



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
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

May Guild Meeting

Wednesday, May, 8 at 1:30 p.m. MST.

Live meeting and Zoom

Doors will open at 12 noon for socializing; the meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. Arizona time.

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

PROGRAM:

Potluck; Installation of new board

This is our last meeting of the guild year so, as usual, we are celebrating our year with a potluck luncheon. Bring your favourite lunch dish. Bring your plus-one and share the fun!!

We will also be saying good by to board members who are leaving the board and welcoming in new members. There will also be show of appreciation for Lee who has does such an outstanding job as our president for the last 3 years. You are awesome, Lee!!

Bring your show and tell! Share what you have accomplished this year as well as fiber plans you have for the summer, Yes, there will be Zoom!! We want all our members, near and far to share in the day. We will eat lunch first WITHOUT Zoom. Around 130 Arizona time ,we will go on Zoom so we can share the recognition and show and tell part of the meeting.

President's Last Message

To my wonderful fiber friends,

I really can't tell you just how much I have loved being your president for the last three years!! The only negative of this board position is what I am doing right now. Yes, I'm referring to writing the president's letter each month. Your constant support has even made this feel easier.

I feel a great attachment to this guild and to each of you. I have felt a sense of ownership with being your president, but have no issues with turning over the helm to our great, inspired, and creative Nancy Ryan. I know the guild will be in the best of hands. Thank you Nancy for stepping up!

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I also want to welcome Ruth Hallows to our executive board as our incoming Vice President and thank her so much for her incredibly passionate and inspiring program last month. I also thank Carol Gordon our secretary and Cindy Reynolds our treasurer for being willing to continue to support the guild on the executive board.

I want to welcome with enthusiasm our two new workshop chairpersons Jean Lavell and Judith Emerson. I welcome Sharie Monsam as our new newsletter editor and to say a sad goodbye to Lavender Boyles this year's newsletter editor. Thank you Lavender for all of your great newsletters!

The great thing about all of our incoming board members is that they have all come to me offering to serve the guild!! Thanks also to all those board members who remain willing to continue to serve. What a great complement to the quality of people that make up this guild. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you Telaraña members.

Wishing you a perfect summer. Looking forward to seeing all of you this September.

Love,
Lee

A Note from Hospitality

Thank you to everyone who brought foods and beverages to our meetings. We had a delicious year!!

And thank you, Lavender, for newsletters that were not only informative, but always a visual treat.

Warmest regards and best wishes,

Judy

Membership Dues Due

Telarana's membership year is June 1 to May 30. To pay your \$25 dues, you can either bring to the May or fall meeting or follow the instructions on the membership form posted on the website.

[Membership Form](#)

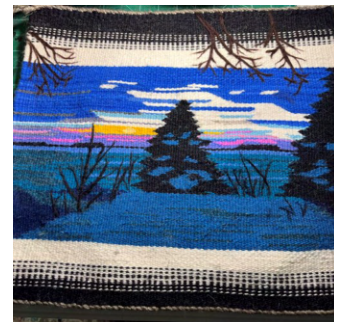
Newsletter Editor Update

This year has gone by fast! I've had a lot of changes over the last year so I'm glad to be wrapping up the guild year! I moved from Arizona to rural Minnesota to help on my parents' farm. My middle daughter Lexa was married at the end of March and her and her new husband Michael have now joined me on the farm, bringing horses, cattle and new adventures.

I appreciate the advice and confidence the guild has given me as I learn more about being an artist. Sharie Monsam has been a wonderful, patient teacher for teaching the Navajo Weaving technique. I continue to share what I've learned in my new community.

Thank you for the opportunity to learn—I've enjoyed meeting you all and appreciate the fiber community you've built here. I plan to keep in touch and will stop in when I'm back in Arizona for a visit.

Take care,
Lavender



Trees In Snow, Navajo Technique

Lavender Boyles April 2024

Demonstrations

Our double booth at the Phoenix Zoo Earth Day Celebration with Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild had a colorful array of fiber art. Karla Elling, Caroline Wise, Christine Hunt, Cheryl Lane and Nancy Wanek had a steady stream of interested visitors including the Diamondback's mascot, D. Baxter the Bobcat!



Exhibit Committee Looks to the Future!

During the pandemic, the Telaraña Exhibit Committee formatted an Inspiration Challenge to keep our members connected to each other and our wonderful state. We challenged members to create a piece of art based on an Arizona landscape. As a result of our members' phenomenal work, 3 gallery shows have grown from this challenge since 2021. Our work has been on display at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library, the Chandler Center for the Arts and the Mayo Clinic Galleries. We are continuing to write proposals and seek new venues for future shows. As you are planning summer projects, please consider creating a piece for upcoming shows in 2025 or 2026. We are exploring the theme of "Here to There". It can be construed in different ways — personal history, fiber arts journey, travel, or as Karla says "everyone in Arizona came from somewhere else". The Exhibit Committee is delighted to welcome its 2 newest members, Carol Gordon and Winnie Johnson.

Cindy Reynolds has created a gorgeous Shutterfly book with photos of the 3 gallery shows the Exhibit Committee has produced since 2021. You can view the book by clicking on the following link: <https://www.shutterfly.com/share-product/?shareid=5d8807f8-50ec-4c9d-b3a6-2c550f864429&cid=SHARPRDWEBMPRLNK>

18 people ordered a copy of the Telarana Inspiration Challenge shutterfly book -- plus we will have two copies for Telarana. I put the order in this morning and the package will arrive hopefully by May 6, which means that I will be bringing them to the May 8 Telarana general meeting (potluck). The cost for each person is \$44. Hopefully you will be able to come to the May 8 meeting and I can give you your book then and you can give me the money then, too! Two people asked to have me ship their books to them. I will have to find out shipping costs and will let you know. — CINDY



Alaska Connection

If you and your friends and family are planning an Alaska cruise this summer and fall, don't miss these two exhibits in Juneau!

Yéil Koowú Átx'i Khaa Sháade Nákhx'i Yán Sákw Jeeyís: Ravenstail Regalia for Future Leaders, opening at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum on May 3 and running through October 26, 2024, is an exhibit coordinated by Tlingit weaver Wooshkindein Da.áat Lily Hope and will feature the largest known collection of child-size robes, headdresses, and other ceremonial regalia woven in the Ravenstail style. The exhibit will include pieces by Arizona-based Tsimshian weaver and Telaraña member Ksm Lx'sgan Ruth Hallows.

Ravenstail, known as yéil koowú in Tlingit, gadiitgmwās in Tsimshian Sm'algyax, gwiis maakskw in Nisga'a Sm'algyax, and qwēgal gia't in Xaad Kil/Haida, is a form of geometric finger-twined weaving on gravity-hung bar looms developed by Northwest Coastal People indigenous to river and coastal waterways of the Pacific Northwest. Its techniques lay dormant for many years after colonization by Russia and the United States, but regained



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popularity in Alaska and British Columbia in the 1980s and 90s. Cheryl Samuel worked with indigenous weavers to help revive the practice, traveling the globe to track down the few remaining examples of Ravenstail weaving from the 1700s and 1800s in museums in North America, Europe, and Russia. Cheryl authored a book detailing the few full-size robes that remain from that time period, *The Raven's Tail: Northern Geometric Style Weaving*.

The robes in this exhibit will be danced by elementary school students from the Juneau School District's Tlingit Culture, Language, and Literacy class on April 30, 2024, 5:30 pm (Alaska time), at a multimedia presentation and "gathering of the robes" called The History and Future of Yéil Koowú, Ravenstail Weaving (<https://www.lilyhope.com/yeilkoowu>). The event will be live-streamed; you can check Lily Hope's social media accounts on Facebook or Instagram (@lilyhopeweaver) for updates.



Sealaska Heritage Institute's 10th biennial Juried Art Show and Competition, opening at the Walter Soboleff Building of Sealaska Heritage Institute in May and running through December 2024, showcases Northwest Coast Native art. It is held in conjunction with Celebration, a major four-day dance-and-culture festival in Juneau hosted by Sealaska Heritage Institute. Fiber arts in the exhibit include beadwork, Chilkat and Ravenstail weaving, cedar and spruce root basketry, skin and fur sewing, and woolen button blanket regalia.

Our own Ksm Lx'sgan Ruth Hallows was recognized Best of Ravenstail Weaving at SHI's JAS in 2022. Her Chilkat weaving will be included in this year's exhibition.

Library News

Curl up this summer in the cool of your studio and delve into an inspirational book or focus on a fiber arts technique. Remember: Books (or DVDs) you check out at the May meeting you can enjoy throughout the summer and return them in September!

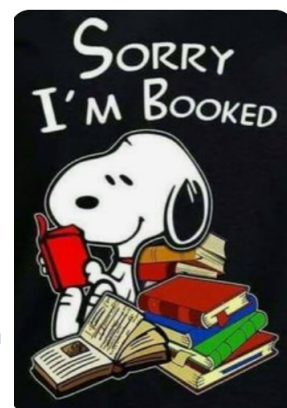
What one book would YOU like to have with you this summer? Fellow Guild Members responded:

- 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.

Or perhaps you would like to delve into one of our newer additions:

- Books on Kumihimo (in preparation for the upcoming workshop!)
- The latest **Marian Stubenitsky** book: [Max 8](#)
- [Weaving with Wire](#) by Christine K. Miller

Check out the library cart at the May meeting to see what inspirational or how-to items you can enjoy this summer!



Telarana Guild Board Meeting April 24, 2024



Attendees: Lee Killpack, Cindy Reynolds, Carol Gordon, Nancy Ryan, Linda Wade, Karla Elling, Winnie and Russ Johnson, Paula Rudnick, Nancy Wanek, Judy Sirkis, Deb Barr

Secretary's Report: Minutes of March 27 had been reviewed by members and corrected. Lee moved and Winnie seconded that Minutes be approved. Minutes approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy presented the balance of \$3527.36 in checking, \$10,000 in CD for summer and \$380 in Zorn Scholarship funds. Linda W reminded Cindy to correct scholarship as income. Cindy suggested it was time for an audit. Carol offered to check on a member who could perform the audit.

Old Business: AZ Fiber Festival was a big hit. Thanks to Paula, Lee and Winnie for preparing and manning the guild's booth. Special thanks to Nancy Munier for stepping up to help. Festival was well received. Winnie stated that guild photos, book of our shows and napkin exchange samples were of great interest. Paula said the Federation plans are for a fiber festival every 2 years and they know now to start planning earlier and have many more volunteers to help run things.

New Business: Telarana has 2 new workshop committee chairpersons – Jean Lavell and Judith Emerson.

Thanks to our new chairs and many thanks to Deb Barr and Marcia Wenbert who are stepping down.

Committee Reports:

Demonstrations – Nancy W. had Karla tell us about the excitement Farm Day at the zoo. People were interested in the sheep, wool processing, spinning. Nancy Munier did weaving demonstrations. Karla also reminded the board of the Earth Day demonstrations that would happen Saturday, April 27. Desert Weavers would be demonstrating also.

Exhibition/ Shows – Cindy explained that the committee has been expanded with Winnie and Carol joining. Maureen is stepping down after doing fabulous work arranging our programs at 3 different venues. Many thanks to Maureen. Cindy has created a Shuttlefly book with photos of our shows. Carol is eager to use the book as a resume when seeking new opportunities. Cindy will send a email to guild members who may be interested in the book also. Two books will go in the guild library.

The committee has had contact with someone at Sky Harbor Airport about a gallery show in the future.

The committee is exploring the theme "Here and There" for the future show and encourage guild members to start working on fiber art pieces for the show which will hopefully happen 2025 or 2026.

The Board discussed having the annual guild sale Dec 14 because of conflicts with the Nov 30 and Dec 7 dates. Lee will ask the church about availability.

Historian/Technology – Russ said all ok for now

Hospitality – Judith S thanked members for excellent food and beverage contributions

Library – no report

Membership – Karla getting ready to hand over chair to Deb B and is printing some show notices

Newsletter – no report

Programs – Nancy R reminded members that May 8 guild meeting is last until Fall. It is a potluck luncheon and show and tell.

Publicity – no report

Ways and Means – Winnie said W and M has contributed over \$3000 to guild with raffles and the auction. The auction is planned again for next February.

Website – Linda stated that the guild website is working again. She is still working with host and designer for some

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improvements. Linda plans to talk to Desert Weavers and ask about their website and its maintenance.

A questionnaire is still planned to list guild member talents for future expertise and help.

Workshops – Thanks to Deb and Marcia and welcome Judith and Jean

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Gordon, Secretary

