



# Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

November 2021

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## 2021-2022 Executive Committee and Committee Chairs

### Executive Committee:

**President,** Lee Killpack

**Vice President,** *Volunteer Needed*

**Treasurer,** Cindy Reynolds

**Secretary,** Carol Gordon

**Past President,** Winnie Johnson

### Committee Chairs:

**Demonstrations,** Nancy Wanek

**Exhibits and Shows,** Cindy Reynolds

**Federation,** Paula Rudnick

**Historian,** Russ Johnson

**Hospitality,** *Volunteer Needed*

**Library,** Karen Kehlenbach

**Membership,** Karla Elling

**Newsletter,** Phil Leonard

**Programs,** Nancy Ryan

**Publicity,** Karen Hartshorn

**Ways and Means,** Winnie Johnson

**Website,** Linda Wade

**Workshops,** Betz Frederick

## November HYBRID Live/Zoom Meeting

**Wednesday, November 10, 1:00pm MST**

**NOTE TIME! AZ does not change time.**

Doors will open at 12 noon for social hour.

**Live Meeting:** East Mesa Christian Church, 706 S. Greenfield Rd, Mesa, 85206 (Southern/Broadway).

**PROGRAM:** The meeting will feature a presentation on Japanese Temari by Jen Weber. See the Upcoming Programs section for more information. She will be joining us by Zoom.

Masks are recommended but not required. There will be no snacks and drinks offered. The guild will be providing some bottled water only. Please join us!

**If you are reluctant to meet in person join us by Zoom:**

**The meeting invitation and link will go out early on Tuesday, November 9.**

## President's Letter

Dear Fellow Guild Members,

November is one of my favorite months. Here in Arizona, I'm so thankful for cooler days and crisp evenings and mornings. I'm especially thankful to be a part of a wonderful fiber family who consistently inspires and encourages one another. I'm thankful that our guild is part of a community dedicated to keeping alive ancient fiber arts which have helped build societies for 1,000's of years. You are all amazing!

I'm so thankful for the many volunteer hours that so many of you freely give to enriching our guild. Our volunteers make all of our committees run so smoothly and make my life as your president almost effortless (other than this newsletter). A special thank you goes out this month to Linda and Betz for the wonderful follow up to our October Blended Drafts workshop. I know that everyone who attended their Zoom recap came away with a real understanding of how Blended Drafts work. I also want to give a special thanks to Cindy Reynolds and her Shows & Exhibits committee for the dedicated time and energy they have given to making sure that we have a very special and successful Guild Sale on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you don't miss it!

*Lee*

## *Upcoming Programs*

### **November 10, 2021, ALL ABOUT JAPANESE TEMARI by Jen Weber**

Jen Weber has been a fiber addict since the early 2000s. Her background in mathematics heavily influences her love of pattern. While she teaches weaving, spinning, and dyeing, her true passion of Japanese temari was discovered in 2011. Jen is an active member of various weaving and fiber arts guilds, Complex Weavers, and the Japanese Temari Association (JTA). Her studies pursuing the certified temari teacher status (Shihan Level 3) through the JTA will finish up in the Spring of 2021. Her original creations have been featured in numerous exhibitions, including the Akita National Temari Competition in Japan, in which she was awarded the 2019 Governor's Prize.



Come and learn all about the ancient craft of Japanese temari (embroidered thread balls). Find out about the history and development of this unusual art, right up to its present day prevalence both in Japan and around the world. The secrets of what is actually inside these lovely creations will be revealed, as well as what they are used for and how they are made. Best of all, you'll get to see oodles of examples. Temari offer fiber artists a great avenue to explore bold color theory -- you might not want to weave or wear a bright rainbow scarf, but a rainbow temari is a delightful thing! And you'll learn about some of the different geometries and patterns that are unique to this craft. There will be plenty of time for questions, so bring your curiosity and get ready to fall in love with the amazing art of Japanese Temari. (Picture from <https://temari.com/>)

## *Library - New This Month!!!*

The Natural Knitter. How to Choose, Use, and Knit Natural Fibers from Alpaca to Yak by Barbara Albright. Tempted by the versatile and beautiful natural yarns produced from llamas, sheep cashmere-producing goats, and angora bunnies -- as well as cotton, hemp, linen, and silk -- some of the most renowned designers in the textile industry have contributed patterns to this collection. 2007, hardbound, 188 pages.

Handweaver's Notebook, Sharon Alderman Swatch Collection #1 through #20. Includes Sharon's comments on each swatch as well as complete instructions. 1990, softbound, 143 pages.

Nature's Colorways: conjuring the chemistry and culture of natural dyes. Discover astonishing sources, colors, and stories of natural dyes worldwide, from the soil beneath your feet to the petals of common flowers to a few new tricks. Long Thread Media, 2021, softbound, 112 pages.

## *Membership*

We welcome two more new members: Sandy Sedey who quilts and hopes to learn basketry, and Stephanie Lyon who joined us because of our virtual workshops. We now have 72 individual members plus 7 family members.

All members with email addresses should have received a copy of our updated directory. If you haven't received your copy via email, please let Cindy Reynolds know.

# Board meeting Minutes

**Telaraña Board Meeting Minutes**    **October 27, 2021**    **via Zoom**    **started 7:01 pm AZ time**

**Attendees:** Lee Killpack, Cindy Reynolds, Carol Gordon, Winnie and Russ Johnson, Nancy Ryan, Linda Wade, Betz Frederick, Karen Hartshorn, Phil Leonard, Paula Rudnick, Nancy Wanek

**Secretary's Report:** The report of September 29, 2021 was corrected under Library: someone would open and close library for hybrid meeting of October 13. Winnie moved corrected minutes be approved. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cindy Reynolds showed her report with a balance of \$13,400.57 available.

**Old Business:** The Guild's **Fall Sale** November 27 discussed. Advertising bookmarks distributed, signs ready, flyers available for download and printing. Karla suggested personal invitations. Board will ask her to have them printed for next meeting November 10. Jim's setup plans will be reviewed at Nov. 10 meeting.

**Hybrid October 13 meeting** - Betz's noted the need of 2 computers and 2 persons. She has notes on how to execute tech support for in person/zoom meetings and will share these with Russ. Betz suggested a microphone was needed. Russ and Linda also discussed how best to record programs.

**New Business:** Mesa Historical Society is having a December 4, 2021 Arts and Crafts Sale. Participants need to apply by November 12. Lee will contact MHS and check if they are interested in our demonstrating on the Museum loom as well as any we may bring. Lee is also going to check if there would be an indoor demonstrating area in case of inclement weather. She will check about tables for demonstration and display of guild information, items and activities.

Betz brought up a possible amendment to guild constitution relating to article 5, the amount of time officers on the board serve. She proposes term limits for president and vice president only. This would allow experienced treasurers and secretaries to serve long than 2 terms if agreed. Discussion tabled for present.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Demonstrations** – Nancy said she has prepared for Fall Sale and will ask members about Mesa Historical Society Sale when the Society agrees to having demonstrators.

**Exhibits and Shows** – Cindy and Board discussed final plans for Fall Sale

**Federation** – Paula Rudnick announced an important November 20 at 1:30 PM AZ time Zoom outreach. The Federation wants input from all guild members about their role in the future. Russ will provide link to the meeting to all Telaraña members. Winnie asked that there be information provided ahead of Nov. 20 about what the role of Federation has been in the past and its value and potential in the future.

**Historian/ Tech Master** – Russ thanked all who facilitated the Oct 13 guild meeting. Excellent job done! He feels that there is now a good group of tech savvy members so online programs can be well presented.

**Library** – No report

**Membership** – Cindy reported guild now has 79 members. Seventy two members +7 family members

**Newsletter** – Phil requests all newsletter information by the weekend. He asked that any local events of interest be sent to him since he is not in AZ.

**Programs** – Nancy Ryan has Jan Weber planned for November and is hoping for a talented rug weaver, Gerard Begay to speak in the future. She is planning an afternoon dessert potluck for the December meeting. Nancy is making plans for next year. Linda Wade suggested the author Virginia Postrel.

**Publicity** – Karen said all 150 advertising bookmarks for Fall Sale were given to members.

**Scholarship** – There has been one application. Betz encourages others to apply.

**Ways and Means** – Winnie thanked Sharie and Ruth for providing baskets and goodies at last meeting. Sharie will be asked if more Telaraña cards can be printed and available in the future.

**Website** – Linda said all good.

Workshops – Betz said there are 15 registered for upcoming workshops. She has some exciting plans for next year. Keep your eyes on the newsletter for workshops to come.

Motion to adjourn was made by Winnie and seconded by Nancy. Meeting adjourned 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Gordon, Secretary

## *Federation News*

The Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds will be holding an outreach forum on November 20 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. The purpose of the forum is to solicit input from member guilds regarding the role of the Federation and the kinds of activities the guilds would like to see sponsored by the Federation. In addition to the Federation representatives, anyone from a member guild is invited to participate. The officers of all member guilds, particularly the presidents and the workshop and program chairs, are strongly encouraged to participate. Please put this on your calendar and help the Federation serve ADWSG and all of Arizona's fiber arts guilds! A Zoom link will be provided in advance of the forum. See <https://www.azfed.org/>

## *Inspiration Challenge and Shows*

The Inspiration Challenge has 2 upcoming shows. The Scottsdale Civic Center Gallery will host a show during the Spring and Summer of 2022. We will also have a show at Visions Gallery in downtown Chandler in the Fall of 2023. The curators have requested that WE CREATE MORE PIECES - A MINIMUM OF 10!! All pieces would need to follow the same format as the original Inspiration Challenge; a photo or drawing of an Arizona landscape, your fiber creation and a paragraph explaining how the photo inspired your fiber piece. Additionally, we are asking participants to title their pieces. This opportunity is open to all guild members. Please contact Maureen McCarthy [webmaster@telarana.org](mailto:webmaster@telarana.org) with any questions or to indicate your interest in participating.

## *Scholarships for Workshops*

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

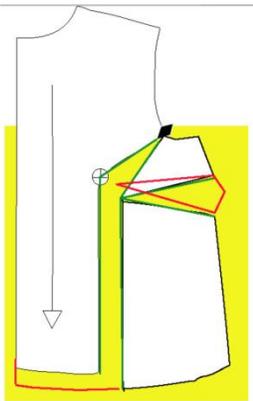
The number and quality of online workshops has increased and are eligible for scholarship funds with the same qualifiers as in-person workshops. **Applications for both the Scholarships are due December 31, 2021.**

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. Recipients are expected to share their new knowledge with the Guild in some way, i.e., a short program, demonstration or workshop focusing on how newly learned material will be/was applied.
4. Application is specific to the workshop listed.
5. The Telaraña scholarship will distribute a maximum of \$200 this year and the recipient is ineligible to receive scholarship funds in consecutive guild years.
6. The Karen Zorn Memorial Scholarship will distribute a maximum of \$160 per year but the recipient cannot receive more than the cost of the workshop or class. It is available to help members attend workshops, seminars and classes that will further their fiber arts skills.

Download the application from the Telaraña website: <https://telarana.org/membership>

## Workshops

### **“Solve the Mystery of Fit” with Daryl Lancaster, Saturday, February 12, 2022, 10 AM MST to 12 noon +.**



Do you know the difference between design ease and wearing ease or semi-fitted and very loose fitting garments (about 10")? Did you know that commercial pattern companies and ready-to-wear designers don't use the same industry standard measurements? The mystery behind fitting and altering patterns is unfolded right before your eyes! A lengthy discussion on using commercial patterns, taking proper measurements, grading techniques, ease requirements and a tutorial on draping are all part of the agenda. A must for anyone interested in sewing garments.

Deposit of \$40 will be accepted at the December meeting or can be mailed to Betz Frederick. Final cost of workshop will be between \$40-60. The registration form is on the Telaraña.org website under the workshop tab. If you have any questions, email Betz at [webmaster@telarana.org](mailto:webmaster@telarana.org)

### **“Make Your Own Wearable Art Jacket” with Suzi Click Saturday and Sunday February 19 & 20, 2022, in person from 10:30—4:00 MST at the fire station meeting room in Mesa.**



You will make a jacket from one of 7 different patterns from your favorite ethnic or other special textiles using Suzi Click's method of coordinating textiles and trims by theme, pattern or color. Deposit of \$100 will be accepted at the December meeting or can be mailed to Betz Frederick. Cost will be between \$100 and \$150 for members, depending upon enrollment (an additional \$30 for non-members). There is no materials fee and Suzi will supply some assorted smaller pieces of ethnic textiles that can be used for bands, cuffs, pockets or yokes. Most jackets require 2.5-3.5 yards of 45' wide fabric and many need interfacing. If you would like lining, which is recommended on some, you can bring the lining or buy from a nearby fabric store. Limited to 10 participants. The registration form is on the Telaraña.org website under the workshop tab. If you have any questions, email Betz at [webmaster@telarana.org](mailto:webmaster@telarana.org) You can see more of Suzi's work here: <http://www.powerofadornment.com/suzi-click-portfolio/>

## Unique Arts and Crafts Sale

Help spread the word that people can find unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for the holidays at our sale on November 27! We need each of you to share the news with your friends and bring them to the sale on November 27. Karla Elling has made some wonderful signs to put out in front of East Mesa Christian Church, 706 S. Greenfield, Mesa. The church is letting us put the signs out a week before the sale and they are putting out information in their newsletter and on their outside church sign. The Arizona Felters Guild will be joining us, as will the boutique truck from SEEDS for Autism. Everyone needs to spread the word about this event. Use that flyer that was sent to you.

Remember that Facebook has a feature where you can click on an event and then a notice for that event will go to all of your Facebook friends. Linda Wade has created an EVENT for this purpose on her Facebook page. See the October newsletter for information on using this feature.

The Telaraña Website has the forms you need to participate in the sale:

<https://telarana.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021-Sale-instructions.pdf> <https://telarana.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021-Inventory-and-Artist-Agreement.pdf>

We usually have 20 to 25 of our members make their wonderful creations for our annual sale. All of the directions and forms needed are posted on our website. We will be accepting inventory on Friday, November 26 from 4 p.m. to 5:30. If you can't bring your items at that time, contact Cindy Reynolds, [gcreynolds1@cox.net](mailto:gcreynolds1@cox.net) to make other arrangements. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

## *Other Happenings*

### **Celebration In Memory of Bernadine Goodrich, Sunday, November 28, 11-2 pm.**

The children of Bernadine Goodrich invite family and friends to celebrate and remember the beautiful life of their mother Bernadine. Buffet lunch will be served starting at 11:30 with remarks by family and friends to follow. Location: Papago Golf Course (Evie's Pavilion), 5595 E. Karsten Way, Phoenix, AZ 85008.

<https://www.hansenmortuary.com/obituary/608620/Bernadine-Bernie-Goodrich/>

If you forward or share the info we kindly request an RSVP from those planning to attend be sent to [webmaster@telarana.org](mailto:webmaster@telarana.org)

**Sunland Village Arts and Crafts Sale, November 29.** If you like to attend Arts and Crafts sales, Sunland Village, a 55+ Community at 4601 E. Dolphin Ave. in Mesa, has an outstanding arts and crafts sale on November 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be over 100 vendors with many quality items. Telaraña members Winnie Johnson, Lee Killpack, and Cindy Reynolds will have a booth at this show.

**Mesa Historical Museum:** Arts/Crafts vendors are needed for a December 4, 2021 sale on the MHM grounds. Cost is \$35 for a 10x10 foot booth space. Early set-up is available. Applications can be accessed at <https://files.constantcontact.com/cdfd28e8701/0d0b7cbd-5827-4b6b-997c-7329ebe2e2a5.pdf>

### **Wrapped in Color: Legacies of the Mexican Sarape, August 24, 2021 through July 2022**

<https://statemuseum.arizona.edu/exhibit/wrapped-in-color>



Through the language of color and design, the iconic Mexican Saltillo sarape expresses Indigenous, Spanish, and Mexican history, traditions, and textile techniques. Co-curated by ASM with Zapotec textile artist Porfirio Gutiérrez, this exhibit explores the origins, spread, and role today of the Saltillo sarape design. Learn about the cultivation of wild plants and insects for producing dyes and how the Porfirio Gutiérrez Studio is helping a new generation of weavers deepen their connection to Zapotec culture and embrace a path toward sustaining their identity for the future. On view are historic textiles from Mexico, New Mexico, as well as contemporary textiles, including six woven by Gutiérrez specifically for this exhibit.

**Also, visit this Ongoing Core Exhibit: Woven Through Time: American Treasures of Native Basketry and Fiber Art** <https://statemuseum.arizona.edu/exhibits/woven-through-time>

This exhibit celebrates the region's ancient and abiding fiber-weaving traditions by featuring millennia-old objects to modern-day masterpieces. Contemporary Native voices enrich discussions of materials and technologies and bring to life the many functions basketry has served and continues to serve.



## *Weaver's Study Group*

A few of us met on Zoom to discuss what we want from the Weaver's Study Group. It was unanimous that we want the group to continue. Nancy Ryan and Winnie Johnson volunteered to co-chair the group. We want to thank Cindy Reynolds for her years of service to the study group.

For this year when the guild has quite a number of workshops and presentations planned, we thought the study group should be used as a follow-up to those workshops and presentations. So often we take a workshop and then move on to other things without practicing what we just learned. We want to give participants of the workshops a chance to discuss what they learned, answer questions, and share the knowledge with those who did not take the workshop. When feasible, we will try to do a follow-up activity, such as warping a guild loom with a version of the technique just learned. Everyone will have the opportunity to try it out or take it to the next step.

On the third Monday in November (the 15<sup>th</sup>) at 1:00, vaccinated members of the study group will meet at Winnie Johnson's house (4302 E. Carmel – just down the street from the church where the guild meets). The 8-shaft guild loom will be warped using the Herringbone/Straight-draw blended draft. It will be set up to weave mug rugs with straight draw in the center and a border of herringbone. Everyone is welcome to weave before or at the meeting or pass the loom around after the meeting. December's study group can be a continuation of blended drafts or a follow-up of the November workshop. Or we can decide to skip it because of the upcoming Christmas holiday.

We welcome more ideas. If you have something weaving-related that you would like to share or explore with the group, please contact either Nancy Ryan or Winnie Johnson at [webmaster@telarana.org](mailto:webmaster@telarana.org).

### *Show and Share Guideline*

"Show us your stuff!" Send your pictures to Russ Johnson and he will include them in a PowerPoint presentation. Include a short paragraph describing the article or the techniques used in the process of making it. When Show&Share starts, each participant will have the opportunity to fully describe their item. Send the pictures a day or two before the meeting if possible, but I usually can add them to the PowerPoint presentation the day of the meeting. The pictures will be automatically added to the Telaraña web page.

Don't Forget: We'd love to show off any fiber works you are continuing to create on the Telaraña website. Send your photos to Linda Wade [webmaster@telarana.org](mailto:webmaster@telarana.org)

### *Shopping? Don't forget us!*

If you shop at Halcyon Yarn, Amazon, or The Woolery, remember that 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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