



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

Apr 2020

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April Guild Meeting

Cancelled due to Coronavirus

2019-2020

Executive Committee and Committee Chairs

Executive Committee:

President: Winnie Johnson
Vice President: Lee Killpack
Treasurer: Karen Kehlenbach
Secretary: Nancy Ryan
Past President: Nancy Ryan

Committee Chairs:

Demonstrations: Nancy Wanek
Exhibits and Shows: Cindy Reynolds
Federation:
Historian: Russ Johnson
Hospitality: Linda Finkelstein
Library: Karen Kehlenbach
Membership: Patti Hulet
Newsletter: Marcia Matthieu
Programs: Lee Killpack
Publicity:
Ways and Means:
Website: Linda Wade
Workshops: Betz Frederick and
Linda Wade

President's Letter

Dear guild members,

Such bizarre times! With "social distancing" because of the corona virus, a number of events have been cancelled or postponed. Our demo at Pueblo Grande was cancelled, as was the March board meeting and the April general meeting. Our April program will be rescheduled for next fall. Hopefully we can hold our May meeting so we can vote on new officers as we had planned to do in April, socialize at the pot luck, and hold our silent auction.

During these stay at home days, I'm finding time to be productive. I've woven a pillow for the couch and woven several shawls on the triangle frame loom, as well as doing some knitting. I do find these fiber activities to be very calming after listening to the news about the spread of the virus.

Keep calm with your fiber activities,

Winnie

Treasurer's report. As of 3/31/2020 the bank account balance is \$10,631.63 and the checkbook balance is \$10,502.63

A Message from the Newsletter Editor

Well, as you can see from Winnie's letter, we are in a holding pattern for the time being along with the rest of the population due to the Coronavirus. When it will end ??? Who knows. In the meantime, I am trying to make this newsletter as informative and pertinent as I can with a much-reduced list of items.

If we are able to meet in May for our annual potluck - and elections - I hope you will be able to attend. Details will be sent in the May newsletter. In the meantime, please reread the item about the election, nominations, and committee chairs. We still need a number of positions filled and maybe you can think about volunteering to help the Guild continue to offer interesting and educational programs as we move forward in 2020. You will have all summer to communicate with the board members and others to learn about the obligations of each committee chair and maybe, just maybe, you will decide that you can fulfill those needs after all. You can communicate your desire to serve at any time to Winnie or any board member.

Like Winnie and members of the board, I've been trying to keep busy and productive and have been weaving almost every day. I'm including some photos I've received in the past week of projects that Guild members have been doing. I hope you will be inspired and will also send me your photos. I will plan to include them in the May newsletter, space permitting, so that others can enjoy and be inspired also.

Keep weaving, knitting, felting, crocheting, lace making, and sewing - whatever you enjoy. And stay safe and healthy.

Upcoming Programs

May: Elections, reduce-your-stash sale and potluck.

Elections!!

Will be held in May if we are able to meet

Our guild officers – **President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer** – will be elected at our Annual Meeting in April. The following members have agreed to be candidates. We are open to more candidates for each position, so feel free to volunteer or nominate someone else who is willing to serve the guild.

President: Winnie Johnson.
Maureen McCarthy

Vice President/Programs: Lee Killpack/

Secretary: Jo Librizzi.

Treasurer: Cindy Reynolds

Many fibers make a gorgeous yarn; Many hands make for a great Guild!

Please support our guild. Being a committee chair is a great way to get to know more members and to have some input into your guild activities. The following positions are now open with a brief job description of each. A more detail description will be available at the March Meeting.

Membership Chair: Your responsibilities will be to keep a current roster , greet guests, have name tags for members, and collect dues.

Publicity: Your responsibilities will be to have our printed bookmarks available to be distributed at events and to post events on social media.

Federation Representative: Your responsibilities will be to represent the guild at Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guild Meetings and to communicate information from the Federation back to the guild.

Weavers Study Group

Cancelled until further notice

Membership

We have one new member, bringing our current membership to 102. Please welcome Susan Lamont, who lives part-time in Mesa and the rest of the year in Canada. Here is her information to add to your rosters:

Susan Lamont - Felting, multi-shaft weaving

FABRIC Ramps Up to Make PPE and Needs Help

About a year ago, the Guild had a presentation from the fashion incubator FABRIC at ASU. This is an update on their most recent endeavor: Concerned about the health crisis due to the coronavirus, the group has been engaged in developing the means to manufacture reusable isolation gowns for medical facilities following FDA specifications for patterns and approved fabrics. They have received a large order from major hospitals and are now almost ready to begin manufacture. This has been accomplished in a very short time with the help of grants, but they have realized that more help is needed, both in the form of funding, AND donated sewing machines, and volunteers both to sew and to help promote the effort in the community. The list is too extensive to print here, but more information can be found at:

<https://www.fabrictempe.com/help>

If you can't help them out, consider using your sewing skills to make masks for first responders, clinics, hospitals, etc. new you. There are numerous patterns available on the internet and, depending on their ultimate use, a wide choice of complexity. Many can be made of ordinary cotton fabric, cotton and flannel, etc. and they are all needed! Check out the resources in your own neighborhood and on the internet to see if you can help.

To inspire you.....some pictures



Lee's Mobius shawl, with a supplementary warp of rayon chenille with art yarn floats



From Winnie, two shawls woven on a triangle frame loom

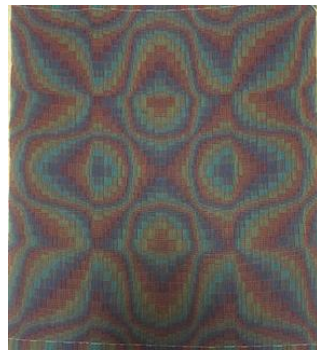


Cindy: Overshot runner on the left; in-progress chenille mobius on the right





From Betz: After taking the deflected doubleweave class with Denise Kovnat, I washed my samples, selected the one I liked the most and wove a scarf. The challenge for me with this project was the selvages. I had to figure out if my shuttle needed to be up or down for each pick. It is a present for my niece who LOVES pink and purple. and.....



"polychrome doubleweave on an echo threading", front and back view. The draft was adapted from an article in Handwoven by Marian Stubenitsky. It was very challenging because there are 812 threads in the warp and 848 picks in a repeat.



Marcia: from Denise Kovnat's workshop, I took part of my sample of 4-shaft Deflected Double Weave and made the left hand pocket of this tote bag

and I wove these towels: Perle cotton using a Rosepath pattern from Davidson



For the Website

We hope you enjoyed all the pictures above. If you are weaving or doing crafts during this quiet time, please send pictures/information to Linda Wade for the webpage and Facebook. It doesn't need even need to be fiber-related. We want to stay in touch. There are performances, blogs, and even free workshops being offered. If you find something you think would be of interest, let Linda know and she will be happy to post it. webmaster@telarana.org

Shopping? Don't forget us!

Do you shop at **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.

Amazon Smile Program: <https://smile.amazon.com/>, sign in just **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*

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