



# Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

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## 2019-2020

### *Executive Committee and Committee Chairs*

#### **Executive Committee:**

**President**, Winnie Johnson

**Vice President**, Lee Killpack

**Treasurer**,

**Secretary**, Nancy Ryan

**Past President**, Nancy Ryan

#### **Committee Chairs:**

**Demonstrations**, Nancy Wanek

**Exhibits and Shows**, Cindy Reynolds

**Federation**, Hope Aguilar

**Historian**

**Hospitality**, Linda Finkelstein

**Library**, Karen Khlenbach

**Membership**, Patti Hulet

**Newsletter**, Marcia Matthieu

**Programs**, Lee Killpack

**Publicity**

**Ways and Means**

**Website** Linda Wade

**Workshops**, Betz Frederick

## *November Guild Meeting*

**Wednesday, November 13.** 6pm – social hour; 7pm-meeting/program.

**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.

This month's delightful snacks are being provided by the following volunteers: Michael Ryan, Sandy Ewald, Trudy Johnson, and Betz Frederick. Thank you all!

With cooler evenings finally arriving, hot decaf coffee and herbal/caffeinated teas make their return in addition to bottled water. To make these refreshments accessible in a more efficient manner, a coffee air pot dispenser and an office style beverage/utensils/ supplies organizer will be placed on our kitchen



counter. Given that Hospitality beverage and supply expense can be difficult to anticipate/ budget, our guild Board had the idea to instead use a "tip jar" for contributions by members at meetings for their beverages/supplies. It required a worldwide search to find a piggy bank in the form of a sheep to serve this worthy function; so, come see how adorable she is and put her to work for us! Linda F.

## *President's Letter*

### **Greetings!**

We are two months into our guild year and lots is going on. This past month, in addition to our regular meeting, several members demonstrated at the Mesa Historical Museum and a nice group attended the weavers' study group meeting. We also had a good representation of members at the gathering in honor of our late treasurer, Susan Clark.

We are still looking for someone to step up to the plate to take over as treasurer. Karen Kehlenbach was our former treasurer, and she did a great job, but our constitution does not allow for consecutive terms, so we need someone else. We are also looking for a new Publicity chair, a new Historian and a new Ways and Means chair. Thank you to the members who held these positions are willing to train new volunteers. It should not be overwhelming to take on these posts. In the meantime, without a Historian there will be no records of show-and-tell...without a Ways and Means chair there will be no raffle baskets. Keep in mind that many hands make the work easier. And while we occasionally hear complaints that the same people make all the decisions for the guild, this is your chance to have some say in guild governance.

In the upcoming month, we have a rep weave workshop with nationally known teacher, Rosalie Neilson; our guild meeting on the 13th; and another sharing activity at the Mesa Historical Museum. I'm impressed that we can meet so many of the guild's stated goals in a single month: instruction at a workshop, informative meetings and voluntary service. And then there is the upcoming sale and a pot luck social activity in December. Wow! It's exciting to see so much guild activity. **Winnie**

## *Upcoming Programs*

**November:** Leon Natker 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.

Beki Welsch will share her year-long study of weaving with sewing threads. Included will be samples of lace, double weave, and diversified plain weave. You will learn how sewing thread compares to other threads in a weaver's stash, and its suitability for various weaves.

"7,500 year old textiles found in Florida!" Windover Bog is an archeological site in east central Florida found in 1982 that has revealed skeletons from 7,000+ years ago. Jo Librizzi will share interesting facts discovered about the Windover People and their ancient textiles that have been found in this important site. Jo has replicated a globular bag and samples of the different types of twining/weaving for a permanent exhibit at the Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science.

**May:** Reduce-your-stash sale and potluck.

## *Workshops*

We still have two places 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)** and two places in the **Conquer Your Fear of Cutting Date: January 25 & 26, 2020 (Sat/Sun)**. with Winnie Johnson & Beki Welsch. Contact Betz Frederick at [betzfrederick@mac.com](mailto:betzfrederick@mac.com) with any questions.

We will be collecting a \$75 deposit for the **Deflected Double Weave** workshop at the November meeting.

**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.

\$15 deposit; balance due on day of workshop (total cost estimated \$30-40).  
Maximum number of participants: 8



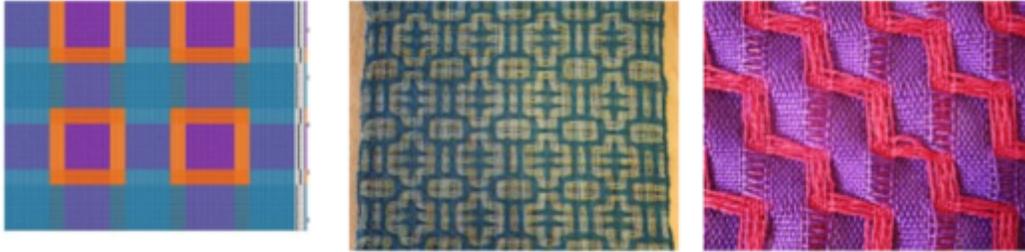
**Denise Kovnat**

**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. Deposit can be mailed to Betz Frederick, 1371 W. 12th Pl, Tempe, AZ 85281 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.



## *Neighboring Guilds' Workshops & Events*

**Mountain Spinners & Weavers Guild**, Prescott: Annual Holiday Show & Sale, November 9, 2019

<https://www.mtnspinweave.org/events.html>

**Arizona Desert Weavers & Spinners**, Mesa: Rosalie Neilson, Introduction to Kumihimo, November 12, 2019.

Painted Warp Workshop with Sarah Paulson, March. <https://adwsg.org/>

**Tucson Handweavers & Spinners Guild**, Tucson: Coiling on Gourd Baskets with Toni Best, January 16-17, 2020; Split-Shed Weaving with Deborah Silver, February 20-22, 2020; Painting Warps on Looms with Sarah Saulson, March 19-21, 2020.

## *Telaraña Scholarship*

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 (Betz, Nancy Wanek, or Trudy). 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.

## *Membership*

We have 4 new members! Their contact information will be in the roster that comes out after our November meeting. Please welcome Sue Garber, Peggy Murphy Payne, Michelle Caisse, and Patricia Philbrick!

**Time** to renew your membership for 2019-20 and have your name in the upcoming roster. Debit and credit cards can be used for payment at our regular meetings. Otherwise, bring your checks made out to Telaraña to the meeting or mail to: Patti Hulet, 2721 E. Lynwood St., Mesa, 85213 (must receive by November 13, 2019 to be in the roster)

Forms can be printed from our website: <http://telarana.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/membership-form.pdf> They 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](mailto:sunblossom@cox.net)

Patti Hulet, Membership Chair

## *Demonstrations*

Telaraña Thanks go out to all the members who have participated in demo events this year. Since September, we have accrued close to 50 hours of volunteer time. That's great - and we have more opportunities coming up:

Saturday, November 9th, 11am - 3pm Fiber Arts demo at the Mesa Historical Museum\*  
Nancy Wanek will be there spinning (please come join me)

Saturday, November 16th, 10am - 2pm Seeds Discovery Day event, box loom weaving  
**Seeds for Autism**, 3420 S 7th St, Phoenix, AZ <https://www.seedsforautism.org/events>  
1 or 2 more needed - contact Nancy Wanek or Linda Wade

Saturday, November 23rd, 11am - 3pm Fiber Arts demo at the Mesa Historical Museum\*  
1 or 2 volunteers needed - come demo any fiber art of your choice - contact Nancy Wanek

Saturday, December 7th. "How Cloth is Made" Class offering at the Mesa Historical Museum\*  
Nancy Wanek and Elly Weinel will be teaching spinning and weaving to a group of Girl Scouts. We could use 1 or 2 others to assist. Time TBA.

\* **Mesa Historical Museum** location is 2345 N. Horne, Mesa, AZ 85203

## *Tapestry/Navajo Weaving Study Group*

**The MCC Red Mountain Tapestry and Navajo Weaving Study Group** will be meeting Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> this month because of the rug auction on the first Saturday. We meet 9am-12:30pm. All fiber people are welcome. Bring something to work on. Palo Verde Building, Room 114. You may park in the employee parking lot that is nearest to the building because it is Saturday.

## *Mesa Arts Festival - December 14 & 15*

Can you believe that it is just a little more than a month and we will be celebrating our work at Mesa Art Festival?! This is our opportunity for us to sell our work, show the community what we do, and educate the public about the different fiber arts. The venue is delightful at the downtown cultural arts center.

Nancy Ryan is Inventory sub-chairperson. You can download the instruction and inventory forms from our website, <http://telarana.org/mesa-arts-festival>. Just change the date to 2019.

Each of us shares in the cost of the booth by submitting \$20 with our inventory. As in previous years, we will submit our items prior for the festival – this year it will be Tuesday, December 10 from noon to 2 p.m. at Stapley Fire Station. Each person is responsible for tagging and pricing his/her own items. Remember, for most items, we need to indicate the yarn used and the care needed for the item. If you can't bring your items during that time, contact Nancy before that date. On December 16, from 6 to 7 p.m. you can pick up any unsold items. Telaraña keeps 15% and individual members each keep 85% of their work that is sold.

Our display sub-chair, Winnie Johnson, will organize the items as they come in on Tuesday. Then on Friday afternoon, our Equipment chairpersons, Karla and Jim Elling with their committee will set up the display equipment. On Saturday morning before the festival, Winnie and her committee will arrange all of the items to be ready for sale. Then the fun begins as the community people come to our booth and enjoy and hopefully buy our work.

Next to the selling booth, will be our demonstration area. Please try to reserve a couple of hours during the weekend to demonstrate something. The public really enjoys this part of our effort.

If you have any questions or want to know how you can help during the week-end, please contact Cindy Reynolds, general chairperson.

## *Library*

Get a head start on the January "Conquer your fear of Cutting" workshop with items from the guild library - Available are:

**Warp Painting plus garment design & construction tips** by Sara Lamb (DVD)

**Handwoven, Tailormade: A guide to Fabric Designing & Weaving, Sewing & Tailoring** by Alderman and Wertemberger

**Fashions from the Loom** by Baizerman and Searle

**Cut my Cote** by Burnham

**Handwoven Patterns #102, #103, & #104** by Jean Scorgie

**Designer Diagonals: A Portfolio of Patterns for Bias Cloth** by Virginia West

**Finishing Touches for the Handweaver** by Virginia West

**Weaver's Wearables** by Virginia West

**Seam & Edge Finishes** by Daryl Lancaster

**Modular Clothing** by Anita L. Mayer.

You may recognize some of these names as Daryl Lancaster has taught numerous classes nationally on sewing handwovens. Likewise, Jean Scorgie, Sharon Alderman, K. Wertemberger, and Virginia West are all very well known for their creations from handwovens.

A head start means you will learn even more in the workshop! Check it out at the November meeting!

## *Board Meeting*

Telaraña Board met at the home of Winnie Johnson on Wednesday, Oct, 23, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Winnie Johnson at 7:01pm.

Members present: Linda Wade, Betz Frederick, Lee Killpack. Cindy Reynolds, Nancy Ryan, Linda Finkelstein

Secretary report from September 2019 board meeting was approved.

**Treasurer Report** - vacant position

- **Budget** - Budget for guild year 2019-20 was discussed. A decision was made to leave budget unchanged from the budget published in the September guild newsletter.
- **Yearly Audit** - Linda Wade and Betz agreed to do the book audit
- **Vacant Position** - The importance of quickly filling this position following the death of Susan Clark was discussed. Phone calls were attempted to potential candidates but were unable to make decision.
- **GIST** - Winnie stated that the fiber website Gist is offering a program to guilds that would give guilds 5% of any purchases made by members. Linda Wade will follow up.
- **Tax License** - Discussion of the appropriate path to pursue for the guild tax license was discussed. Cindy will research and get the appropriate license. Betz made a motion that the guild continue to pay the sales tax on items sold at MAC. The motion was second and approved.

**Membership:** Patti (unavailable) No report

**Programs:** Lee reported the upcoming programs as noted in the Sept newsletter

**Hospitality:** Linda F. will be setting out a "bank" at each meeting to collect donations for beverages.

**Exhibits:** Cindy - no specific report

**Demonstrations:** Nancy Wanek - unavailable; Linda Wade reported that Seeds will be having a Discovery Day on Nov 16. This is not a sale day but a day for demo such as our box looms

**Ways & Means:** vacant chair - no report

**Library:** Karen unavailable - no report

**Newsletter:** Marcia is out of town so all newsletter items need to be to Linda Wade by Nov 1

**Website:** Winnie appointed Linda Wade as Webmaster and Linda accepted the position. Discussion was held regarding utilizing a new web server company. GoDaddy was suggested and Linda will research.

**Federation:** Hope -unavailable - no report

**Scholarships:** Following discussion of the Karen Zorn scholarship, it was decided to leave the criteria as had been previously decided. Wendy Beaver will chair this scholarship. Betz will chair the guild scholarship.

**Historian:** vacant chair - no report

**Workshops:** Betz/Linda: Report was given on upcoming workshops. 5 people have signed up for "Fear of Cutting" which will be at the 1st Street Fire station. There are 13 people signed up for Rosalie Neilson. Some discussion was held about having a small amount of profit with each workshop to which Linda Wade reiterated that our policy is to make workshops self-sustaining.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm by Winnie

Submitted by Nancy Ryan

## *Fiber Events and More!*

**Mesa Historical Museum,** 2345 N Horne, Mesa, "Stitching Mesa Together" through January 4, 2020.

<https://www.mesahistoricalmuseum.com/>

**Pueblo Grande Museum,** 4619 E Washington St, Phoenix, 43rd Annual Pueblo Grande Indian Market, December 14 & 15, 2019 <https://www.phoenix.gov/calendar/parks/3033>

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

Deadline: January 29, 2020 <https://weavespindye.org/calls-for-entry/>

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 - 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!*

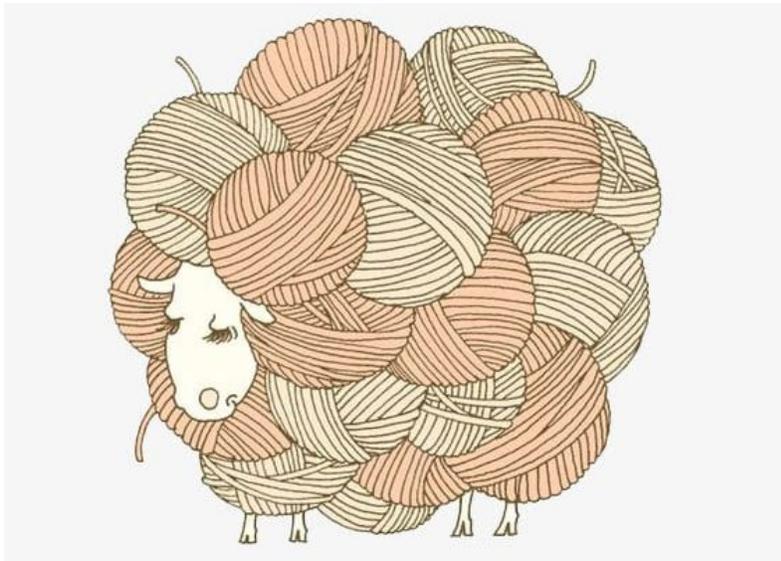
Do you shop at **Fiber Factory, Halcyon Yarn, Amazon, or The Woolery**? These retailers offer cash-back on sales to the Guild. Although the percentages look small, they do add up.

**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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