



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

April 2024

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

April Guild Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 1 p.m. MST.

Live meeting 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:

PROGRAM: Ruth Hallows

This month's program will be presented by our own Ruth Hallows. Some of us have already seen Ruth demonstrate the traditional form of Alaskan weaving known as Chilkat. Ruth will share her knowledge of this form of indigenous art. Come on out and see her weaving and hear her story.

I would also like to take this time to thank those who helped to make the March mini-workshops a success. Much appreciation goes to Winnie Johnson, Ruth Hallows, Bill Oliphant and Sue Garber for sharing their talents with us.

President's Message

To all my fiber enthusiast friends,

This last month has again reminded me of why I love our guild so much! I love to see you all step up and make wonderful things happen. This month Nancy Wanek organized our participation at the Ancient Technology Day at the S'edav Va'aki Museum (formerly Pueblo Grande).

They were so happy to have us back. The children loved learning to weave on the box looms. Ruth Hallows demonstrated the traditional Alaskan weaving style of Chilkat. There were wonderful displays and great volunteers. You all made the day so memorable to the guests.

We also had our last workshop of the year with a Transparency Workshop taught by Bobbie Irwin. All who attended had wonderful things to say about it. Again, our members stepped up and saw to all the details to make it a smoothly

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run success. A special thanks to this year’s Workshop Chairs – Marcia Wenbert and Deb Barr for setting up our workshops this year. Marcia even purchased Bobbie’s airline tickets with her own airline miles and Deb hosted Bobbie in her home. Thank you both for your great generosity!

Your 150 donations this month for the goodie bags at Federation’s Fiber Festival were so well received and I already know that you will give generously in supporting and manning our guild booth whenever available at the Festival this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

All of you bring us together in love and friendship as you work along side each other.

Lee

ELECTION

It’s time to vote for 2024-2025 Guild Officers. Here is our slate of nominees:

President – Nancy Ryan

Vice President – Ruth Hallows

Treasurer – Cindy Reynolds

Secretary – Carol Gordon

Online voting will close prior to the start of our general meeting on **April 10**. Alternatively, you can send a snail mail vote to Lee. It must be received by her no later than April 9, 2024.

*Write-in candidates are allowed, with permission of nominee.



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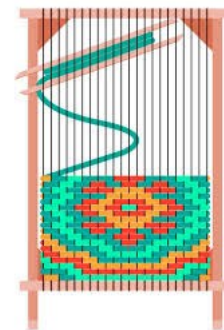
WEAVING A TRANSPARENCY follow-up

Bobbie Irwin wanted to thank all the participants for attending the transparency workshop and enjoyed her time in the Phoenix area.

Special thanks to Marcia Wenbert for donating airline reward point, which paid Bobbie's flight to and from CO.

Special thanks to Toni Vallee for donating transportation to and from the airport to the host families' home.

Thank you!



Reminder:

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

Thanks,

Judy Sirkis, Hospitality



Demonstrations

Telaraña had a wonderful time participating in the Ancient Technology Day at the S'edav Va'aki Museum on March 9th. Our booth was right next to the ancient platform mound where the indigenous people of the past made textiles for hundreds of years. Ruth and Jay Hallows demonstrated the traditional weaving of the Northwest Coastal People with stunning Chilkat and Ravenstail textiles. Many thanks to Russ and Winnie who helped us get our booth set up and Karla Elling for demonstrating the use of a Navajo hip spindle. Judith Emerson, Maureen McCarthy, Cindy Reynolds, Sharie Monsam, and Toni Vallee patiently guided little fingers over and under with the weaving boxes. Thank you for teaching the fundamentals of weaving to children of all ages, helping them to create their own colorful pieces.

*Coming up: We may have a demonstration opportunity at the **Phoenix Zoo on Saturday, April 13th**. This would be focused on working with wool: carding, spinning, weaving during the Farm Day event at the Zoo. More to follow. If interested please contact Nancy Wanek.*



Fiber Festival

Telaraña Members - Here is an Opportunity to Visit and Share Your Fiber Art Experience with Other Guilds Across Arizona

The Arizona Fiber Festival begins very soon, on Friday, April 5th (next week!). In addition to providing information about our activities, our guild booth will be an opportunity for you as a member of Telaraña, to share your expertise, recent travels or general knowledge of fiber arts with other fiber arts organizations. We hope to have a list of people who are willing to give a presentation and/or a workshop on any skill, technique or topic that you would like to share. The list will be very useful to our fellow Arizona Guilds as they plan their Programs and Workshops in future years.

But please act quickly - the list must be ready to go by **Thursday, April 4th**. Send a brief description (with pictures if possible) of what you would like to present, along with your contact information to: Nancy Wanek (cell - please leave a voicemail message and I will return your call)

Include any background information about yourself that is relevant to what you would plan to do. If you have an expected change in mind, and any particular dates when you may or may not be available, please include that as well.

Remember, I must receive your information as soon as possible! Please send it to me before Thursday, April 4th so I can compile the list. The Telaraña Booth will be set up on Friday.

Any questions, do not hesitate to call me at the number listed above.

If you will be attending the AZ Fiber Festival, please stop by the Telaraña Booth - if you have some time to be a booth sitter, that will be very appreciated!

Thank you!



Telaraña Guild Board Meeting March 27, 2024



Attendees: Lee Killpack, Cindy Reynolds, Carol Gordon, Nancy Ryan, Linda Wade, Karla and Jim Elling, Nancy Wanek, Deb Barr, Judy Sirkis, Ruth Hallows

Secretary's Report: Minutes of February 28, 2024 had been reviewed and corrected. No additional corrections. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy reported the guild's operating budget is currently \$13,201.76. \$380 has been used from the Zorn scholarship. In February the board approved put \$10,000.00 in a CD while the guild was not in session during the summer. The bank requests an acting secretary to sign for the CD. Linda Wade made a motion and Nancy Ryan seconded for Cindy Reynolds to assume the role of acting secretary to meet this banking requirement. Vote was unanimous.

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Old Business: AZ Fiber Festival. The guild booth will be set up starting at 10:30 Friday, April 5. Helpers are still needed.

The Executive Committee will vote April on Ruth Hallows as new Vice President.

New Business:

New chairpersons – Deb Barr will take over membership from Karla Elling. Thank you Karla and Jim. Sharie Monsam will take over newsletter from Lavender Boyles. Thank you Lavender for your help.

And there is a possible person willing to take over workshop chair from Nancy R. Fingers crossed.

The board is still hoping for someone to work with Cindy the 2024-2025 year in preparation to take the role of treasurer. Thank you Cindy for your many years of service and continuing the next guild year.

Annual committee reports are due to Lee before the April 24, 2024 board meeting.

Ruth Hallows offered to attend for the guild an Arts and Business AZ event May 8.

Committee Reports:

**Federation – Karla attended briefly and stated that 2024 Fiber Arts Festival in Camp Verde is the first. It has been a learning experience and the Federation looks forward to this year and an even better 2026 festival.*

**Demonstrations – Nancy W said the demonstrations at the Ancient Technology event went well. Lee suggested we look at demonstrating at the State Fair in September/Oct. Ruth offered to demonstrate for a day if the guild decides to participate.*

Karla mentioned Earth Day as a good demonstration day.

**Exhibits and Shows – Ongoing*

**Historian and Technology – no report*

**Hospitality – Judy said she is ready for April meeting*

**Library – no report*

**Membership – Karla is working with Deb to transfer chair responsibilities*

**Newsletter – no report*

**Programs – Nancy asked Ruth to give a presentation at the April meeting. May is the final meeting until fall. There will be a luncheon at the May meeting and Nancy is asking persons who were granted scholarship monies for workshops, to give a presentation of what they learned.*

**Publicity – no report*

**Ways and Means – no report*

**Website – Linda Wade and the board had a lengthy discussion about the website crash and how best to*

continue it's maintenance. Mary Walker, our former host, has been helping restore links and files. More research and a decision will be made moving forward with a possible new server company.

**Workshops – Workshops for next year are in the planning stage.*

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Gordon, Secretary

