



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

December 2022

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2022-2023 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, Claudia Lemacks

Library, Karen Kehlenbach

Membership, Karla Elling

Newsletter, Phil Leonard

Programs, Nancy Ryan

Publicity, *Volunteer Needed*

Ways and Means, Winnie Johnson

Website, Linda Wade

Workshops, Betz Frederick

December Guild Meeting

Wednesday, December 14. Doors will open at 12:00. Potluck to start about 12:30.

NO ZOOM AVAILABLE FOR THIS MEETING!!

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

Bring your plus one and enjoy some holiday festivities. Bring a favorite dish for our annual potluck.

PROGRAM: Potluck, Ways and Means, Sweden.

President's Letter

Dear Treasured Fiber Enthusiasts,

As the holiday season is here I contemplate all the things that I treasure and give thanks for. To you, my fiber family, I give many thanks. I grow in my love of fiber and of you as you share your creations, your knowledge, your time, and your talents. I love the unity and strength being a part of this wonderful guild brings.

We just had such a wonderful Telaraña sale on November 26th. Many of you gave so much of yourselves to make it an amazing success. You always step up and just do what needs to be done without having to be asked. A special thanks to Cindy Reynolds and her entire sales committee. I also want to thank all who volunteered to help with inventory, setup, sales, and all else that went into making our day such a success. Also, all those who demonstrated during the show added a wonderful dimension. A very sincere thanks to all.

Happy Holidays,

Lee

Program Notes

December 14, 2022:

Potluck: We will be once again celebrating with our annual holiday potluck. Please join in by bringing your favorite holiday dish and enjoying the festivities!!

Ways and Means: At the December meeting we will change things up a bit from our usual Ways and Means raffle format. Guild member and weaver extraordinaire, Cynthia Broughton, died this past summer. Like any good weaver, Cynthia did a lot of sampling on her warps. We have received a bin of her weaving samples. We will hold a silent auction of these samples. Here's your chance to bid on some amazing samples. You might want to frame them, study them, or incorporate them into another project (maybe your up-cycled project). I can't wait to get my hands on several of them!

Sweden: Winnie Johnson has offered to give a short slide show of the tapestry exhibit that she participated in this past July in Sweden. Additionally we will also see photos of some ecclesiastical weavings at several nearby thousand year old churches.

January, 2023: Boasali Biswas - mixed media textile artist.

February: TBD.

March: Miniworkshops - to be determined.

April: Annual Meeting. Program TBD.

May: End of year potluck/auction.

Equipment Available for Members to Borrow

The guild has the equipment listed below available for members to borrow. Pick it up at a meeting or contact Lee Killpack to arrange a time to pick it up at the church where our meetings are held.

- 20" Schacht 4 shaft loom with 12 dent reed
- 24" 8 shaft LeClerc Dorothy with 10 dent reed
- 14" 2 shaft Lily loom with 12 dent reed
- Homemade inkle loom
- 8" x 12" frame loom
- Warping board
- 36" Beka rigid heddle loom with 12 dent reed
- 24" Beka rigid heddle loom with 10 (?) dent reed and stand

2nd Gallery Show: Textures of Arizona



We hope to see many of our members, friends and family at the Dec. 16 reception at The Gallery at Chandler Culture Arts center, 250 N. Arizona Ave, Chandler, 5 to 7 p.m. to enjoy *Textures of Arizona* – a display of about 40 items made by our members. The items are both beautiful and diverse. The talent of this guild is amazing.

The show runs from December 17, 2022 to February 4, 2023. Check out details on their website at: <https://www.chandlercenter.org/events/textures-arizona>

Chandler has two galleries in the downtown area. The other gallery, Visions Gallery will be featuring quilting art during December until the first part of January. Take in both shows while in Chandler!

Sale at Broughton Home

Our special member, Cynthia Broughton, died in July. We have been helping the family to find homes for all of her equipment. On the weekend of January 13 and/or 14, the family will be holding a sale of her yarn, some of her finished pieces (scarves and table linens) and misc. weaving and spinning equipment. More details in the next newsletter.

2nd Annual Telaraña Sale - A huge success

This is the second November we have had a stand-alone sale by renting the fellowship room at the church where we have our general meetings. Previously we had a booth at a juried show in Mesa for several years. As in the past, this is an opportunity for guild members to sell their creative fiber arts pieces AND to provide outreach to possible new members.

- 20 members submitted work
- 158 items were sold of 700+ items submitted
- \$5,100 sales (members keep 85% and the guild keeps 15% for expenses)
- 100 to 150 hours of volunteer time of members and spouses, working together, set up, displayed, sold, demonstrated fiber arts, and restored the church's fellowship room back to their set up.

When we had the sale in Mesa Cultural Arts Center, we had to have a two-day sale. In looking through the records, we did as well or better with the one-day sale over the two-day sale. Plus, it was a whole lot less work for all involved!

A special thank you to all the people who participated or bought items.

Library News

We have several additions to the library this month from the extensive library of Cynthia Broughton. These are real gems and a very rich addition to our library. We are most appreciative to Cynthia and her family!

Park Weaves (based on Dr. William G. Batemean's manuscripts)

Double Two-Tie Unit Weaves by Clotilde Barrett and Eunice Smith

Double Twist by Marian Stubenitsky

Pattern Techniques by Doramay Keasebey

Falco's Weave Compendium, edited by Anne Sutton

Weaving Textiles That Shape Themselves by Ann Richards

Geometric Design in Weaving by Else Regensteiner

...just to name a very few! Many more await you at the December meeting!

Workshops Coming During 2023



CANING A TRIVET with Kathy Buhaug Saturday February 18, 2023 from 9-2, in person.

The cost is \$35. Registration will start at the December meeting. Workshop is limited to 12 participants.

In this class you will learn and do the traditional art of caning and weave a useful trivet to take home. Caning is a six-step process which results in a beautiful hexagonal pattern. <https://telarana.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/registration-form-Caning-a-Trivet.docx>

SECRETS OF SHADOW WEAVE with Linda Hartshorn Thursday March 9, 2023 (10 AM, 1 PM & 4 PM MST) , Saturday March 11, (10 AM, 1 PM & 4 PM) & Tuesday March 14 (10 AM). Seven Zoom sessions, all MST.

In this workshop you will use alternate colors in the warp and weft to create fascinating designs. You will learn about color-and-weave effects, color combinations and how to produce iridescence in shadow weave fabrics. You will also learn how to weave and write shadow weave drafts. Suitable for 4 shafts or more. Cost is \$100-\$130 for members and \$130-\$160 for non-members. We will start collecting \$100 deposit at the January meeting.



Happenings around Town

TEXTILE WORKSHOPS SPONSORED BY SELVEDGE MAGAZINE: Most of us know Karen Lukacs, fashion designer and maker from Tucson, as she presented at and is a member of Telaraña. You may not be familiar with *Selvedge* magazine, a British publication. The two have joined forces and Karen will be doing an online workshop on transforming a simple denim jacket into your own signature garment. Unfortunately for us, the workshop is sold out at this time. However, other textile workshops are being offered via Zoom. Check it out!! Another available resource we did not have access to before the popularity of Zoom! See <https://www.selvedge.org/collections/workshops>

New Study Group: Billy Jones has started a Fiber Group for knitters/crocheters that meets the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month from 6:30-8:30 at 33 South Sycamore in Mesa, just East of Dobson. Turn into the 3rd driveway and go to the back in the classroom of Urban Metals Suite 1.

Final Scholarship Announcement!

Applications for scholarship funds are due December 31, 2021. You can give the application to Betz Frederick at the December meeting or send it to her by snail mail or email as long as it is postmarked or emailed by December 31.

The number and quality of online workshops has increased. These are eligible for scholarship funds with the same qualifiers as in-person workshops:

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.
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 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>

Board Meeting Minutes via Zoom, November 26, 2022

Attendees: Lee Killpack, Cindy Reynolds, Carol Gordon, Betz Frederick, Linda Wade, Nancy Ryan, Claudia Lemacks, Nancy Wanek, Phil Leonard, Paula Rudnick, Jim and Karla Elling

Secretary's Report: Minutes from October 26, 2022 had been received and reviewed, No corrections. Linda W moved and Nancy R seconded. Vote, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy R stated that the guild current balance was \$11,493.91 plus the \$860 in the Karen Zorn Scholarship Fund. The guild sale to date was \$5653.77 and after taxes and payment to artists, the guild gained approximately \$300.

Old Business: 1) Cindy has many of the pieces for the gallery show at Chandler Art Center. Individuals who have their pieces can turn them in to the gallery between 11 AM and 1 PM on December 12. The Ellings will be there with items to help hang any piece, 2) Nancy R is hoping for a nice selection of treats for the Christmas Pot Luck. Claudia has checked on plates and cups needed and will help with setup. The Christmas gathering will also have show and tell and Winnie will handle Ways and Means, a silent auction and a possible presentation.

New Business: 1) There was a lengthy discussion about the guild sale. Twenty members provided items, 158 items were sold, the Ellings noted that more time is needed for setup and more signage is needed in the sales area. The Board thinks a subcommittee should be formed to handle the full process of inventory, setup arrangements, display arrangements, setup and sales. The Board may ask Paula, Claudia and Nancy R to participate in this new committee. 2) The Board will stay in touch with Cynthia B family as concerns her notebooks, samples and items. The family may have a sale Jan 13-14.

Committee Reports:

Demonstrations – Nancy W has been asked if the guild is interested in demonstrations at the Hayden Ferry Days in Tempe March 5, 2023. The guild demonstrated in the past.

Nancy will also check with Pueblo Grande Museum about possible demonstrations next year.

Exhibits and Shows – The Textures of Arizona show at The Galley at Chandler center for the Arts is December 17, 2022-February 2, 2023. Opening Reception is December 16 from 5 to 7 PM.

Federation: Paula stated it is time for the guild to email any photos they wish to be posted on the Federation website. She also asked for suggestions for a traveling teacher for 2024.

Camp Verde has offered an event planned for April 2024 and needs ideas and suggestions. Linda Wade, Betz and Paula are going to look into if the Federation forum site is up and running. Some are receiving posts and some not.

Historian and Technician – no report

Hospitality – Claudia is readying plates, cups, etc. for the December Pot Luck

Library – no report

Membership – Karla stated that there are currently 77 members. Three new persons signed up at the guild sale. They will be notified of dues payment. Linda W send Board members the policy on dues. New members joining between January and March pay half for the year. New members joining between April – May pay full which includes the next year's due. Students with ID pay half. Individual is \$25 and Family is \$30 per year.

Newsletter – Phil in touch with Lavender for duty transition next year.

Programs – Nancy is working on programs for the next year

Scholarship – Betz will send out scholarship information

Website – Linda will look into Federation website forum posts.

Workshops – Betz reported that we have an in person CANING A TRIVET workshop with Kathy Bulang on Sat., Feb 18, 2023 and a SHADOW WEAVE workshop with Linda Hartshorn on Thursday, March 9, 2023, Saturday, March 11, and Tues, March 14 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted, Carol Gordon, Secretary

Reminder: 2022-2023 Telaraña Challenge

The challenge for this guild year will be Upcycling! Upcycling is much in vogue right now. It differs from recycling in that the material used in Upcycling never reaches the garbage. Upcycling begins with materials that are useless as they are but can be made into something else that is functional and/or artistic. Nancy Ryan and Winnie Johnson are the coordinators for the project and want you to be as creative as possible. Rules are minimal. This will be followed by an email to all members. The only real rule is that the materials used for your project must be at least 75% textile. The remaining 25% can be any form of mixed media. The deadline for completed items will be our May meeting. So step outside your comfort zone and try something new! Turn that ugly knitted scarf into something that expresses your creativity.

Summer Conference Preview

July 27-30, 2023 Logan, Utah

Intermountain Weavers Conference
"Phoenix Rising From the Fiber"

Denise Kovnat, Textured Weaving
Karen Donda, Plain Weaving
Molly Elkind, Tapestry
Sarah Jackson, Towel Weaving
Jennifer Moore, Color Weaving
John Mullarkey, Tablet Weaving
Rosalie Neilson, Rep Block Weaving
Jane Patrick, Rigid Heddle Weaving
Deborah Silver, Split-Shed Weaving

Robyn Spady, Lace Weaves
Dianne Totten, Inlay Rag Rug Weaving
Laura Viada, Transparency Weaving
Robin Wilton, Inkle Weaving
Linda Lugenbill, Basketry
Jillian Moreno, Color Spinning
Liz Spear, Nuno Felting
Heather Winslow, Sew Woven Sweaters

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