



# Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

November 2023

[Telaraña.org](https://www.telarana.org)

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

### *Executive Committee:*

President, Lee Killpack  
Vice President, Nancy Ryan  
Treasurer, Cindy Reynolds  
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### *Committee Chairs:*

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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

## **November Guild Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 8, 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:**

Have you ever thought about traveling somewhere for a fiber arts class or conference? There are some good reasons why some of us choose to do so.

At our November meeting three Telaraña members, who attended the Intermountain Weavers Conference (IWC) in Utah this past summer, will present a slide show and talk about what they gained by attending. It just might instill a desire to travel to fiber arts events.

The Zoom! meeting link will go out on Tuesday, November 7.

## *President's Message*

Hello to all my fiber enthusiast friends,

November is my favorite time of year in Arizona. I'm so thankful for the cooler days and the crisp evenings and mornings. It is also the month that our very missed winter visitors return. We who have suffered through a sweltering summer are really glad to have you back.

I am especially thankful to be a part of a wonderful fiber family who consistently inspire and encourage 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 so amazing!

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I'm very 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 (except this wonderful task of writing the monthly president's letter). We are always needing your participation in keeping our guild vibrant.

Each month, in our newsletter, we will be highlighting different committees and the committee chair responsibilities. Read in this newsletter about what our Newsletter Editor and our Programs Chairperson are doing and start thinking about your future involvement.

Happy Thanksgiving to all,

*Lee*



## 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.

### Telarana Roster for 2023-24

All members should have received via email, a copy of the new roster. If you have any corrections/changes, email: [memberstelarana@gmail.com](mailto:memberstelarana@gmail.com)

# Telarana's Annual Sale is almost here!

By the time you read this, our annual sale will be one month away! We hope to again present to the public a wonderful array of our handmade items. Encourage your friends to come and browse --- and buy something for themselves or as gifts for loved ones.

Cindy Reynolds is coordinating this project and would like people who are going to have items to sell, to let her know. We also need some more people to volunteer to help on the floor to answer questions and as another set of hands and eyes. We also need some volunteers to help with the clean up at the end of sale at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 2. And as always, the public enjoy our demonstrations. If you want to demonstrate some fiber arts during the day, let Ellie Weinell know.

The sale is again at East Mesa Christian Church, 705 S. Greenfield Road, Mesa from 9 to 3.

Our publicity chair, Wendy Olenski, has ordered business cards with information of the sale for each of us to give to others to spread the word. Cards will be available at the November 8 th meeting.

Everything you need to know as a sales participant is on our website site: <https://telarana.org/guild-sale>



## Arizona Fiber Festival—vendor info

The Festival will be open on Friday, April 5, 2024, for workshops, with the vendor market and Guild booths available from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and on Saturday, April 6, 2024, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday, April 7, 2024, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, for workshops, the vendor market, demonstrations, and Guild booths.

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Vendor spaces are \$250 for each indoor 10' x 10' space. The venue will provide 1 – 2 chairs and 1 -2 tables. Vendor spots are limited, so if you are interested please apply as soon as possible.

[Click here for the Vendor Application Form](#). For questions, please contact Nancy Wilson, vendor chairperson, at [vendors@azfed.org](mailto:vendors@azfed.org)

## 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>



# TAMING OF THE HUE

Robyn Spady

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

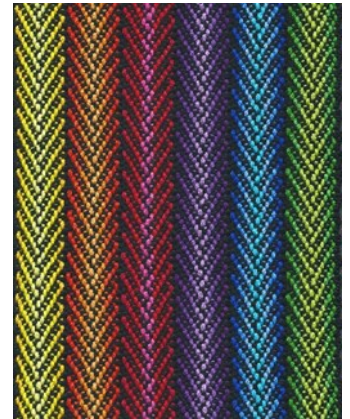
Cost: \$40.00 Registration—click [here](#).

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))



## Weaving a Transparency with Bobbie Irwin

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

Cost: \$190 Registration—click [here](#)

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/>





# Help Wanted

What do you enjoy about being a member of our Guild? Programs? workshops? study groups? How about the annual Guild Sale? Or maybe just having a support group of like-minded fiber enthusiasts.

These are all reasons to join our guild, but none of these things just happen. It takes volunteers and committees and a board to be sure we have a place to meet and coordinate the events and activities.

The Guild is only strong and vibrant with the participation of you, the members. Perhaps you've been tapped in the past to chair a committee and your knee-jerk reaction was "no, I can't" or "no time". To show you that committing for a position is not as demanding as you might think, I'm going to highlight a few of the board/committee positions and what is required. Board/committee members are expected to attend a monthly board meeting, but these are conducted in the evening on zoom and only last 1.5 – 2 hours. In the next newsletter, I'll highlight other positions. Our nominating committee convenes in January to start lining up our board for the next guild year.

**Newsletter Editor:** Responsible for compiling and editing the newspaper during active months of the Guild year (September – May). You are not responsible for writing the articles in the newsletter; the board and members submit articles, and you edit and format the info. Some of the info carries forward from month to month. It does not require extensive computer skills or a lot of your time. It is distributed by email, with only a few printed copies going by snail mail. You don't have to be a year-round resident. Our present and last editors don't live in Arizona at all!

**Programs Chairman:** Lines up presenters and coordinates their schedules and requirements (such as projector). Some of our programs are in-person and some are virtual. Some presenters may be nationally known; some may be our very own members. Not every meeting has a program. Traditionally, our September meeting is a "welcome back, what-have-you-been-doing" get-together. December and May are potlucks with perhaps a short presentation of some sort. So, out of 9 meetings, only 6 or 7 have a formal program. This position may be combined with the Vice President position, since the Vice President has no defined responsibilities other than stepping in when the President is not present.

Questions? Any of our board members will be glad to give you more info.



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# Mayo Gallery Showing

Our members have created some wonderful pieces to be displayed at the Mayo Pharmacy Gallery from December 13th, 2023 to March 13, 2024. The Gallery is located in the Mayo Clinic Building at 13400 East Shea Blvd. in Scottsdale. Since this is a medical facility, there won't be any reception, but visitors can view the pieces Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Here is a sneak preview of one of Marne Perske's pieces.

During November, the curator at Mayo will be finalizing which pieces will be hung in this small gallery. Maureen McCarty is coordinating this event along with Nancy Wanek, Karla Elling and Cindy Reynolds. Maureen will be getting details to participants as to when and where to take their pieces.



## Telarana Board Meeting October 25, 2023

*Attendees: Lee Killpack, Cindy Reynolds, Carol Gordon, Nancy Ryan, Linda Wade, Paula Rudnick, Russ and Winnie Johnson, Karla Elling, Karen Kehlenbach, Judith Sirkis, Marcia Wenbert, Lavender Boyles, Deb Barr*

*Secretary's Report: Minutes of September 27, 2023 had been received and reviewed. No corrections were required. Lee moved and members approved the September board meeting minutes.*

*Treasurer's Report: Cindy's report sent to all board members showed guild operating balance at \$10,860.03 plus the \$700 Zorn Scholarship fund. 76 members dues were paid and 4 promised.*

*Linda pointed out that Hospitality and Exhibit committees were over their budget. By laws require approval. Lee sent out a text for the Executive Committee to approve the cost overrun of these committees. Executive Committee approved.*

### Old Business:

*Upcycle Challenge ends January 1, 2024. Members are encouraged to bring upcycle items to November and/or December guild meetings to share at Show and Tell.*

*Maureen has 15 or 16 items to submit to the Mayo Clinic Pharmacy Exhibit. The submission is due November 10. Items chosen will be gathered and handed over together. The exhibition runs from December 13 to March 13.*

*Linda Wade will write up a summary of duties for Board and Committee members for the newsletter.*

*Current members may also give a short explanation of their role at guild meetings. These summaries will help all guild members understand the reasonable work load of board and committee positions and will encourage others to take on these roles. Someone willing to take photos at meetings and events is still needed. Let Lee know if you are interested.*

### New Business:

*Black tablecloths for Demos and Fiberfest. Lee and Winnie will check storage for black cloths. Purchase is approved if black tablecloths are needed.*

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*The Guild's Annual Sale is planned for December 2, 2023 at East Mesa Christian Church. Please let Cindy Reynolds know if you are interested in selling items. You must be a guild member and the items must be fiber art. Check with Cindy if you can volunteer for the event.*

*Nancy gave a report on the Fiber Arts Center AZ being planned by the Fiber Art Council. The council is being led by Debra Kay with a grant she wrote. Nancy Ryan and Carol Gordon have been active with the new council which is planning some fund raising events including workshops. The council is working toward a center in the future. Nancy and Carol will provide any updates.*

#### *Committee Reports:*

*Exhibits & Shows – Cindy gave information about Guild Sale. Check new business.*

*Demonstrations – no report*

*Federation – Paula reported that the Federation will have the April Camp Verde workshops on its web site November 2. The website is AZFed.org. Guild members can apply for workshops starting Nov 5. The workshops will be open for public registration Nov 20. Paula suggested that Telarana needs volunteers to man the guild's booth and a display of member's work and demonstrations would be beneficial.*

*Paula will check for Linda if the Federation Forum is going to start again.*

*Historian – Russ said all okay*

*Hospitality – Judith bought many higher quality paper products and water for meetings and events. There are sign up sheets for snacks and additional snacks brought in are welcome.*

*Library – Karen has added more books to our library. She will give some suggested titles for borrowing books that may give ideas and instruction for holiday items.*

*Membership – Karla concurred with Cindy's 80 member guild numbers. She plans to send letters to new members and is also looking at ways to increase membership.*

*Newsletter – All write ups for newsletter due Sunday.*

*Programs – Winnie and Lee are in charge of the November program. December program is holiday lunch and upcycle show and tell.*

*Publicity – Lee thanked Wendy for her proactive work in guild publicity.*

*Ways and Means – Winnie has items for guild meeting raffles. She is working on the gift basket that the guild will contribute to the Federation Camp Verde event.*

*Website – Linda reported website currently up to date*

*Workshops – Marcia and Deb sent Telarana planned workshop information to the Desert Weavers and also heard from Sun City that they may have some interest. Sharie Monsam Nov 4 Hot Roll Basket workshop still has openings. January 27 virtual Robyn Spady Taming the Hue and March 8-10, 2024. Bobbie Irwin Weaving Transparency still have openings for participants. Registration forms are on the guild website.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Carol Gordon, Secretary*