



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

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February Guild Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 1 p.m. MST.

Live meeting only—no 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:

We are moving the silent auction from May to February so that our snow bird members can participate and are making some changes that we hope will make the day fun.

Silent Auction—this will be conducted as we have in the past with items from our choosing placed out for each person to make their bid. Bidding will be conducted for a specific amount of time and out-bidding a previous bid is allowed. The guild will keep all the profits.

Auction with Possibility of Minimum Bids—the items in this area

come from guild stash or are items that you donate. You can place a request for a minimum bid if you want. Let's really make this area of the sale lively!! Donate anything fiber related that you want to get out of your stash. This can include yarns, equipment, completed or uncompleted items that you have made but don't like, books, you name it. One area of items we would like to see more are baskets that you pull together. Use your imagination! A basket might be made up of knitting needles, yarn for socks, a tea mug and some great tea. If you know a business that wants to donate a basket, that would be great! We will actually have an auctioneer present to spur on the bidding. The guild will keep all profits.

Your Personal Sale Table: If you have items you would like to sell and make a little money, let myself or Lee know. We will make sure that there is a table available for you. As with all personal sales, the guild will keep 15% of the sales.

Come prepared to spend money and have a good time! Cash is preferable for the silent auction but the Square will be available for credit cards.



President's Message

To all my fiber Enthusiast Friends,

Didn't our December holiday season happen yesterday? Yes, it's somehow already February and the season of love. For those of us who are able to attend our meetings in person, we will get to celebrate our love for one another in person on Valentine's Day! Can't wait to see you there! To those who can't attend our meetings in person, I want you to know that we love you too and are so happy to have you in the guild. All of you make my job as your president easy and enjoyable. You are all so supportive of one another. Many, many thanks to all!

A great example of the support you give to each other happened in January when Cindy Reynold's organized two days of lessons for some of our beginning weavers. Cindy, Jean Lavell, Winnie Johnson, and myself all volunteered to help three of our newer weavers learn how to warp their looms. What a fun learning time this was! Of course we all benefitted from learning a new warping tip or two! What a great way to give back to others a little of what others have given to us. You are an amazing guild!

This month you will have another opportunity to support one another and our guild at February's Auction. Nancy will let you know the details in this newsletter, but please support it by donating a nice basket, some of your stash, or a piece of equipment to the auction. We've moved this meeting from May to February so that more of our Winter Visitors can be involved. Please join us prepared to have some fun and acquire some great items.

Happy Valentine's Day,

Lee

Reminder:

Please bring your reuseable water bottle to the meeting—we are trying to cut back on disposable plastics.

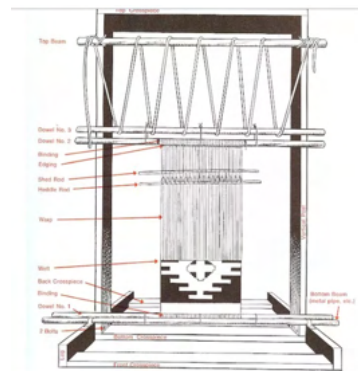
Thanks,

Judy Sirkis, Hospitality



Wonderful opportunity to some new weavers:

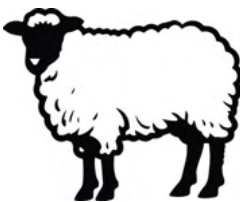
One of our members no longer needs her cherry wood Norwood (30 in. 4 shaft) loom and large beautiful Navajo loom and would like to give them to two beginning weavers who would might not be able to purchase such a loom. Contact Cindy Reynolds if you know such a person. She wants them to enjoy these looms as much as she did.



Arizona Fiber Festival

Please Share!

April 5, 6, 7 in Camp Verde. Be sure to register for workshops while there is still a choice! **REGISTRATION CLOSES March 1**



Registration is open to the public and vendor spots are filling up fast. This festival is a great place to meet, learn, and maybe recruit new members to our guild!

We are still looking for people to demonstrate their skills—please contact <https://telarana.org/>

Spinning, lacemaking, or any interesting skill is welcome — and the Federation will greatly appreciate your contribution to the event.



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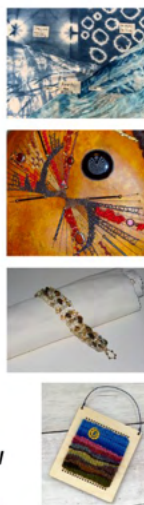
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KNIT/CROCHET GROUPS

East Valley Knit and Crochet group has a Facebook page and meets on Saturdays at Coffee Rush or La Madeleine French Bakery and Café in Gilbert

One Stitch at a Time meets every Tuesday 10 a.m.—noon at the Red Mountain Library, 635 N Power Road.

Arizona Felters Guild or Tribe of Fiber Lovers (FB page) is led by Sue Bunch.

Basket Artisans of Arizona meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Pyle Center, Tempe, Tucson Room 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

MCC Tapestry and Navajo Weaving group (FB page) meets the 2nd Saturday of each month, 9 a.m.—noon at MCC Dobson, room SC30 on the west side of the campus next to the Campus Police Station.



Around the town ...

Fibers are featured at ASU's Nelson Fine Art museum: weaving, tufting, and works on paper through July 14, 2024. Two exhibits, "Crafting Resistance" and "Beneath the Breath of the Sun" feature both work from the university permanent art collection and challenging new installations.

Save the date for the opening celebration of Sarah Zapata's "Beneath the Breath of the Sun." 51 East 10th St., Tempe.

Weaving a Transparency with Bobbie Irwin

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

REGISTRATION CLOSES March 1!!

Cost: \$160 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/>



Call for New Officers:

Now is the time of year that the nominating committee will be working on filling a slate of officers for next year. As you make have heard, there are several open positions. Most of these are committee chairs which include workshops, newsletter editor and hospitality. There is also a position on the executive board that will be open—vice president. This is an excellent position to learn how the guild operates without a ton a duties. The vice president's role is simply assist the president as needed and fill in for the president in their absence. It is also expected that the vice president will transition to the president role when the president retires. Because the role has minimal responsibilities, we are currently combining this role with that of the Program Chairman. As program chairman, you set up the program schedule for the monthly meetings. This involves contacting potential presenters and arranging the details of the program with them. While this might sound intimidating, it is not. There are always a ton of ideas from the members and other board members. One of the great things about being part of the board is that everyone works together and helps each other. The board meets once a month by Zoom. If you think you might be interested in helping the guild by being on the board, talk to one of the current board members.



Helping New Weavers – Warping Workshop

The last week of January, Judy Sirkis opened her home to 2 other new weavers, Toni Vallee and Viola Allen, to learn the steps of warping a jack loom. Three “experienced” weavers – Winnie Johnson, Lee Killpack, and Jean Lavell volunteered to help. Cindy Reynolds organized and led the workshop. Everyone learned something new – even the experienced weavers. (see pictures sent by Winnie)



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Mayo Gallery Showing

The Telarana Landscape themed show opened in December and will run through March 13, 2024; it features 10 pieces by Telarana artists. The gallery is located on the first floor of the Mayo Clinic, 13400 East Shea Blvd in Scottsdale, directly across from the pharmacy. If you choose to park in the underground lot, you will need to take one elevator to the concourse level and a second elevator to their first floor. The gallery will be open Monday through Friday, from 9/5. We have received excellent reviews and comments from patients and staff who viewed the show. Last week, the exhibits committee, along with a group of artists and members toured the exhibit and met briefly with Anna Akridge, who curated the show for us. All of these in attendance were in agreement that the show was a small and lovely gem. We found that the trip to Mayo Clinic was an easy drive. For those who have not yet seen the show, we would like to encourage everyone to set some time aside to view this exhibition and support your members in the last month it will be on display.



Library News!

New Addition: **Mary Megs Atwater's Recipe Book**, new edition with pics of the samples! Take a peek at the February meeting!

This and That: The Best of Weavers' Series has been out of print but the good news is that ETC has obtained the publishing rights and these sought after books will once again be available at reasonable pricing... in case you are looking to add to your personal library.

Even better news! The library has all of the **The Best of Weavers: Overshot Weaving; Fabrics that go Bump; Huck Lace; The Magic of Doubleweave; Thick 'n' Thin; Twill Thrills; Summer and Winter**. If you are not familiar with The Best of Weaver's series, each is a collection of all the articles in Weaver's magazines on that topic. Great resources!

See you at the library cart at the February Meeting!



Telarana Board Meeting January 31, 2024

Attendees: Lee Killpack, Cynthia Reynolds. Carol Gordon, Paula Ruddick, Deb Barr, Nancy Ryan, Russ and Winnie Johnson, Jim and Karla Elling, Trudy Johnson, Marcia Wenbert, Judith Sirkis

Secretary's Report: Minutes of October 25, 2023 were published in the November 2023 newsletter after board review and corrections. Minutes from Oct 25 were approved. There are no Board meetings in November and December.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy shared her screen with full balance and budget. Annual expenses were \$4,810.00. Total current balance is \$12,986.17 with Zorn at \$700 and operating balance at \$12,286.17. Board approved report.

Old Business:

A number of guild members went to the Mayo Clinic together to see the show. The show was beautifully hung and the art director spoke to us briefly. There was a plaque about Telarana Guild, but no one artist was mentioned.

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New Business:

* *Scholarship - Trudy asked the Board to approve two scholarship requests for the Transparency workshop in March. The Board approved \$160 for Linda W and Peggy each. The Transparency workshop has 7 current applicants. Lee suggested, and it was agreed, to offer the workshop at Telarana member cost to Desert Weavers. There was a lengthy discussion about whether the guild would entertain subsidizing workshop costs in the future. The Board voted to subsidize workshops if needed.*

* *Pueblo Grande Honorarium Budget has awarded Telarana \$100 for our part in demonstrations. The next Pueblo Grande event with demonstrations is March 9 from 9 to 3PM. Contact Nancy W.*

* *Donations to the guild – There was a lengthy discussion about the role of the guild when accepting donations from members (many have aged or passed). It was suggested full guild donation could be used for lessons, given to needy members or sold. For donations where the family is hoping for monies, the guild could facilitate advertising. Subject was tabled for further discussion.*

* *Nancy explained about February 14's auction at the meeting. Stage One silent auction with items from storage or contributed to event, Stage Two is bidding for priced items and Stage Three is anyone who wants their own table to sell their items with partial \$ donation to guild.*

* *Winnie, Nancy and Lee will write about nominations for open committee and board positions.*

* *Guild is hoping for anyone who attended Robyn Spady's class who is willing to teach using color chips or wrapping at the March mini sessions guild meeting.*

Committee Reports:

Exhibit and Shows – Mayo Show

Demonstrations – Pueblo Grande event will like demonstrations March 9, 9-3 PM

Federation – Paula reminded the Board that workshops are still available for the April Fiber Festival April 5-7. The Federation would also like to see donations for goody baskets. These are due March 22. Check out information at www.azfed.org

Historian and Tech – Russ mentioned that the slow network speed is tricky for guild zoom meetings. He will continue to work on helping the guild with best technology.

Hospitality – Judy is confident of snacks available for February meeting. Any others who wish to bring items are welcome.

Library – Karen had asked the Board by email for the okay of 2 books. The Board approved the purchase of Mary Meg Atwater Recipe book. The Textile Arts Index out of print requires more discussion. Cindy warned to check library budget for any purchase.

Membership – Karla sent letters to new members. She also spoke of some upcoming events. It was suggested that she provide a write up in the newsletter about any events.

Newsletter – no report. Note new email for Lavender

Programs – Nancy reviewed February auction, March mini sessions, April an Alaska presentation, new Board

Publicity – no report

Ways and Means – Winnie has goodies, but more can always be offered for raffles

Website – Linda was not in attendance. It was noted that there was a problem with the Telarana website going off line and the company responsible restored it, but some files were corrupted. Linda is working with that company and updating our website.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Gordon, Secretary