



# Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

October 2023

[Telaraña.org](https://Telaraña.org)

## **2023-2024 Executive Committee/ Chairs**

### *Executive Committee:*

President, Lee Killpack  
Vice President, Nancy Ryan  
Treasurer, Cindy Reynolds  
Secretary, Carol Gordon  
Past President, Winnie Johnson

### *Committee Chairs:*

Demonstrations, Elly Weinel  
Exhibits and Shows, Cindy Reynolds  
Federation, Paula Rudnick  
Historian, Russ Johnson  
Hospitality, Judy Sirkis  
Library, Karen Kehlenbach  
Membership, Karla and Jim Elling  
Newsletter, Lavender Boyles  
Programs, Nancy Ryan  
Publicity, Wendy Olenski  
Ways and Means, Winnie Johnson  
Website, Linda Wade  
Workshops, Marcia Wenbert, Deb Barr

## **October Guild Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 11, 1 p.m. MST.**

**Live and ZOOM!**

Doors will open at 12 noon for socializing; the meeting will begin at 1p.m. Arizona time.

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

### **PROGRAM: TOWARD 2050**

Arizona-based artist, educator and social practitioner, Ann Morton, will introduce her newest public participation project - "TOWARD 2050. In partnership with Desert Botanical Garden, this project will culminate in an immersive labyrinth installation at the Garden - January through May of 2025.

Makers are called to create environmentally themed, folded textile panels in the style of "prayer flags". Our goal is to collect at least 2600 double sided flags, (5200 panels), to define the pathways of this interactive labyrinth experience. Ann will bring project postcards - which are also part of the process for project participation, and detailed information about making the flags and how you can sign up! [www.toward2050az.com](http://www.toward2050az.com)

### **VIOLET PROTEST UPDATE**

Ann will also give an update on the status of the Violet Protest film documentary - now completed and in the process of finishing a partnership agreement with AZ PBS to be the presenting station. Ann will be able to show a 5 minute trailer that gives an overview of the project, a great preview of the full documentary to be released in the coming months. [www.violetprotest.com](http://www.violetprotest.com)

The Zoom! meeting link will go out on Tuesday, October 10.

## *President's Message*

*Dear Fiber Artist Friends,*

It was wonderful to see so many of you, my friends, at our September guild meeting. We were excited to be together and to see and hear about your summer and your creative activities. We missed our ZOOM friends, but hope to be seeing more of you in person and on ZOOM this October 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have an amazing program with Ann Morton about the Violet Protest Documentary and her new project. Make sure you don't miss this!

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Marcia Wenbert and Deb Barr have been working tirelessly to put together some amazing workshops for this guild year. Look in this newsletter for more about them! I can't wait to take all of them. Our first, November 4<sup>th</sup>, is with our own Sharie Monsam making some really nice "How Roll Baskets" as pictured in this newsletter. Make sure you sign up for this fun and informative afternoon. The registration form is on the website: <https://telarana.org/workshops>.

Lastly, two important pleas:

- We need your **dues**. Your dues are the guild's main source of revenue. Please support your guild!
- We need someone to be our assigned "**Show and Tell**" photographer. All that is needed is for someone to take pictures of our "Show and Tell" items at our guild meetings. Many of these pictures will go on the website and will be entered as part of our guild's history. All you need is your cell phone and a few minutes to take the pictures.

Can't wait to see you on the 11<sup>th</sup>!

*Lee*

Mountain Spinners & Weavers Guild  
Prescott-Area Woodturners



*Holiday  
Show & Sale*

**9:00 am to 3:30 pm  
Saturday  
November 11, 2023**

**Prescott Armory**  
(Grace M. Sparkes Activity Center)  
824 E. Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ  
Free Parking (see reverse)

Shop Hundreds of  
Hand-Crafted Items  
[www.mtnspinweave.org](http://www.mtnspinweave.org)

We could use a few more volunteers to bring snacks to our October meeting. Any and all tasty treats are appreciated! Please bring your own reusable water bottle. We're scaling down our use of plastic disposables. Thank you!

*-Judy Sirkis, Hospitality*

## *Mayo Clinic Exhibition*

We are entering the home stretch of formatting the guild show at the Mayo Clinic Pharmacy Gallery. We have beautiful, creative work, but are still looking for a few more pieces. If you would like to submit a piece for consideration, please be aware that we will need a high resolution photo of your work along with dimensions, title, and media used by October 30. Please direct any questions or concerns to Maureen McCarthy



# Weaving Study Group

October 16, 2023 1PM

Nancy Ryan's house:

We will be starting some how-to sessions on weaving software, This meeting will be **Fiberworks**. Nancy will connect her MAC to her tv so we will have a clear view of the screens. We will then begin working through the aspects of the software If you have not distributed your yarn for the napkin exchange, please bring it to the meeting. The deadline for the napkin exchange is January 1, 2024, so time is running out.

Bring any show-and-tell you have as well as any problems you might want help with.



**Arizona Fiber Festival in Camp Verde AZ**

**April 5, 6, & 7, 2024**

**Sponsored by the Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guild and the Town of Camp Verde**

This is a NEW fiber arts festival for 2024. Workshops covering a wide variety of fiber arts topics will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the city facilities on Main Street, Camp Verde. There will also be a vendor marketplace and fiber art demonstration tables for each of the guilds that belong to the Federation. The event will be open to the public. Check for updates as soon as the website is updated: <https://azfed.org>

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please email:

We need people to work on the following committees:

- Vendors
- Teachers for Event Workshops
- Volunteers
- Registration
- Marketing/Publicity
- Getting sponsors
- Facilities—to help set up and help during the event

## ***Annual Sale – December 2***

Each year we offer an opportunity to guild members to sell some of their wonderful creations. And we use this time to educate the public to our love of the fiber arts. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Reynolds. The sale will again be at the East Christian Mesa Church where we hold our general meetings. We turn their fellowship from into a lovely boutique complete with demonstrations of different fiber arts by our members.

Here are a few guidelines that everyone will need to be aware of:

1. You must be a Telarana member to be a seller. To be a seller, you will pay a \$10 fee, plus, Telarana will keep 15% of your sales. Seller will keep 85%. Telarana will collect and pay the taxes.
2. The maximum number of items you may bring is 50. (If any of those items you bring are small, you must bring display equipment for those items.)
3. Any item for sale must be textile related or use a fiber related technique.
4. Intake will happen Dec. 1 from 4:30 to 5:30. If this time doesn't work for you, contact Cindy Reynolds to work out an arrangement. Directions about intake are on the forms posted on our website.
5. Positioning of items on the display tables/equipment will be done by a committee of 4. Doing it this way, will eliminate any confusion.
6. As much as possible, each seller will be present at the end of the sale (3 p.m. - Dec. 2) to take their unsold inventory home.
7. Starting in mid-October, there will be an inventory form/directions on our website for each seller to complete.
8. There will be a need for many volunteers and a sign-up sheet for that will be available at our fall general meetings.





## National Weaving and Spinning Week

### Demo and Sale!

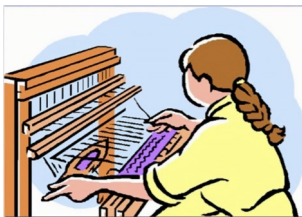
The first week of October is always National Weaving and Spinning Week and guilds are encouraged to celebrate and educate the public on the fiber arts/crafts we love. It just happens that Sunland Village, where several of us live, is having their annual Trash and Treasure Sale on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 10 to 3.

<http://sunlandartsandcraftleague.com/>

It is a giant "stash reduction" sale of all kinds of crafts. It is a fun event and a chance to find some bargains. The entire auditorium will be filled with tables of "stash" of all kinds.

Several of our members are going to demonstrate various fiber arts in front of the auditorium.

*Cindy Reynolds for Ellie Weiner*



## Scholarships

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 scholarship funds are due December 31, 2023. You can give the application to Trudy Johnson at a meeting or send it by email or snail mail.**

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>

A promotional banner for a weaving event. The background is a light beige fabric. On the right side, there is a large spool of blue yarn, a wooden weaving fork, and a piece of orange fabric. The text 'Come weave with us!' is in a dark blue serif font at the top left. Below it, 'weave together' is in a large, stylized font, with 'weave' in red and 'together' in dark blue. Underneath that, 'with HANDWOVEN' is in a smaller red font. A dark blue circular badge with white text says 'Tickets on Sale NOW!'. Below the main text, it says 'Immerse yourself in weaving and fiber with top-notch workshops and a welcoming community.' and 'FEBRUARY 25-29, 2024 | LOVELAND, CO'. At the bottom, there is a red button that says 'LEARN MORE' and several logos: 'TREENWAY silks', 'TURTLE LOOM', 'YARNBARN', and 'long thread MEDIA'.

## Weave a Hot Roll Basket with Sharie Monsam

Saturday, November 4, 2023, 1-5 pm

Cost: \$25 (includes kit with all supplies)

This will be an in-person workshop

Location: Fire Station #201, Community Room

360 E 1st St, Mesa, AZ 85201

Join us in learning the craft of basket weaving from Sharie Monsam who has over 45 years' experience. Sharie Monsam has lived in the Phoenix area for more than 45 years and taught basketry and weaving much of that time. She loves hiking in the Desert and gets inspiration for her baskets there.

Her artwork has been exhibited in the Intermountain Weavers Conferences, Arizona Federation of Weavers Conference, the International Convergence of Weavers Conference, the Mesa Arts Center and galleries in Scottsdale, Mesa and Chandler. She currently is a member and shows at The Store, an artist cooperative at the Mesa Arts Center.

<https://telarana.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Hot-Roll-Basket-Workshop-registration.docx>



## Weaving a Transparency with Bobbie Irwin

Friday – Sunday, March 8-10, 2024, 9am

Cost: \$190

Limit: 12 people minimum and 14 maximum

Location: Mesa Historical Museum, 2345 N. Horne, Mesa, AZ 85203

Description - Using a variety of inlay techniques, create pictorial patterns on an open weave background. Transparencies have pattern diversity of tapestry, but are easier, faster, and more economical. Transparency's interaction with light gives added dimension. You'll weave two introductory samplers on a linen warp to try numerous inlay techniques and build confidence in conquering common design challenges. You then design and weave your own patterns (no artistic skill required). Unorthodox materials and methods are demonstrated/discussed in class, and in longer classes, you may choose to overshoot inlay, a fishing line warp, or start a wool scarf in transparency techniques.

4 – shaft looms, 3 days. For all experience levels, including beginners who are familiar with their equipment and basic weaving techniques.

ABOUT BOBBIE IRWIN: I started teaching weaving on a local level in 1976, long before I knew much about weaving, and I've offered classes and programs for guilds, conferences, craft schools, shops, and other venues since 1986. Or me teaching is about sharing. When something exciting happens while I'm weaving, I just can't wait to share it with other weavers! I am thrilled if I can pass along my enthusiasm and see someone go on to create something finer than I have done myself. My workshops are not round-robin; you work at your own pace on your own equipment.

<https://www.bobbieirwin.com/>



# TAMING OF THE HUE

**Robyn Spady**

Saturday, January 27, 2024, 9am - Noon AZ time

Cost: \$40.00

Online mini workshop - Virtual workshops and seminars will be recorded, and paid participants will have access to them for 30 days.

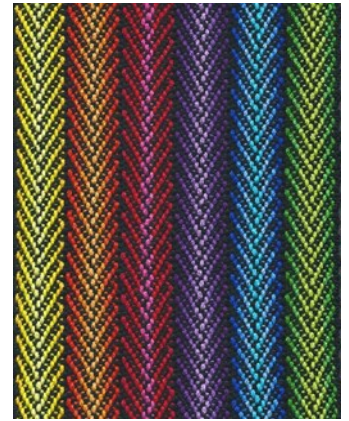
Supplies for hands-on portion: Scissors, and a minimum of six paint chips (the kind from a hardware store paint department)

Does incorporating more color into your projects appeal to you, but leaves you feeling a little intimidated? Do you long to break out of a color rut? Do you have yarns in your stash that are less than exciting? In this seminar, a variety of tools and techniques will be covered to assist you in exploring different ways of incorporating color into your projects and give you more confidence in discovering new color horizons.



Robyn Spady was introduced to handweaving as a baby with her handwoven baby blanket woven by her great-grandmother. Inspired by for over 50 years. She completed HGA's Certificate of Excellence in Handweaving (COE-W) in 2004 with the specialized study Loom-controlled Stitched Double Cloth. Robyn is fascinated by the infinite possibilities of crossing threads and loves coming up with new ideas to create fabric and transform it into something new and exciting. She is committed to turning the weaving world onto double-faced fabrics, four-shaft weaves, uncommon and advanced weave structures, and passementerie techniques. Robyn is also the founder and editor of Heddlecraft® magazine.

[www.spadystudios.com](http://www.spadystudios.com)



## Fiber Groups to visit:

**Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild** meets the first Saturday of each month from October-May at Northtown Community Center, 2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phoenix.

**Basket Artisans of Arizona** meet the third Saturday of each month on the third Saturday from 10am-3pm at the Pyle Center in Tempe on Southern just West of Rural in the Tucson Room.

**East Valley Knit and Crochet** group meets 3 Saturdays a month in Gilbert. See their Facebook page.

**Friends of Fiber** meets the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month from 6-8pm at 31 S. Sycamore (near Dobson and Main). Take the third driveway and go all the way back to Urban Metals, #1.

New group of **Knitters and Crocheters** forming at the Red Mountain Library every Tuesday morning at 10am.



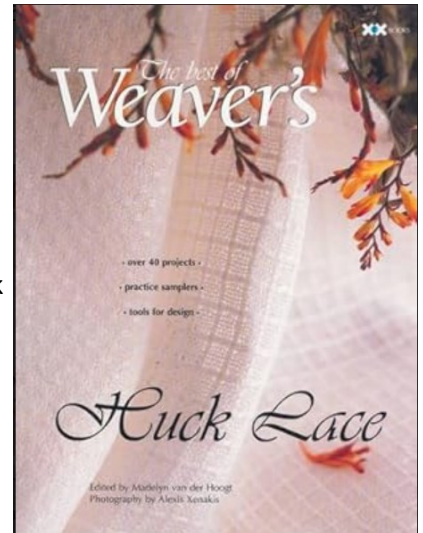


# Library News

New addition to the library (thanks again to Cynthia Broughton's extensive library donation to the guild!) The Best of Weaver's Huck Lace, edited by Madelyn van der Hoogt.

This softbound book is filled with color photographs of over 40 projects PLUS over 20 pages of in-depth exploration of Huck and its many variations and uses. Most projects use either 4 or 8 shafts. This is an excellent study of huck lace with practice samplers and tools for design including selecting yarns and types of huck, technical considerations and finishing tips. All this and more!

Did you know you can combine huck and double weave? Seersucker and huck? Huck and honeycomb? And what is MUCK? Who could ask for more in a book of only 100 pages!!! Check it out at the October meeting!



## ***Telaraña Board Minutes***

***September 27, 2023***

Attendees: Lee Killpack, Cindy Reynolds, Carol Gordon, Linda Wade, Nancy Ryan, Lavender Boyles, Karen Kehlenbach, Karla Elling, Elly Weinel, Wendy Olenski, Deb Barr, Marcia Wenbert, Judy Sirkis

Secretary's Report: Carol thanked Nancy for the August report. Lee moved that August 30th minutes previously reviewed be approved. Elly seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy reported that our current checking account balance is \$11,464.88 which includes the \$700 Zorn scholarship fund. Major expenses had been paid. Membership dues are due for any who are not current.

Old Business: Nancy stated that the Upcycling Guild Challenge pieces are due early January.

The Mayo Clinic Pharmacy Gallery Exhibit Show is December 13, 2023 to March 13, 2024. The theme is landscapes. Maureen McCarthy is in charge. She has several pieces ready. Any further inquiry can be addressed to Maureen.

New Business: Paula gave an update on the Federation's April Fiber Festival

- A Telarana guild chair is needed for the event.
- Volunteers for the set up, break down and manning booths and demonstrations are needed. The opportunity is for demonstration of any fiber art. There are time slots for Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday morning and afternoon. Applications to help are due Nov 15. • Our guild will have a free booth to promote our work. Vendor spots indoors are available for \$250 for 10' by 10' area.
- Each guild will supply a basket with an approximate \$200 value. Goodie bags will also be available.

New demonstration opportunities are available October 7 at the Sunland Village Arts and Crafts Show. This is also a Trash to Treasures Rummage Sale for participants. The program runs 10 AM to 3 PM. If you are interested in demonstrating, please let Lee or Cindy know. Should be fun!

The Board also discussed future opportunities to do demonstrations at the Southeast Regional Library and grounds. The park area is free.

Guild needs a "Show and Tell" photographer!! Please let Lee know if you are willing to photograph guild meeting high-

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lights and events. No fancy equipment needed.

#### Committee Reports:

Workshops – Marcia and Deb discussed the upcoming workshops:

- Hot Roll Basket with Sharie Monsam November 4 from 1-5 PM at the Mesa Fire Station #201 Community Room 360 E 1st St, Mesa. Cost \$25 with supplies provided.
- Taming of the Hue a virtual mini workshop with Robyn Spady January 27, 9-noon, cost \$40. The online presentation will also be recorded and available to paid participants for 30 days after workshop.
- Weaving a Transparency with Bobbie Irwin Friday to Sunday March 8-10 at the Mesa Historical Museum 2345 N. Horne, Mesa. Please check for registration forms on the Telarana website. 12 minimum, 14 maximum. Cost approx. \$190.

Exhibits and Shows – The Telarana Boutique Sale will be December 2 at the church. Wendy has prepared newspaper ads and flyers for the show. Vendors will be limited to 50 items. All items must be fiber art. Check the newsletter for further details.

Federation – Paula outlined the plans for the Camp Verde Federation April Fiber Art Festival. \* Note new business.

Historian – no report

Hospitality – Judy has been stocking up paper products and has asked people to bring snacks. A sign up sheet for snacks for future meetings will be prepared.

Library – Karen has purchased new books to inspire guild members. She is working on an inventory of the library and scanning historical materials. Any help offered, would be appreciated.

Membership – Karla hand printed and sent out welcome back reminders to members and past members. Thank you Karla for the beautiful invites. Cindy is preparing roster and membership reminder.

Newsletter – Lavender has completed her first newsletter and did an excellent job. Thank you! Board and committee members are reminded to get copy to her by Sunday.

Programs – Nancy is working on improving the presenters' agreement. Some points are 60 minute limit on time, presenter will check to agree to recording and having a link to presentation for limited time, presenter will agree to no less than one week notice to cancel for non-emergency.

- October program is with Ann Morton who will discuss her current projects with PBS and the Desert Botanical Garden.
- November is Lee Killpack and Winnie Johnson talking about attending IWC.
- December is Holiday Lunch and Upcycling Challenge.

Publicity – Wendy will promote upcoming Sunland Village Oct 7 and the Telarana December Sale.

Ways and Means – no report

Website – Federation information will be added. Linda will add a link for registration for Hot Roll Basket workshop.

Adjourned: 8:32 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Carol Gordon, Secretary*