



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

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October Guild Meeting

Wednesday, October 14. 7pm-VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM

Deb Essen - **Color Value for Fiber Artists**

Why do those colors look so nice together on the cones, but when I start winding the warp or weaving things don't look nearly as pretty. Likely it's because of the color values. This presentation discusses color value, how to identify color values and make them work for you. Deb will format her presentation to be inclusive of all fiber artists.

The author of "Easy Weaving with Supplemental Warps: " (Interweave Press), Deb is a frequent contributor for Handwoven magazine and has recorded several DVDs on Supplemental Warps, Pile Weaves with Supplemental Warps, Unlocking Profile Drafts, Pin Loom Projects through Handwoven. She has been weaving for over 25 years and teaches at local, regional and national conferences, guilds and shops.

For those new to Zoom or still having issues with it, please let us know. We will be happy to help you!

President's Letter

Greetings!

Another month of COVID19...staying home means more crafting time: a double set of shadow weave mug rugs and five more rag rugs (as well as 2 quilts.) It is amazing how much more can be accomplished when we stay home!

On the flip side, many of us miss the sociability of meeting in person with like minded friends. The ZOOM board meetings have been efficient. The ZOOM September general meeting was well attended; maybe an average September meeting, except that some of the attendees were our winter visitors from afar. Many of us are excited about October's presenter, Deb Essen. We could never afford to fly her here as a speaker, so we are happy to welcome her here via ZOOM. I hope you'll all join in.

If you have Show and Share items, please read our Historian's instructions elsewhere in the newsletter.

Remember, the guild library will be available at the church from 5:00 to 6:00 on our regular second Wednesday guild evenings. You can return books or check them out. Also, the guild has 2 table looms (one 4 shaft and one 8 shaft) that can be checked out.

And, if you haven't paid your dues, please consider doing so now. We still have expenses for speakers, insurance, church rental, etc. The roster will be compiled in November. Once it is updated members who have not paid will be dropped from emails, Zoom invitations, etc. Please renew now. The membership form can be downloaded from the Telaraña website.

See you on ZOOM!

Winnie

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report. As of 9/30/20 the bank account balance is: \$10,698.66 and no outstanding checks

Membership

As of September 30, 2020 we have 41 members, which includes 3 family members and 2 honorary members.

Usually we have 100 paid members each year. We know this year is going to be different. But I am excited about the new opportunities we will have via Zoom for our meetings.

Members who have paid as of Sept. 30: Beatty, Bell, Boyes, Broughton, Cocco, Coolman, Finkelstein, Frederick, Friharts, Gordon, Halle, Hartshorn, Hulet, Hunt, Jekins, Johnson T., Johnson W/R, Killpack, Lamont, Landrum, Lang, Librizzi, Matthieu, McCarthy, Mertz, Monsam, Ormiston, Peel, Perske, Reynolds, Rudnick, Self, Traicoff, Wade, Wanek, Weinel, Welsch, Wise.

Your dues are important for maintaining things like the storage unit (\$750), insurance (\$540), AZ Federation assessment, corporation fees and many other things. You can download the form from our website at <https://www.telarana.org> and mail it with your check for \$25 to me, Cindy Reynolds. All the information you need is on the form.

Upcoming Programs

NOVEMBER 11: Joyce Wilkerson: My Weaving Journey-from Inkle Looms to Jacquard

Weaver and clothing maker, Joyce Wilkerson has a four decade career as a textile designer. She exhibited her clothing collections at national craft shows, and her interior fabrics were represented in designer showrooms. Joyce has focused on creating cloth featuring complex weaves and graphic patterning, then turning the cloth into wearable art. She will talk about her process, how it all began and where it is going.

For a sneak peak, check her website joycewilkerson.com

DECEMBER 9: Jo Librizzi and Winnie Johnson will be sharing interesting information about the amazing ancient textiles found in bogs in Europe and the Florida. 7,500 year old textiles have been found in Florida's Windover Bog an archeological site in east central Florida in 1982 along with 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.

December Show & Tell:

We encourage all of you to submit your wonderful items for a focused December show and tell. Please send photos of your handmade holiday gifts and decorations to Russ Johnson via webmaster@telarana.org

JANUARY 13 From Virgins to Spaceships: A Visual Voyage through Norwegian Tapestry

Robbie LaFleur is a handweaver of contemporary textiles who will trace for us the thread of medieval traditions in the work of contemporary artists, in the materials, techniques, and images they choose. Sit back to view inventive and surprising tapestries from 1180 to today.

FEBRUARY 10: Pre-Columbian Doubleweave Techniques with Jennifer Moore

Jennifer prepared for a year to teach this technique at a conference at the Center for Traditional Textiles of Cusco in Cusco, Peru. She studied blackstrap weaving, Peruvian doubleweave and Spanish. Jennifer will present a slideshow from the conference and her travels in Peru, as well as demonstrating what she taught at the conference.

MARCH 10: TBD

APRIL 7: TBD

Board Meeting Minutes

TELARANA BOARD Meeting Minutes September 30, 2020 via Zoom Meeting began at 7:03 pm

Attendees: Winnie Johnson, Lee Killpack, Cindy Reynolds, Maureen McCarthy, Linda Wade, Paula Rudnick, Nancy Ryan, Betz Frederick, Russ Johnson, Nancy Wanek, Marcia Matthieu, Jo Librizzi

Minutes from August 26, 2020 were read. Moved by Linda and seconded by Marcia, so voted and approved.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Cindy Reynolds reported a balance of \$10,698 with 41 paid members. Nancy Ryan volunteered for the yearly audit. Reminders will be sent out for membership dues. Remember Amazon Smile when you order, the Guild benefits!

Membership: 41 members currently. Reminders will be sent for dues.

Programs: Maureen McCarthy and Lee Killpack report programs will be virtual for now, stay tuned!

Library: Winnie will open the Guild library at the church meeting room from 5 – 6 pm on the regular meeting night so members have access to this wonderful resource.

Federation: Paula Rudnick announced that Telarana received a grant from the Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners, Inc. for the Jennifer Moore program in February 2021.

Scholarships: Betz Frederick reports that no one has applied for either scholarship opportunity.

Historian: Russ Johnson will provide Show and Share guidelines for the Zoom meetings.

Newsletter: Marcia Matthieu is graciously continuing to do the newsletter - from Alaska!

Workshops: Betz Frederick continues to work on virtual workshops until actual workshops are possible.

Demonstrations, Ways and Means, Hospitality, Exhibits/Shows: Committees on hold.

Publicity: Since everything is virtual now, the website is more important than ever!

Website: Linda Wade reported the research findings on various website options. Armourcloud was the hosting provider that seemed the best fit for the Guild.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board voted to change our website hosting provider to Armourcloud.

The Executive Committee voted to approve an increase adjustment to the 2020-2021 Budget to cover the payment to the current website service for 2020 plus the changeover expenses and one year's service for the new hosting service. The budget line item for 'Website' will be increased to \$600. It should be much less next year.

Move to adjourn by Betz Frederick and seconded by Linda Wade. Adjourned at 8:22pm

Jo Librizzi, Secretary

Workshops

Jennifer Moore Workshops

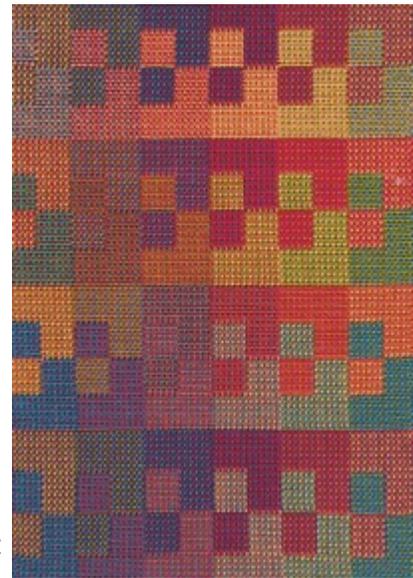
We will start taking deposits for these workshops in December

Double Rainbow has been rescheduled to February 13, 14 & 15, 2021

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.



Mathematical Design – rescheduled to February 12, 2021.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

We still have several board positions open:

Newsletter Editor: attends board meetings, currently via Zoom
receives articles, photos, etc and organizes them into a newsletter
sends out the newsletter via email or snail mail

Membership Chair: attends board meetings, currently via Zoom
accepts membership forms and dues
updates mailing lists and roster

Publicity Chair: attends board meetings, currently via Zoom
handle guild Facebook account
order and distribute informational cards
order and distribute MAC sale bookmarks

Don't Forget

We'd love to show off the fiber works you created this summer. **Send your photos to Linda Wade for the Telaraña website!!** webmaster@telarana.org

Scholarships

Telaraña Scholarship has two scholarships, the Telaraña Scholarship and the Karen Zorn Memorial Scholarship.

In our current circumstances, the number and quality of online workshops has increased. Virtual workshops are eligible for scholarship funds with the same qualifiers as in-person workshops.

Applications for the Telaraña Scholarship are due December 31, 2020.

1. The 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 on the application.
5. Member is ineligible to receive scholarship funds in consecutive guild years.

Download the application from our website: <http://telarana.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/TELARAÑA-SCHOLARSHIP-APPLICATION.pdf>

and mail completed application to Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild, PO Box 41832, Mesa AZ 85274.

Applications for the Karen Zorn Memorial Scholarship are due March 31, 2021.

1. Applicant must be current with their membership dues and have been a member for the full previous guild year.
2. The scholarship is open to all members, but preference may be given to someone learning a new fiber arts skill.
3. Money can be used for any fiber-related workshop, seminar or class, including online or virtual classes.
4. Money must be used within 12 months and there are no substitutions once the scholarship has been awarded.
5. The recipient will share with the guild what they learned at Show & Tell during a monthly meeting.
6. You can only get scholarship funds once.

Download the application from our website <http://telarana.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Karen-Zorn-Memorial-Scholarship-Application.pdf> and mail completed application to Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild, PO Box 41832, Mesa, AZ 85274.

Did You Know?

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Socks knit with 100% Southdown wool will naturally NOT felt or shrink? Machine washable and dryable with no chemical processing. Soft and cushion-y, too!

SOCK CHALLENGE Oct. 19th-23rd with Deb Robson , author of The Fleece and Fiber Sourcebook and The Field Guide to Fleece, who will moderate while informing and answering questions about great sock wools. It is part of the Shave 'Em to Save 'Em initiative of The Livestock Conservancy. Shave 'Em to Save 'Em is an effort to bring fiber artists and shepherds of small flocks of endangered sheep in the U.S. together to expand knowledge and creativity and support the source of these rare wools.

Check out the Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SE2SE/>

Ravelry.com/groups/shave-em-to-save-em. For more information, visit www.RareWool.org

We are most fortunate to have a local yarn store, Tempe Yarn, that carries many of the rare breeds that are endangered. An entire wall of discovery full of center pull roving packages that make spinning a breeze! The paper labels often have a picture of the sheep with its name and where it lives. Thanks to the dedication of Woolhalla in Queen Creek who has been sourcing as many different breeds locally as possible, this unusual collaboration is probably the only one in the U.S. Even the mill is in Prescott Valley. It is fascinating to see the wools in person, admire the wide variety of natural colors and characteristics of each breed of wool. They do have some of the wools available as locally spun yarn for immediate knitting!

Show and Share Guidelines

For virtual meetings Show and Share is best prepared ahead of time as a slide show or PowerPoint because most of us have a hard time holding things still for the video camera. With that in mind, send photos and a brief description to me via webmaster@telarana.org and I will prepare the presentation. At the ZOOM meeting, you can do the talking while participants admire your work.

Russ Johnson, Historian

Inspiration Challenge

We are excited to introduce an all guild project, The Inspiration Challenge. The inspiration for this project will be our stunning Arizona landscapes, whether it is the Grand Canyon, a beautiful sunset, or our many lakes and waterfalls. The Inspiration Challenge is very simple; it has only two parts.

1. Find a photo of a landscape that inspires you; you can use one of your own or turn to AZ Highways, etc. the mother lode of inspiration!
 2. Use the photo as an inspiration to make something: the choice is yours as long as it's fiber related.
- These are the only rules. The rest is up to you!

Deadline: the May 2021 Guild Meeting. Lots of time! Lots of fun!

We would like to start a list of participants, so please contact Maureen McCarthy via webmaster@telarana.org to indicate your interest. Now go choose a stunning landscape!

Neighboring Guilds' Workshops & Events

Mountain Spinners & Weavers Guild, Prescott: 11th Annual Holiday Show and Sale, Saturday, November 14, 2020 9:30-4 at the Prescott Armory. <https://www.mtnspinweave.org/events.html>

Arizona Desert Weavers & Spinners, Mesa: No workshops planned for time being. <https://adwsg.org/>

Tucson Handweavers & Spinners Guild, [Linen and Lace Weaving Workshop-November 19-20, 2020](#)

CANCELLED. Still scheduled:

Shapes and Cupcakes Tapestry Workshop, February 18-20, 2021

Kumihimo Workshop, March 11-12, 2021

Nuno Scarves Workshop, March 18-20, 2021

Please direct any questions to Cathy at workshops@thgs.org

Online Opportunities

Finding it hard to stay inspired when the Guild is not meeting in person? Here are a few ideas for online inspiration gleaned from Guilds and other sources around the state and country. If you are aware of other online learning opportunities, please let us know.

From Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners website:

The School of Sweet Georgia has online classes available by subscription. For less than \$20 per month, one can get unlimited access to all classes, including dyeing, spinning, weaving, knitting, and color theory and design. <https://www.schoolofsweetgeorgia.com/shop>

Daryl Lancaster has several one-hour online classes on various techniques used in sewing with handwoven fabric. <https://www.daryllancaster.com/schedule.html>

Tien Chiu is a weaver who specializes in applying color theory to weaving and has some free resources on her website. She also has some workshops that she offers for a fee. Her website is <https://www.tienchiu.com/> and the link to the online workshops as well as some additional free information is <https://www.warpandweave.com/>.

Jane Stafford is a weaver based on Salt Spring Island in Canada. She offers online instruction that is grouped by level (Seasons 1-4 at this time with future seasons in the works). Each season has multiple episodes and access to the entire season costs \$99.00 Canadian. <https://janestaffordtextiles.com/online-guild/>; see also <https://janestaffordtextiles.com> and click on the Learn tab for listing of each season's episodes.

Some free short Saori instructions are available at <https://curiousweaver.id.au/saori-loom-instructions>.

Shopping? Don't forget us!

If you shop at **Halcyon Yarn, Amazon, or The Woolery**, remember **these** retailers offer cash-back on sales to the Guild. The percentages look small, but 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. 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>

Halcyon Yarn – If you order over the phone, mention our Guild. Online, there is a comment box on the checkout page where you enter credit card info. Select our Guild from the link, to benefit our account!

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