



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

October, 2019
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**2019-2020
Executive Committee
and Committee Chairs**

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Workshops: Betz Frederick and
Linda Wade

October Guild Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2019, 6 pm-social hour, 7 pm-meeting/program. Members are invited to sit t and spin or knit or crochet during social hour before meetings.

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 #206.

Hospitality: As always, appreciation for our Telaraña Board members who fill our sweet/ snack table with delectables at the September guild meeting; Thank You!

For our upcoming meeting, the following members have volunteered to provide yummys: Jim Elling, Karen Hartshorn, Laura Kline, and Debbie Kahn. Thank you all!

Kindly, Sue Bunch will cover Hospitality as I will be out of town providing well deserved respite for my brother.

Have a great guild meeting and see you in November!

President's Letter

Dear Guild members:

Our new guild year started with a flurry of activities. At the September meeting we had interesting reports from members who had taken classes this summer. It was fun to hear where they had gone, whom they took classes from and what they learned.

Later that week a number of our members took part in the grand reopening of the Mesa Historical Museum. It was great to see so many volunteers and visitors from our membership. This appears to be a win/win for both the museum and Telaraña. We provide some occasional volunteers in conjunction with their fiber arts exhibit and they let us use workshop space at no charge. (Check elsewhere in the newsletter to find volunteer opportunities to share our skills and passions.)

This past weekend, the weaving study group organized a free one day structure workshop based on Marguerite Davison's A Handweaver's Pattern Book.

A suggestion has been made that we should have a knitting study group. Is anyone willing to informally organize this?

If we keep up this pace all year, we'll be a very active guild, fulfilling many of our goals of sharing, education, learning...

On a sadder note, Guild Treasurer and Co-owner of The Fiber Factory, Susan Clark passed away unexpectedly this past week. We will miss her greatly.

Remember, there are still opportunities to get more involved with the guild. Besides volunteer demonstrators, we need a treasurer, and chairs of the following committees: ways and means, history, publicity, and web master.

Keep working on those projects and see you at the next meeting!

Winnie

Remembrance

Susan Clark left this world on the September 24th. She will be sincerely missed by the fiber community here in the Valley. She was owner of The Fiber Factory in Mesa with Terri McCook. Susan and Terri bought the Fiber Factory in 2002. At the Fiber Factory, Susan taught 4 Harness weaving, handled the class schedule and instructors, took care of everything connected to the computer, plus a hundred other things, I am sure. Susan was known for weaving her beautiful towels and couldn't keep up with orders for them! Susan was also a knitter and loved to do animals for gifts. The animal dolls usually had "googly" eyes!

Susan was very involved in the Renaissance Festival and wove, spun and made baskets there while in costume. She LOVED participating each weekend and looked forward to it each year. Susan was a member of Telaraña Fiber Guild (she was treasurer this year) and Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild in Phoenix.

Susan has a sister in the Valley and many fiber friends that consider themselves "family" as well. Rest in peace, Susan. We will see you yet again. I will send out information if there is to be a service. - Sharie

Upcoming Programs

October: Calandra Cook, an amazing Navajo rug artist will be sharing her weaving journey with us. Calandra took 2nd place for Contemporary Navajo Weaving at last year's Santa Fe Indian Market. Her work is truly breathtaking!! Here is her recently finished Hummingbird rug. Amazing!!

November: Leon Natker the Executive Director and Curator of the Mesa Historical Museum will be presenting "The history of crafts from necessity to an art form" mixed with some fascinating history of our area.

December: Potluck with slide show of Winnie's Denmark & Norway Textile Study Tour

January: Paula Rudnick will be presenting a program on Saori Style Weaving followed by a demonstration on a specific Saori style idea not shown in books or other places.

February: Denise Kovnat will introduce us to an age-old craft – Dorset buttons.

March: Mini-workshops

April: Election of Officers. Program TBD

May: Reduce-your-stash sale and potluck.



A Proposal

We are considering submitting several proposals for guild members to exhibit at an art gallery. Such a proposal requires professional type photos of things like weavings or felted pieces we would like to exhibit. Please contact Winnie if you have something to include in the proposal (even if you do not have professional photos, we can deal with that later.). winnruss@msn.com

Membership

We have a new member! Jessica Ochsenbein has joined us. Here is her contact information:

Jessica Ochsenbein: Dyeing, Spinning, Knitting, Crochet, Multi-Shaft Weaving, Sewing

It's time to renew your membership for 2019-20. Debit and credit cards can be used for payment at our regular meetings or mail checks to: Patti Hulet, 2721 E. Lynwood St., Mesa, 85213

Click here for a membership form to include with your payment <http://telarana.org/membership>. Forms will also be available at the meetings. Dues are \$25/individual and \$30/family. If your address, phone number, or email has changed, please fill out a new form, include a short note with the payment, or email me at sunblossom@cox.net. Thank you to those who have already paid and/or renewed.

Workshops

We still have a few vacancies left in the Rosalie Neilson 8-Shaft Rep Runners: A Study in 4-Block Design using Linked Blocks and Solid Stripes on November 9-11, 2019 (Sat/Sun/Mon). Contact Betz Frederick at betzfrederick@mac.com with any questions.

We will be collection a \$15 deposit for the Conquer Your Fear of Cutting workshop at the October meeting. Winnie Johnson & Beki Welsch

Conquer Your Fear of Cutting **Date:** January 25 & 26, 2020 (Sat/Sun)

Are you afraid to cut your handwoven fabric? In this two-day workshop Winnie and Beki will walk you through the scary parts as you make a vest using your handwoven fabric. Workshop participants must know how to use the sewing machine they bring, but will learn tips on layout, piecing, seam finishes, and lining. Vest patterns (some with optional sleeves) in multiple sizes will be provided. We will discuss pattern selection for future projects using handwoven fabric. A pre-workshop session (probably during a Guild meeting) will allow you to try on vests of the patterns we will use for sizing and pattern selection. If you have a vest pattern you would like use, bring it to this session for us to help determine if it is appropriate for handwoven fabric.



Beki and Winnie will be available prior to this month's meeting to provide info on weaving your fabric, how much to weave and choosing the pattern.

Workshop will open to members at our October meeting. \$15 deposit; balance due on day of workshop (total cost estimated \$25-30). Maximum number of participants: 8

Denise Kovnat **Date:** February 15-17, 2020 (Sat/Sun/Mon)
Designing with Deflected Double Weave

Participants will share an in-depth learning experience on Deflected Double Weave. This is an on-loom workshop, with students weaving a number of samples on their own looms in a structure they've chosen for 4 shafts or more. We'll look at how to vary tie-ups and treadlings for different designs and learn the different techniques for

weaving selvages (a unique challenge in Deflected Double Weave). In addition, we will discuss the key principles in designing this graphic, visually intriguing structure and practice creating our own designs with Fiberworks or other weaving software. Students will wind their warps and dress their looms prior to the workshop, ready to begin weaving the first morning.

Workshop will open to members at our November meeting. Maximum number of participants: 18
\$75 deposit; total cost expected to be \$140-160 (\$10 materials fee). Workshop will be held at the Mesa Historical Museum.



Weaving Study Group

Weaving Structure Experience IV Workshop

Seven weavers gathered at the Mesa Historical Museum to enjoy a day of weaving and learning from each other. Each participant brought a loom warped with a structure from Marguerite Davison's book that had multiple treadlings. Besides getting to experience each of the structures, everyone from our newest weavers to our most experienced weavers shared something that others didn't know. We had two weavers who have been weaving less than a year and two weavers who have been weaving over 40 years

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

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.

Mesa Art Festival - December 14 & 15 *Mark your calendars and keep creating*

On December 14 and 15 we will again have a double booth at the Mesa Arts Festival. This is a juried show so we are proud to participate with our best handmade items. The last five years have been very successful. Last year we grossed almost \$5000. As in past years, each artist marks and prices her/his own items. Nancy Ryan has the inventory forms that she will be sending out soon. You can access the forms on the web page. We use the same form every year, so don't worry about a date on an old form. If you need more than one blank form, just make another copy. We can't accept items that were in the booth two years or more ago. There is a \$20 participation fee for each person and Telaraña keeps 15% of all sales, which means you keep 85%! We need high-priced, medium-priced and low-priced items to fit the pocketbooks of the many people who visit our booth.

This is a fun event with a wonderful opportunity for us to show and educate the public on what we do — and do so well! We will have a demonstration area right next to our booth and people flock to see and learn. Think about how you can give some time at the demonstration area. Let's make this the best show ever. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. -- Cindy Reynolds, coordinator

Library

New additions to the Library include:

- [The Principles of Knitting](#) by June Hemmons Hiatt. (Hardbound) Considered a classic, this is "the definitive book on knitting techniques, with valuable information for everyone from beginners to experienced knitters."
- [Knitted Lace of Estonia](#) by Nancy Bush. (Softbound). The author includes some of the oldest knitted artifacts and photographs from Museums along with her tips and advice on lace-knitting techniques and clear projects directions.
- [Knitted Lace](#) by Susanna Lewis. The 91 motifs presented in this book were taken from a 19th century lace sampler in the Brooklyn Museum.

(All three of these books are donations from Bruce Zorn in memory of Karen.)

Stop by the Library Cart at the next guild meeting to see "what's new" and check out some old favorites! You might be surprised by what you find!

Telaraña Scholarship Application

Funds are available to help members attend workshops and seminars that will further their fiber arts skills. The deadline for applications is **December 31**. Awards will be disbursed to recipient(s) following our January board meeting. Mail completed application to Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild, PO Box 41832, Mesa AZ 85274; or give to member of the Scholarship Committee. **Must be received or postmarked by Dec 31**. Download the application form our website: <http://telarana.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/scholarship2015.pdf>

Requirements for Consideration:

1. Applicant must be current with their membership dues and have been a member for the full previous guild year.
2. Workshop must be taken during the Guild year in which the scholarship is awarded (May 31-May 30)
3. Recipient is expected to share their new knowledge with the Guild in some way, i.e. a short program, demonstration, workshop.
4. Application is specific to the workshop listed.
5. Member is ineligible to receive scholarship funds in consecutive guild years.

Board Meeting

Minutes of board meeting, Sept 25, 2019

Called to order 7:07pm

In attendance: Winnie Johnson, Lee Killpack, Cindy Reynolds, Betz Frederick, Linda Finkelstein, Patti Hulet, Linda Wade

Old business – Karen K sent a message to clarify her statement in the last minutes. She did not say that the budget must be balanced, as there are times that necessary expenses may outweigh income. Rather, she wished to point out that our only real income sources are from Ways & Means and Membership and that our expenses have been increasing. While we have adequate funds at this time, it is a trend that should be watched closely. The correction was noted and August minutes approved.

Karen Zorn Memorial Scholarship – Betz, Nancy W. and Susan Clark worked on parameters of the scholarship and discussed particulars with Karen's husband, Bruce. Betz presented their suggested format and it was approved. Betz will prepare an application form and have it ready at the next meeting.

Mesa Historical Museum – we are scheduled to demo on Oct 12 and again in November.

Gallery exhibit – Winnie is submitting an application to Chandler. She needs photos of work, which can also be used in future applications.

Open board positions – we still need a Webmaster, Publicity Chair, Ways and Means Chair, Historian Chair and Treasurer.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – due to Susan Clark's passing, treasurer records are being collected. No report available.

Membership, Patti – 54 members currently. Will be sending out email reminders to members who have not renewed yet.

Programs, Lee – April is yet to be determined.

Hospitality, Linda F – will set up a voluntary tip jar to help with hospitality expenses.

Scholarship – the same committee will handle the Telaraña Scholarship and the Karen Zorn Memorial Scholarship.

Workshops, Betz – the Rep Weave workshop has 11 paid participants and another check or two in the mail.

Demonstrations, Library, Newsletter, Website, Federation, Historian, Publicity – no reports

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm Submitted by Linda Wade

Guild Participates at Mesa Museum Grand Opening

Telaraña participated in the Mesa Historical Museum's grand opening on September 14th. The Theme was "Stitching Mesa Together". On display were wonderful quilts including a very large red and white Red Cross quilt from 1917! Can you imagine? 102 years old!

Leon Natker is the Director of the museum. He was appreciative of all the demos that day. Leon would like to have demos in the museum the second and fourth Saturday of the month from 11am-3pm. So if you feel like getting out of the house, bring something to do and go to the museum! Maybe the spinners or another group would like to meet there on one of those Saturdays each month? If so, Leon would like to know so he can publicize the demo.

In the loom room, Linda Wade was weaving on a loom that she, Betz Frederick, Winnie Johnson and Russ Johnson had spent many hours getting it able to weave. Susan Clark was able to get the Great Wheel going and spun on that for about 4 hours. Museum goers really enjoyed seeing the wheel and loom working.

Ruth Teller was near the children's table and was spinning colored cotton on a supported spindle. She had a nice display of 5 or 6 different colors of cotton and explained that the Hohokam and Pimas grew colored cotton here in Arizona.

In the hallway was the children's table of weaving. Lee Killpack, Linda Finkelstein, Claudia Cocco and Sharie Monsam helped children to weave. They really enjoyed it!

At the other end of the hall was the Felters Guild busy working on making felt, both wet and dry, and answering questions. They had a great display of felted dolls and things to see.

The gift shop was very nice and featured lots of woven items from Telaraña Members!

Fiber Events and More!

Mesa Historical Museum, 2345 N. Horne, Mesa, **Stitching Mesa Together**, Featuring the 1918 Mesa Red Cross Quilt, this exhibit showcases how participating in crafts has helped to build community. These crafts people have become essential community support mechanisms in times of need, while other crafts, saddlery and metal work, have contributed to community celebrations.

Reminder: Don't forget to bring quilt fabric for Ruth Teller. She sews caps and medicine bags for Cardon's Children's Hospital chemo patients. She and her group have been sewing for them for years and need more cotton fabric!

Tucson Fiber Arts Show 2019 Saturday, October 26, 2019

Dunbar Pavilion, 325 W. 2nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85705

Sponsored by the Tucson Handweavers and Spinners Guild (a 501 (c) (3) community organization)

Fiber Arts 2019 Show and Sale

Free and open to the public, 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.

publicity@thsg.org

<https://www.facebook.com/events/4762267665149>

Verde Valley Weavers & Spinners Guild - 5th Annual Fabulous Fiber Sale 2019

Thursday, Oct. 3 thru Saturday, Oct. 5 - Th-F: 10am-5 pm; Sat 10 am - 4 pm

Sedona United Methodist Church

110 Indian Cliffs & Hwy 179

NO Admission Charge

For more information: Shirley Eichten Albrecht @ 928-284-1375.

verdevalleyweaversguild@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/verdevalleyweaversguild/>

Handweavers Guild of America Call for Entry for Small Expressions 2020 Exhibit

Deadline: January 29, 2020

Small Expressions is an annual, juried exhibit sponsored by Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. (HGA) to showcase contemporary small scale works created using fiber techniques in any media, not to exceed 15 inches (38 cm) in any direction including mounting, framing, or display devices. Juried by Anastasia Azure, the exhibit will be open in Knoxville, Tennessee at the UT Downtown Gallery July 13-August 24, 2020. For more information visit our website or email Linda Campbell, HGA Exhibit and Editorial Assistant

Arizona Fiber Arts Retreat - January 15-18, 2020 -

Event registration opens October 1, 2019 - MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND

Twenty nine instructors and three times the number of vendors!! Registration includes: entrance fee, goody bag, Happy Hour attendance, 3 raffle tickets. The first 100 registrants will receive a stitch marker. **Volunteers Needed!** Looking for someone with marketing experience (calendars, publications, periodicals, listing information, etc), and volunteers to help for a few hours during the event. More information:

<https://www.arizonafiberartsretreat.com>

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://woolery.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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