



# Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

April 2019

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## 2018-2019

### Executive Committee and Committee Chairs

#### Executive Committee:

**President**, Nancy Ryan

**Vice President**, Winnie Johnson

**Treasurer**, Karen Kehlenbach

**Secretary**, Gina Saettone

**Past President**, Linda Wade

#### Committee Chairs:

**Demonstrations**, Nancy Wanek

**Exhibits and Shows**, Cindy Reynolds

**Federation**, Hope Aguilar

**Historian**, Michael Ryan

**Hospitality**, Linda Finkelstein

**Library**, Karen Kehlenbach

**Membership**, Patti Hulet

**Newsletter**, Linda Wade

**Programs**, Winnie Johnson

**Publicity**, Lee Killpack

**Ways and Means**, Sharie Monsam

**Website**, Sara Jenkins

**Workshops**, Betz Frederick and Linda Wade

## April Guild Meeting

Wednesday, April 10. 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:** Appreciation of our members: Mary Coolman, Debbie, Kahn, Patti Hulet, Laura Kline, and Karen Hartshorn who will be providing refreshments for our April 10th guild meeting. Thank you! Also, thanks to Betz Frederick and her lemon tree, there will be Awesome Telaraña Style Lemonade.

The design of the floral centerpiece for the Sweet Table will attempt to honor our dear, color-loving, accomplished fiber friend, Karen Zorn. It will be included as a raffle item.

**Ways & Means:** Raffle basket tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Magazines and books are also available.

## President's Letter

Dear Telarañians,

Spring has arrived! A drive outside the city reveals a desert in full bloom. For me spring is a time for new beginnings. Even living in a city without definite seasons, I still feel a sense of re-birth around me. That, in turn, energizes me to delve into new projects that I have been putting off all winter. Lucky for me and a lot of you, we have had two wonderful workshops that make the creative juices flow. Although winter was hanging on at the time, we had a great weekend at Jim and Karla's making paper with Julie McLaughlin. Thank you, Jim and Carla, for hosting this workshop. Then, in March, we learned to do split-shed weaving with Deborah Silver. What wonderful inspiration from these two teachers to try new projects.

Just a reminder that our April meeting is our all-important annual election of new executive officers. Come to the meeting and be part of the decision-making process to determine who will lead the guild for the next 2 years. Susan Clark's program on paper making also promises to be very interesting. See you at the meeting!

*Nancy*



## Telaraña Board Meeting Minutes, March 27, 2019

Members present: Michael Ryan, Nancy Ryan, Linda Finkelstein, Betz Frederick, Lee Killpack, Winnie Johnson, Cindy Reynolds, Sharie Monsam, and Patti Hulet

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by President Nancy Ryan.

Guild member, Karen Zorn has died of cancer. Her celebration of life will be held Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at Los Palmas Grande (Ellsworth and Guadalupe). Guild members will help out with food and set up/clean up. Betz is coordinating this.

Karen and her husband have requested that memorial money be designated as the Karen Zorn Memorial Scholarship for guild member to take textile classes. Anyone wanting to contribute is asked to indicate so on a check sent with a memorial card or may do so at the April Telaraña meeting.

### Committee Reports:

**Membership:** Patti indicated that she has been organizing and updating the membership files. Membership stands at 96.

**Programs:** Winnie reported on upcoming meetings:

- April's meeting will feature Susan Clark and Cynthia Broughton sharing with the membership what they learned at the paper-making workshop.
- May's meeting will be a potluck followed by a silent auction.

**Workshops:** Betz reported that recent workshops have had 38 participants in total. This is good exposure to new ideas and techniques.

**Treasurer's report:** absent

**Hospitality:** Linda F. reported that hospitality is running smoothly.

**Exhibits/Shows:** Cindy will apply for the MAC fest booth again during the summer. We discussed exhibiting in a gallery for exposure as a guild. Holland Center costs \$300 for a month. We will look at other possibilities.

**Demonstrations:** absent

**Ways and Means:** Sharie is looking for - and will train - a replacement. Last month there were few participants in the raffle. Do we want to continue?

**Library:** absent

**Newsletter:** absent

**Web page:** open position with training available

**Federation:** absent. Dues have been paid.

**Historian:** Michael requested photos of Karen Z for the tribute in the newsletter.

**Publicity:** Lee shared a "welcome letter" for people who have recently completed classes at local yarn shops.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted, Winnie Johnson



**VOTE!** Election of Officers will be held at our official Annual Meeting, April 10. Additional nominations may be made from the floor prior to vote (with the nominee's permission).

.If you are unable to attend the April 10 meeting, please direct your proxy votes to Nancy Ryan/ Proxy votes must be received prior to or at the general meeting.

**President:** Winnie Johnson  
**Secretary:** Nancy Ryan

**Vice President:** Lee Killpack  
**Treasurer:** Susan Clark

There are also some committee chair positions that are open. Being a committee chair is a great way to get to know more members and have some input into your guild activities. Please consider one of these positions. Job descriptions will be available at the general meeting.

**Historian**

**Ways and Means**

**Programs**

**Publicity**

## *Remembrance*

Karen Lee Zorn née Kirstner was born on December 8, 1949 in Chicago, IL. She grew up in Elmhurst, IL and attended York Township Community High School where she played oboe in the marching band. She graduated from College of DuPage with a degree in Theater Arts. She married Bruce Zorn in 1974 in Las Vegas, NV. She worked for 20 years as a Technical Writer. She was very musical and performed as a member of the trio AKA Freddie. She performed in or directed many community theatrical productions. She loved to travel and spent many years exploring the country in an RV. She had many hobbies over the years including dog training, macramé, cross stitch, knitting and weaving. We at Telaraña know her best for her knitting and weaving.

**A Celebration of Life Ceremony for Karen L Zorn will be held on Saturday April 6, 2019 at 1 PM at Las Palmas Grand, 2550 S Ellsworth Road in the Ballroom.** You may bring a side dish to share.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Karen L Zorn Memorial Scholarship is requested. Donations should be made out to Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild, c/o Wendy Beaver, 712 N 97<sup>th</sup> Way, Mesa, AZ 85207.



## *Programs*

**April 10:** Presentation by Susan Clark and Cynthia Broughton, participants of recent paper-making workshop.

**May 8:** Summer send-off and potluck. Silent auction. Please go through your stash and fiber tools. Look for things you are no longer using that someone else might appreciate. Consider donating some quality items. Remember, all proceeds go towards guild expenses and activities.

If you have ideas or suggestions for future programming, please contact Winnie, [webmaster@telarana.org](mailto:webmaster@telarana.org).

## *Membership*

We currently have 96 members in our guild. Do you realize how close to 100 we are???

Remember to invite interested friends and family to our next two meetings!

## *Field Trip!*

Join members for a tour of **Seeds for Autism's** "new" facility. **Seeds** moved into a much larger building at the end of 2017, allowing them to expand their curriculum. Telaraña has been a supporter of the program since 2013; come see it in action: April 17, 11:30 am, 3420 S 7th St, Phoenix, 85040 (on west side of 7th St, between University and Broadway), [www.seedsforautism.org](http://www.seedsforautism.org) Mary Ann would like an idea of how many to expect. Sign up at the April meeting or contact Linda W., [webmaster@telarana.org](mailto:webmaster@telarana.org).

## *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.

## *Tapestry/Navajo Weaving Study Group*

**MCC Tapestry/Navajo Weaving Study** meets on the first Saturday each month, 9am – 12:30pm., in the Palo Verde Building room 114, Mesa Red Mountain Community College near McKellips and Power Roads. Email Sharie if you need directions [www.webmaster@telarana.org](mailto:www.webmaster@telarana.org)

**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.

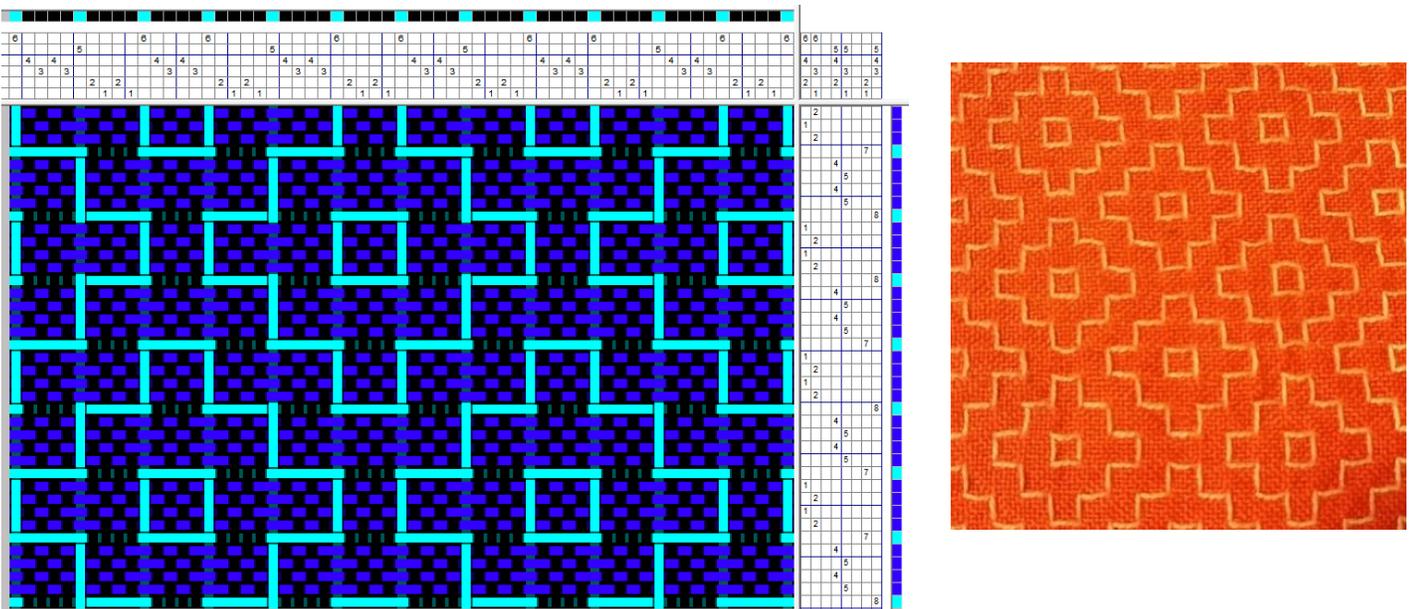
**Boxes** or we used to call them flats. When you are in the grocery stores, look down the beverage aisle and see if a soda pop representative is filling product. He/she will be happy to have you take the boxes. We need them for our children's weaving project at Pueblo Grande Museum in February. Sharie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

## Pattern of the Month

At our February board meeting, it was suggested that we print a pattern each month in the newsletter. Cynthia Broughton forwarded this draft, along with a picture of the woven fabric, based on a pattern by Harry Linder. For those of you who have not heard of Harry Linder, he and his wife Olive were pioneers in exploring the possibilities of spinning and dyeing cotton. They kept a bale of cotton in their garage. As members of Telaraña, they led workshops in cotton spinning and explored other bast fibers. Harry authored several books with Olive, the best known is **Hand Spinning Cotton**, which has now been revised and updated by Joan Ruane. In addition, they wrote **Handspinning Flax**. He wrote **Hints from Harry**, which gives those tidbits of information that classes and workshop leaders never seem to mention, and **Techniques of Code Drafting: The Lively Art of Personal Weaving Drafts**, which includes name drafts of members of the Sun City Weavers Guild. We have several of these books in our Telaraña library.

Thanks, Cynthia, for the draft and info on a past Telaraña member who influenced the weaving community at large.

"Aztec Warp & Weft"



If you have a weaving draft or other fiber pattern you would like to share, send to [www.newsletter@telarana.org](mailto:www.newsletter@telarana.org)

## LIBRARY

Spring cleaning? Tidying up before you return to your cooler climate? Remember the guild - we are most grateful for any donations of fiber arts books or DVDs. If the library cannot use them, then Ways and Means can and does!

And while you are perusing your collection of books and DVDs, double check in case a guild book or DVD has taken up residence in your book case! The guild's library items have a label (in books usually in the upper right corner inside the cover) with the guild's name and mailing address. As much as the book (or DVD) may like your book case and the smells and sounds of your home, its rightful place is the library cart. Just return them to the top of the library cart, no worries!

Thank you! Karen K., Librarian

**Mary Venecke**, a fiber artist from Tucson, has launched a community fiber art project and planned exhibition, "**The Mourning Project**" to emphasize the high rate of infant mortality in the US. She is looking for volunteers to help crochet/knit/sew/felt 23,000 pairs of baby booties to represent the number of infant mortalities in the US annually. She plans to collect the booties through Mother's Day, May 12, and create a travelling art exhibition advocating policy changes to reduce infant mortality.

For more information on how you can participate, go to her link:

<http://www.explorefiber.com/open-call-for-submissions-to-the-the-mourning-project/>



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## *Fiber Events and More!*

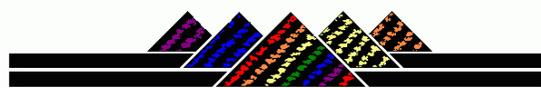
**Seeds for Autism Spring Sale**, May 4, 10am – 3pm, 3420 S 7th St, Phoenix (between Broadway and University) Items made by Seeds students will be available for sale; make-and-take workshops; entertainment; food. <https://www.seedsforautism.org/events/2019/5/4/seeds-for-autism-art-jam-2019>



**Arizona Fiber Arts Retreat** has issued a "call for vendors" for their 2020 event, which will be held January 17 & 18th in Prescott. They are expecting 200 people to visit the vendors during the retreat.

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/079c273a70599245cd393b310/files/4a5393f8-a764-4f8f-a12d-fc621e790399/afar\\_2020\\_vendor\\_application\\_fill.pdf?mc\\_cid=660b5c2faa&mc\\_eid=d5de0b5739](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/079c273a70599245cd393b310/files/4a5393f8-a764-4f8f-a12d-fc621e790399/afar_2020_vendor_application_fill.pdf?mc_cid=660b5c2faa&mc_eid=d5de0b5739)

*The theme for the 2019 conference is "Fiber: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". Join us in 2019 to look at where we have come from, where we are now and what the future holds for the fiber arts.*



**INTERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS  
CONFERENCE**



**The Intermountain Weaver's Conference** is a bi-annual conference held in odd numbered years.

The purpose of the conference is to provide workshops and other learning opportunities, and provide connections between people associated with the Fiber Arts. If you have any interest in weaving, spinning or other Fiber Arts, this conference is for you!

This year's conference will be held 25 - 28 July 2019 at Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO.

**There are still openings in some workshops.** <https://www.intermountainweavers.org/>

**Here is the latest newsletter from IWC:**

<https://www.intermountainweavers.org/resources/Documents/2019SpringNewsletter.pdf>

**Phoenix Art Museum, Ellman & Lewis Galleries**, "Flora", April 13 – August 18. Discover how flowers have influenced fashion through the ages. <http://www.phxart.org/exhibition/flora>

**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/>

**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.

**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** - <https://store-all2n9o8xo.mybigcommerce.com/?aff=97> \*New link

**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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