

**TELARAÑA WEAVERS & SPINNERS GUILD
CONSTITUTION
AS REVISED APRIL 2012**

Article I Name:

The name of this organization shall be:

**TELARAÑA WEAVERS AND SPINNERS GUILD
AKA TELARAÑA FIBER ARTS GUILD**

Article II Purpose:

Section 1. The purpose of this guild will be to provide information, instruction and inspiration in the fiber arts by sponsoring informative meetings, workshops, exhibits, and voluntary services to promote the fiber arts. This includes (for such purposes) the making of distributions to other organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code).

Section 2. The Guild will encourage members to participate in Guild activities to promote individual creative endeavors.

Section 3. No part of the net earnings of this guild shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the guild shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in Article II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the guild shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. Additionally the guild shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the guild shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by any such club by any present section of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code).

Article III Membership:

Membership is open to all persons interested in the fiber arts, whether as a beginner, experienced, amateur, professional, or master craftsman.

Article IV Meetings:

Section 1. The general membership shall meet monthly, between September and May, and at other times at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Section 2. The official Annual Meeting will be held the month preceding the onset of the new fiscal year.

Article V Officers and Duties:

Section 1. The elected officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected at the Official Annual Meeting, to serve one year or until their successors are elected. Officers may not serve for more than two consecutive years in the same office.

Section 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Guild and its Executive Committee and Board. The President shall appoint chairmen of all standing committees and special committees, unless otherwise provided for in the motion authorizing the formation of the committee.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and the past president ex-officio. The Executive Board shall be made up of the Executive Committee and the Standing Committee Chairs.

Section 5. The vice president shall assist the president and fulfill such duties as assigned by the Executive Board. In addition, the Vice-President shall act as liaison to other guilds and organizations.

Section 6. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Executive Board meetings and record any votes taken at general meetings of the Guild. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the permanent records of the Guild.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Guild as determined by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall maintain all financial

records of income and expenses, and file appropriate tax forms and annual reports to relevant government agencies.

Article VI Amendment of the Constitution:

Section 1. Proposed amendments to the constitution must have been presented in writing to the Executive Board.

Section 2. Copies of the proposed amendment must be sent to all members at least thirty days in advance of the general meeting at which a vote will be taken.

Section 3. Approval of the proposed amendment will require a 2/3 majority of votes cast at the meeting when the vote is taken. Members who are unable to attend the meeting may submit their votes by surface mail or email sent to the President. Such votes must be received prior to the meeting at which the vote will be taken, and will be tabulated as absentee votes to be added to number present at the general meeting in order to determine the 2/3 majority.

Article VII Dissolution of the Organization:

In the event this organization is dissolved or disbanded, or for any reason ceases to exist, then all of its assets shall be distributed by vote of the current offices to one or more trusts, community chest, fund or foundation operated exclusively for charitable, artistic, or educational purposes, which at the time shall qualify as a tax exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (C) (3) of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future U. S. Internal Revenue Law)