artists and are now looking forward to January 12 when they can see everything displayed for this show. The show is in the same building that houses the cafe. https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/633f38_cc9a708eebf5467db808c568ef2ac80b.pdf

Vision Gallery, 10 E. Chicago St, Chandler "Things that Matter" featuring works by 31 Fiber Artists through Jan 5th, <https://visiongallery.org/vision-gallery/>

Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery, "Art Quilts XXIII Artistic Ecologies", through Jan 11. <https://visiongallery.org/event/art-quilts-xxiii-artistic-ecologies/>



Arizona Fiber Arts Retreat: Meet, Greet, and Retreat January 16-19, 2019!

It's finally here! 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 <https://www.arizonafiberartsretreat.com/>

Phoenix First Fridays Art Walk, first Friday every month. Galleries, studios, performing arts. Free trolley, park-and-ride hubs. <https://artlinkphx.org/first-fridays/>

Scottsdale Art Walk, Thursdays 7-9pm, downtown Scottsdale. Member galleries belonging to the Scottsdale Gallery Association (SGA) open their doors to the public and show off the work of the Southwest's outstanding artists. <https://scottsdalegalleries.com/about/scottsdale-artwalk/>

Chandler Art Walk, every 3rd Friday, 6-10pm. Art showcase, live music, kids activities, free parking. <https://www.visitphoenix.com/event/downtown-chandler-art-walk/104868/>

6th Street Market, downtown Tempe, Sundays 10am-3pm through April. Local artisans, food, music, community. Free parking. <https://www.visitphoenix.com/event/6th-street-market-in-downtown-tempe/118637/>

Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, 2021 N. Kinney Rd., Tucson Studio Art Quilt Exhibit through Feb. 10th

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.

Mesa Arts Center Artist Cooperative Gallery - There are baskets, ceramics, paintings, and many other hand-crafted items for sale in the Gallery.

Desert Caballeros Western Museum, "One Trader's Legacy: Steve Getzwiller Collects the West" Lots of Navajo rugs.



Through April 1, 2019 ARIZONA! by Choi+Shine Architects, a hand-crocheted lace ribbon 8' wide x 600+ ft. long meanders along the Arizona Canal in the Scottsdale Waterfront.

<https://canalconvergence.com/public-art/arizona/>

Member Caroline Wise crocheted many, many of the squares for this project. The thread was a medium weight polypropylene rope-like material.



The Zelma Basha Salmeri Gallery of Western American and American Indian Art, 22402 S Basha Rd, Chandler. Includes an extensive collection of Native American baskets made from 1890-1930. Free admission. <http://eddiebashacollection.com/the-collection>

Shopping? Don't forget us!

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.

The Fiber Factory, 216 W Main St, Mesa AZ 85201, 480) 969-4346 Shop local! The Fiber Factory keeps track of member sales and donates a percentage back to the guild each year.

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/>

Do You Have News

Have you attended a fiber arts workshop? Visited an interesting museum? Attended a fiber arts event? Then your fellow Guild members want to know about it! **The newsletter deadline is the 25th of the month.** Send your articles to Linda Wade, newsletter@telarana.org.

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