



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

May 2020

www.Telaraña.org

May Guild Meeting

Cancelled due to Coronavirus

President's Letter

Dear Guild members;

These challenging days of social distancing continue. We cancelled the board meeting in March and the general meeting in April. We tried a virtual meeting using Zoom for a weavers' study group show and tell. It was successful for those of us who had the current technology to be able to do it. We also held a Zoom board meeting, which worked pretty well. We'll cancel the May general meeting, following governor Ducey's orders to not be in groups of people (especially since so many of us fall into the category of being over 60). Our planned potluck and a silent auction are difficult to do as a virtual meeting.

We do have an order of business to accomplish: elections. We need everyone to vote, so if you receive the newsletter via email, in several days you will receive an email ballot. Please vote via reply email. If you receive the newsletter via snail mail, please return the ballot in the next day's mail.

It is the time of year to pay dues. Considering that we are not meeting now and some of us are feeling a financial crunch, we are not going to push the issue of paying dues right now. However, if you are in the habit of paying now and want to do it so you know it is done, please feel free pay your dues.

On another note, I often peruse my books for ideas of thing to weave. I seem to be missing a couple of books. When I mentioned this to Lee, she promptly returned two that I had forgotten about. It was fun to page through them again. Unfortunately they were not the ones I was looking for: the Rag Rug Handbook by Paula Pfaff and Janet Meany, and a yellow

covered book with Swedish instructions on the left pages and English instructions of the right. If you happen to have borrowed either of these books, I'd enjoy looking at them again. Thanks.

Enjoy keeping those fingers in the fiber during these stay at home days,

Winnie

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:

Newsletter: Marcia Matthieu

Programs: Lee Killpack

Publicity:

Ways and Means:

Website: Linda Wade

Workshops: Betz Frederick and

Linda Wade

Treasurer's report. As of 4/30/2020 the bank account balance is \$10,058.39 and no outstanding checks.

Minutes of the Telarana Board Meeting

'virtual' meeting - via Zoom April 29, 2020 7pm

In attendance: Winnie Johnson, Lee Killpack, Nancy Wanek, Cindy Reynolds, Russ Johnson, Patti Hulet, Paula Rudnick, Marcia Matthieu, Maureen McCarthy, Linda Wade, Betz Frederick, Jo Librizzi

February Board minutes from the March newsletter were approved and seconded.

Treasurer was absent. There was discussion about due date of Guild dues being extended. All dues need to be sent to Cindy Reynolds.

Telarana meetings for April and May were cancelled due to COVID-19 and Governor Ducey's stay-at-home order.

Old Business:

When resumed, meetings will be able to be held at the same church location on Wednesdays as usual. It is a great meeting venue and generously stores the large Guild library cabinet . Having tables and chairs set up, plenty of easy access parking, a large clean and pleasant space plus a kitchen and many other amenities is much appreciated!

New Business:

With no meeting in May, elections need to be done differently. A newsletter notice will explain the process.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Patti Hulet reported there are 102 members.

Programs: Lee Killpack - The September 9th meeting will be a silent auction and a BIG show and tell!

Exhibits or Shows: Cindy Reynolds reports that everything is to be determined at a future date. Mesa Art Center Festival ? She will see if we can save a space.

Ways and Means: No meetings = no raffles.

Library: Karen Kehlenbach was absent.

Hospitality: Linda Finkelstein was not present but sent a letter expressing concern that for the health and safety of all it is time to rethink how we do the refreshments. Linda suggested that each person bring their own refreshment if desired. She emphasized that hospitality is making each and every person feel welcome.

Demonstrations: Nancy Wanek stated that our demonstrations have been cancelled along with all the local events.

Newsletter: Marcia Matthieu needs items for the newsletter by May 2nd. She would like lots of pictures!

Website: Linda Wade will put more pictures up on the website. There was discussion about updating Telarana's social media as well as the website. Linda Wade will work on this.

Federation: Paula Rudnick is the new Federation Representative. The Traveling Teachers program is on hold until 2022.

Historian: Russ Johnson is sending more pictures to the website.

Publicity : Unfilled position. It was noted there are plenty of Telarana flyers left to distribute.

Scholarship Committee: There are no applicants for the Karen Zorn Scholarship monies.

Workshops: Betz Frederick had compiled the survey results for Traveling Teachers.

November doubleweave workshop with Jennifer Moore at the Mesa Historical Museum is still planned. There is a 30 day cancellation in her contract. The cancellation policy clause was discussed, no changes needed.

The current plan is to take advantage of our talented members for workshops, starting with Winnie Johnson teaching a card weaving workshop. TBA

Move to adjourn by Betz, seconded by Marcia 8:14pm

Respectfully submitted by Jo Librizzi

From the Hospitality Chair

How Hospitality Remains the Same and How It Can Be Modified *

The essence of Hospitality is both an attitude and a behavior. It is expressed by a welcoming, kind attitude and demeanor of interest and helpfulness. Over the years, our guild boards and guild members have beautifully exemplified Hospitality. Refreshments and snacks are a nice - although a secondary way to experience hospitality.

It concerns me that such a high percentage of our members meet the criteria to be considered within the population "most at risk" for difficulty tolerating the Covid-19 virus. As of yet, there is no way to ensure prevention of this virus which is said to be three times more contagious than a typical flu virus.

Telarana members have missed enjoying their March and April programs, EDITOR'S NOTE: and with the ban extended we will miss meeting on May 13th. So now we are looking at September for our next meeting.

Going forward in the 2020-2021 guild year, with the continued absence of a vaccine and the possibility of an unintended viral transfer among 60+ year olds, it seems wise to modify the refreshment and snack feature of our Hospitality process such that each guild member brings a desired beverage and snack to each meeting for their own consumption. This nasty outbreak saddens me. There is no way I could handle introducing, even if unknowingly, what could become serious trouble to any fiber friend.

Linda F

EDITOR'S NOTE: this letter from Linda was discussed at the recent board meeting and it was felt this should be presented to the membership for thought and possible future discussion. At this point, no policy is being set. As you will see below, we do NOT plan to hold a potluck in September, when our postponed Stash reduction will be held.

Upcoming Programs

SEPTEMBER: Delayed "Reduce-Your-Stash" Silent Auction evening

-Now is the time to go through your stash and either create or donate.

Also, be sure to bring all those amazing "Shelter in Place" creations your have completed for a fantastic show-and tell!

Elections!!

Will be held in May electronically

Our guild officers – **President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer** – still need to be elected. The following members have agreed to be candidates..

President: Winnie Johnson.

Vice President/Programs: Lee Killpack/Maureen McCarthy

Secretary: Jo Librizzi.

Treasurer: Cindy Reynolds

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

IMPORTANT!! Watch in your email for the election ballot which will arrive in the next few days. It is very important that the new officers have been voted in before our guild's new calendar year. We need to have a fully functioning guild even during a pandemic! An electronic ballot will be sent to all members who currently receive the newsletter online. For those who receive it by "Snail Mail", it is attached to this newsletter. **DEADLINE IS MAY 13, so please return your ballot timely**

Thank you so much for keeping our guild running!

Open Committee positions remain. Please consider::

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.

Membership Dues

Our guild's fiscal year begins in June, and we would normally collect dues for 2020-2021 at our May meeting. Sadly, due to the coronavirus situation, our meetings are not happening. Yet our guild has operating expenses that continue, and your dues help us to keep our guild strong. If you are able, please consider renewing your guild membership at this time. We look forward to resuming our meetings as soon as it is safe for us to do so. Meanwhile, our guild will continue to be a vital resource to promote fiber arts among our members using email and video communications.

Take a moment to review your listing in the guild roster. If you would like to make any changes, please download a membership form from www.telarana.org. Then please send any changes along with your dues (\$25 single; \$30 family) by check made out to Telarana, to Cindy Reynolds, Treasurer, 4529 E. Farmdale, Mesa, AZ 85206.

Federation Report

Via the Federation President Ruth Greenspan:

"Although no formal vote has yet taken place, it appears likely that the Federation Traveling Teacher Program will be put on hold for a year, resuming in the winter of 2022."

Weavers Study Group

Zoom Weavers Study Group and Another Opportunity

In these challenging times, technology is letting us stay connected. On Monday, April 20, several of us met on Zoom to share what we have been working on. Not only was it great to see the projects that people we are working on, but it was great to see each of our faces! Our next meeting will be on Zoom too. I will be sending out an invitation for May 18, 1 p.m. for our next meeting. If you aren't on the Weavers Study Group email list contact Cindy Reynolds. This will be great opportunity for our members who live everywhere from Alaska to Michigan to Minnesota to Vermont to Payson.

Workshops

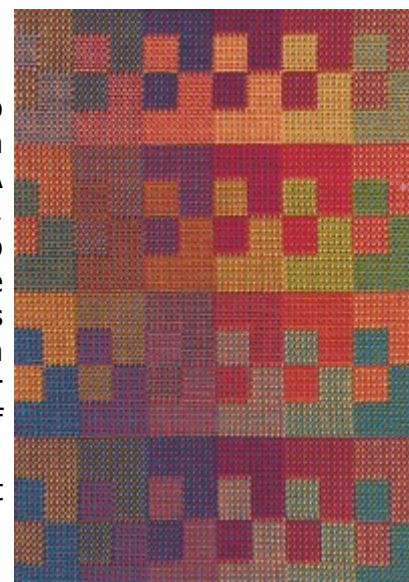
Jennifer Moore Workshops

Double Rainbow November 13, 14, 15 2020

8-shaft, 2-block designs 2 Layers, 4 (or 8) Shafts, 6 Colors – Infinite Possibilities

This is perhaps the ultimate color sampler! You will begin by winding a warp and setting up your loom according to Jennifer's system for working with multiple colors in a rotational sequence and bringing it to the workshop. A basic two-layered structure will enable us to mix and match our colors, creating an amazing array of color mixtures. As you weave and your warp colors move past each other you will experience a visual feast of iridescence and moire patterns. We will also experiment with single-layered structures such as warp rep and warp-faced twills and the effects that they create on this versatile warp. This sampler will provide a remarkable education in color theory and how optical mixtures work in weaving, as well as a great source of inspiration for future weaving projects.

Level- Intermediate. No prior experience in doubleweave is necessary, but students must know how to warp a loom.



Mathemagical Design – November 12, 2020

Half Day Exploring the Golden Proportion and the Fibonacci Series—The Golden Proportion is found throughout nature, including in our own bodies, and has been known and used by artists for millennia. Because of this most people tend to find this proportion very pleasing. In this design workshop we will learn how to generate and use the Golden Proportion as well as the closely related Fibonacci Series. Knowing how to work with these tools enables us to create harmonious designs in any medium.

Half Day Exploring Fractal Design— A fractal is a visual design that breaks down into self-similar shapes at varying scales to create seemingly infinite designs. Although this may be somewhat daunting from a mathematical perspective, we can take a visual and intuitive approach to this concept with amazing results. We will learn some basic techniques for generating fractal designs and create a few of our own in both two and three dimensions, including a fractal pop-up.

Fun Stuff Online for Quarantiners

The Stash-Busting Scarf Weave Along is coming...

Coping with the stress of the shutdown through weaving, but stuck with a stash that you don't know how to use? Here's the perfect solution for you.

Join color-in-weaving expert Tien Chiu and well-known weaving teacher Janet Dawson in a fun weave-along community as we help you solve the problems of dealing with stash projects. We'll offer lessons, video chats, free Q&A sessions, and the chance to join a supportive community of your fellow weavers, sharing your trials and triumphs. We'll lead you through a 4 or 8-shaft scarf project that will teach you the basics of:

- identifying mystery yarns
- mixing yarn textures, fibers, and thicknesses
- designing with a jumble of colors

The FREE Weave-Along starts May 23 - sign up below to be notified when registration opens! at <https://www.warpandweave.com/subscribe/weave-along-notification/>

The Fiber Arts & Textiles Symposium 2020, June 19th - 27th, 2020

Take your fiber and textile skills to the next level! Have fun and win. Over 30 online workshops with the most amazing fiber artists for free. Workshops, interviews and much more.

Some categories in the Fiber Arts Symposium include:

- Fiber • Textile • Yarn • Embroidery • Machine embroidery • Dyeing • Paper • Weaving • Basketry • Felting • Macrame • Nuno Felting

Each workshop will be available for 24 hrs for free. We plan to have 3 workshops each day. It is free for you to watch.

The goal of the Fiber Arts & Textiles Symposium is to:

- To inspire people on all things fiber and textiles
- To educate people on different techniques and new trends
- To discuss the industry, products, and changes

For more information, go to: <https://www.fiberartssymp.com/>

Pictures For the Website

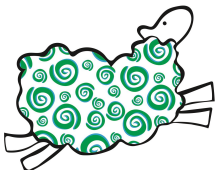
Show-and-tell is one of the favorite parts of our monthly meetings. While we have been confined to our homes, many of you have taken advantage of the time to work on your textile projects. We can still have a virtual show-and-tell. Send pictures and a few details to webmaster@telarana.org and Linda will put them on our website. Have a look, there are already some posted, www.telarana.org. And remember, you can show them on our Facebook page as well.

If you find something you think would be of interest, let Linda know and she will be happy to post it. ljwtime@cox.net

Fiber Events and More!!

**The 10th Annual Arizona Fiber Arts Retreat
January 20-23, 2021
Prescott Resort and Conference Center
Prescott, AZ**

Teacher class proposals **EXTENDED** to June 27, 2020
<https://form.jotform.com/200286894739065>



Vendor applications due October 1, 2020
<https://form.jotform.com/200417022611134>

Newsletter sign up and general info: <https://www.arizonafiberartsretreat.com>

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 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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