



# Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

May 2023

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2022-2023

*Executive Committee and  
Committee Chairs*

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**President**, Lee Killpack

**Vice President**, Nancy Ryan

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**Secretary**, Carol Gordon

**Past President**, Winnie Johnson

**Committee Chairs:**

**Demonstrations**, Elly Weinel

**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**, Wendy Olenski

**Ways and Means**, Winnie Johnson

**Website**, Linda Wade

**Workshops**, Betz Frederick

## May Guild Meeting

**Wednesday, May 10, 12:30 pm, MST.**

**Live meeting only!** NO ZOOM AND NO SHOW-AND-TELL  
FOR THIS MEETING!!

Doors will open at noon. Luncheon will start at 12:30.

As is tradition, we will have a buffet luncheon,  
served at 12:30 rather than our usual meeting time  
of 1pm. Bring your favorite pot luck dish!!!

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

**PROGRAM: Buffett Luncheon and Silent  
Auction**

See page 2 for more information.

## *President's Letter*

Dear Fellow Fiber Artists,

WOW, our 2022-23 guild year is drawing rapidly to a close. Our Executive Committee elections are now complete, and with 100% of the votes in the affirmative for our nominated officers to serve for the 2023-24 guild year. We welcome our newest Executive Board member, Nancy Ryan. She will be serving as our Vice President as well as continuing to serve as our Programs Chair. Thank you Nancy for the wonderful programs you have put together over the last 2 years, and an extra special thank you for stepping up to fill the Vice Presidential position. Thank you Cindy Reynolds (Treasurer) and Carol Gordon (Secretary) for continuing your dedicated support of our guild. I look forward to being your Acting President in 2023-24. I want to thank all committee chairs and members for making my job easy. You serve your guild with high honors!

On a sad note, Betz Frederick has had to step down as our fantastic Workshop Chair. Her priorities are where they need to be as she is currently faced with a variety of family challenges which will require

her devoted attention for the foreseeable future. Betz has been an invaluable member of Telaraña's board for the last consecutive 15 years. She has served as our Publicity Chair, Program Chair, Vice President, President, Treasurer, Membership Chair, and for the last 6 years as an outstanding Workshop Chair. Betz, we can't thank you enough for your dedicated service to the guild.

We also want to honor Phil Leonard for being our great Newsletter Editor for the last two years. Phil has faithfully put together wonderful newsletters all the way from Vermont. He had already moved to Vermont prior to being asked to be our editor. Now that is real dedication! Thank you, Phil! We will miss you. Please keep in touch. We are excited to welcome Lavender Boyles as our incoming Newsletter Editor.

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We all know how wonderful it is to have a vibrant and active guild. We all learn so much from each other, from our programs and especially from our workshops. We want to continue to function as we have in the past, but will be unable to if we are not able to fill our chairperson positions. We have been thrilled to have several new members join the board in the last year and we are begging for one of you to fill the position of Workshop Chair. We need new blood to keep us strong! Betz has already written up a detailed list of possible future workshops and she has kindly offered to mentor our new chairperson. Please let me know that you are ready to fill this position. 480-459-0606

Wishing you all a great summer,

*Lee*

### *Program Notes*

**May 10, 2023:** This will be our last meeting for this guild year. As is tradition, we will have a buffet luncheon, so please bring your pot luck contribution. There will also be a silent auction so bring \$\$\$\$!

If you have items you would like to sell on your own, a table will be provided. The guild will get 15% of any personal sale made as is guild policy. If you want a table please let Nancy Ryan or Lee know prior to meeting day.

There will also be a fun Fiber-related bingo game to be played during the meeting with prizes for bingo and most checked items. We will also be completing our brainstorming session (finally!) during the meal so come prepared to share your ideas of what you would like to see the guild do. As you can see, it will be a packed final meeting of the year. Plans are already in the works for next year's programs!

**Napkin Exchange Participants:** If you are participating in the napkin exchange and haven't yet exchanged weft yarns, bring them to the May general meeting.

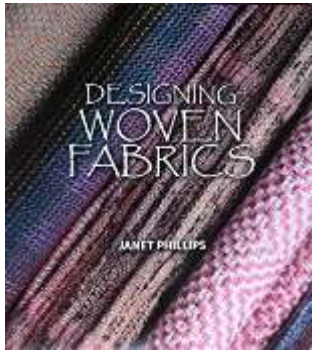
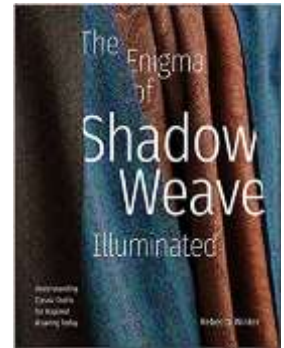
**Summer 2023:** Because of everyone's busy summer schedules and lack of attendance last summer, we have decided to dispense with our traditional summer meetings. Please let Lee Killpack know if you have any suggestions for possible future summer meetings.

## Library News

There are two new additions to the library:

**The Enigma of Shadow Weave Illuminated: Understanding Classic Drafts for Inspired Weaving Today, by Rebecca Winter (2023) HB, 192 pages, color pictures.**

How does Shadow Weave work in creating shimmering light and dark fabrics? How do you draft Shadow Weave for your own designs? In this brand new book not only is shadow weave explored but the author provides "understanding classic drafts for inspired weaving today" and projects, a jumping off ground for you! Bonuses include a Shadow Weave Sett Chart, designing with both the Atwater and the Marian Powell methods, and conversion tips.



**Designing Woven Fabrics by Janet Phillips (2009, Softbound, 170 pages, color pictures.)**

"This book describes and illustrates Janet's method of designing functional woven fabrics based on the 2/2 twill structure. How do you design fabrics? Where do you get your ideas from? How do you choose color combinations? What can I do with the yarn in my stash?" This book provides the principal design criteria including color, yarn, and sett. A valuable resource for any handweaver!

Curl up this summer in the cool of your studio and delve into handwoven fabric design with one of these books, either a great source of inspiration! Or choose others from the guild library.

Remember: Books you check out at the May meeting you can enjoy throughout the summer and return them in September!

What one book would YOU like to have with you this summer?

Fellow Guild Members responded:

- The Efficient Weaver by Laura Fry (DVD), *a classic on weaving techniques and tips!*
- Weaving with Novelty Yarn by Tom Knisely (DVD) - the title says it all!
- A Handbook of Weaves: 1875 illustrations by G.H. Oelsner. *Long the most reliable and comprehensive source of information on the subject, from the simple draft and plain weave to the more complicated fancy weaves, a clear, lucid text with 1,875 working diagrams.*

## Upcycling Challenge Rolled Over

Many of you have worked hard on your upcycle projects for the year. Originally we said that the challenge would end with the May 2023 meeting! However, some folks have projects they haven't had a chance to start or complete. Therefore, we will continue the challenge through the 2023/24 guild year and make our final presentation at the May 2024 meeting. Keep coming up with those great ideas.

## *Important Survey about **Telaraña's** Annual Sale*

The Telaraña Fiber Arts winter sale will be upon us before we know it and summer in Arizona is a great time to create items when we have to stay inside! We want to make this sale work for you to ensure it runs as smoothly as possible. This annual sale is a chance for members to sell their work. Each seller pays \$10 to participate and keeps 85% of total sales while 15% goes to Telaraña to cover expenses. Last winter we sold \$ 5,151 worth of merchandise with members making \$ 4,378.35.

Please complete this [online survey](#) . We want to know who will be participating either as a seller OR as a volunteer to make this great event happen.

### *Federation News!*

The Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners is planning a 2 ½ day Fiber Event for the Spring of 2024. There will be vendors and workshops. This is a list of some of the areas that we will need help with. If you can help with any of these please let me know. They are: planning, setup, workshops (you could give, or assist in running, a workshop), staffing tables, closing down, and a “help wherever needed” category. Please let us know how you can help enable this event, as the more people helping the more fun we will all have. Please email your responses to me at [rudnickpaula@gmail.com](mailto:rudnickpaula@gmail.com)

With thanks in advance, Paula.

### *Happenings around Town and Beyond*

There is no *Convergence* this summer but there are still plenty of opportunities to learn - both online and at regional conferences. Three conferences that might be interesting to check out are:

**Stitches Boutique** - August 3-6, 2023, Minneapolis, Minnesota

<https://stitches.events/events/stitches-boutique-minneapolis/>

**Conference of Northern California Handweavers (CNCH)** – August 3-6, 2023, San Luis Obispo. Registration for classes opens April 29. <https://www.cnch.org/conferences/cnch-2023-in-san-luis-obispo/>

The purpose of the conference is to provide workshops and other learning opportunities and provide connections between people associated with the Fiber Arts.

If you have any interest in weaving, spinning or other Fiber Arts, this conference is for you!

The 2023 IWC will be held

**Intermountain Weavers Conference** – July 27-30, 2023, Utah State University (USU) in Logan Utah.

The Intermountain Weavers Conference is a bi-annual conference held in odd-numbered years. Registration is open now! <https://www.intermountainweavers.org/register>

Keep in mind that funds are available through Telaraña scholarships to help defray costs.



### *Equipment Available for Members to Borrow*

The guild has a variety of looms, reeds and other equipment available for members to borrow. Items can be picked up at a meeting, or contact Lee Killpack at (407) 459-0606 to arrange a time to pick them up at the church where our meetings are held.

### *Editor's Swan Song*



Just a word to all as I finish up this 2-year stint as your editor. I started weaving in about 1997, with the encouragement of neighbors Mary and Jack Dieterich, who also introduced me to Telaraña. The guild has been a wonderful resource and inspiration for me. After a short spell as Secretary, I served as editor in 2014-2017 – well after retiring from ASU's Math Department and before moving full time to Vermont. I am glad for the experience of doing this remotely during the last 2 years, thankful for the patience and cooperation of board members, and impressed by the resilience of Telaraña during the time of COVID. Echoing Lee, I would encourage members to step forward and take a role in serving the guild. There is a rich and supportive culture in Telaraña – others will help you in whatever you choose to do. For me, life in our small Vermont town is becoming busier. I look forward to getting back to some weaving, and to remaining in touch with friends in Arizona as the path winds forward.

Best always, Phil

### *Resources for You (more detail in April Newsletter)*

**KELLY CASANOVA WEAVING CLASSES:** Whether you are a beginner or advanced rigid heddle or floor loom weaver, Kelly Casanova offers on-line classes. Kelly Casanova is a weaver, teacher, and maker with many years of experience. She presents her videos in a clear, step-by-step, structured format with an extensive library involving technique- and project- based lessons with PDF printable material. Kelly has 86 classes available. A sampling includes Beginner Rigid Heddle (Excellent!), Art Cloth Workshop, Inkle Weaving, Krokbragd 101, Overshot on a Floor Loom & Rigid Heddle, Converting Pattern Drafts to the Rigid Heddle. Classes can be purchased individually, or through a 6-month or annual membership. Find them at [www.KellyCasanovaweavinglessons.com](http://www.KellyCasanovaweavinglessons.com)

**LONG THREAD MEDIA:** Long Thread Media publishes [Handwoven](#), [Little Looms](#), [PieceWork](#), and [Spin Off](#), as well as offering information, education, and community to crafters in those fields. They offer *All Access* subscriptions at \$99.99 per year for each magazine, as well as a combined subscription to all four for \$199.99 per year. Find them at <https://longthreadmedia.com/>

**JANE STAFFORD SCHOOL OF WEAVING:** Part of Jane Stafford textiles, this school offers subscriptions at \$9.99 a month or \$99.99 a year after 7-day free trial. The subscription gives you access to 280+ videos, 60+ lessons, 120+ hours of instruction and 85+ downloadable PDFs. A new lesson is released every 5 weeks. See more at <https://www.schoolofweaving.tv/>

## *Telaraña Board Minutes from April 26, 2023*

**Attendees:** Lee Killpack, Cindy Reynolds, Carol Gordon, Nancy Ryan, Linda Wade, Russ and Winnie Johnson, Jim and Karla Elling, Betz Frederick, Claudia Lemacks, Phil Leonard, Lavender Boyles, Karen Kehlenbach, Wendy Olenski, Paula Rudnick

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of March 29 had been reviewed by members. No corrections. Nancy moved and Lee seconded that minutes be approved. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The guild's operating balance is \$11,686.43. The checking account balance is \$12,386.43 which includes \$700 in the Karen Zorn Scholarship fund.

**Old Business:** The new member tea was postponed until next fall because many could not make it at this busy time of year.

**New Business:** Lee is gathering annual reports and budget projections from board and committee members.

Nancy Ryan outlined the May 10 guild meeting which will include pot luck food, brainstorming summary, fiber arts bingo game and a silent auction (bring credit card or lots of cash). Nancy suggested folks arrive early for this end of the year social event.

A proposal to add an activity period during the noon to one PM social hour before guild meetings was tabled for further discussion in the fall.

Nancy Ryan and Carol Gordon attended an introductory meeting with Debra Kay who has a grant to do research and development for a fiber art center of some sort to include artists of a variety of fiber art disciplines from around Arizona. The group decided on a name, *The Fiber Art Council*, and are working through defining a mission statement and the possibility of this effort leading to a museum that would provide education, exhibitions, collaboration, inspiration, etc. As members, we were sent home with the task of defining our individual role and job description, gathering more ideas about the rollout of such a center and gathering information about the number of guilds and fiber art organizations and the numbers of artists and what types of fiber arts they do. We are looking for interest in the initial research effort and any ideas. Meetings with this council will continue in person and on zoom. Nancy and Carol will keep Telaraña members updated. Paula has agreed to help gather guild and artist information and interest from the Federation.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Workshops** – A big thank you to Betz Frederick for her many, many years serving on the board and as workshop chair. Lee named the many contributions Betz has made to the guild. Betz is stepping down from the workshop chair position but will still be with us. Betz stated that the workshops have added an additional \$889.49 to the guild coffers.

Karen K offered to lead the workshop committee. Karen would also continue as chair for the library committee. The board is asking that any member interested in filling this, or any other position, to keep our guild strong to email Lee. Always good to have new talent.

There are no new workshops currently planned.

**Website** – Linda Wade stated that she had nothing new to report.

**Ways and Means** – Winnie will be gone for the May meeting. Shari M will oversee the auction. If you need a table for the auction, please email Nancy Ryan or Lee.

**Publicity** – Wendy had nothing new to report

**Programs** – Nancy discussed the May guild program (note new business).

There was a discussion about the amount of money paid to presenters. The board decided to be flexible with the \$175 offered to outsiders. The discussion also touched on possibly having presentations earlier in the meeting. There was talk of how lengthy some of the meeting are getting. There will be further discussion.

**Newsletter** – Phil is going to publish this last newsletter for us. Thank you Phil for a job well done over the years. Lee stated Phil, who lives in the east, has gone above and beyond in his work for us. I personally want to thank Phil, who has been a pleasure to work with. Lavender will be taking on this responsibility.

**Membership** – Karla stated that she had nothing new to report.

**Library** – Karen has added a number of new books to our resources.

**Hospitality** – Claudia will have water, plates, etc. ready for the pot luck May 10.

**Historian and Technical Support** – Russ said that the new Bluetooth mikes worked well. Cost \$90.

There was an issue with background chatter from zoom participants so host will mute them in the future during general meeting.

**Federation** – Paula stated that the details for the 3 day April 2024 Federation Verde Valley event are in the works. Paula will assist the new Fiber Arts Council members, Nancy and Carol, to gather information and feel out interest with Federation members.

**Exhibits and Shows** – Cindy, Wendy and Claudia have prepared a short survey for members about the guild's winter sales. Linda will set up a google form link for members to complete.

**Demonstrations** – Elly was absent, no report.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Gordon, Secretary

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