



# Telaraña Tidings

**Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild**

**March 2025**



**March Guild Meeting                      Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

**Meeting starts at 1pm, Doors open at noon.    E. Mesa Christian Church, 706 S. Greenfield Rd.**

### **President’s Message**

Dear Telarañians,

Here we are in March already!! This is the month of St Patrick celebrations and basketball fever! Growing up in the Midwest, it is also the month when you saw the first signs of spring peek through the ground only to be covered with a new blanket of snow. Here in Phoenix, the first weekend of March is the Heard Museum Market and Art Fair. This year one of our own was recognized for her amazing art. Congratulations, Ruth!!

I am looking forward to our program which is our mini workshops. I spent the day in my studio working on my favorite art form - book making. Paper is fiber art. How many of you do art with paper such as book making, collage, print making, etc. It would be great to see your work at show-and-tell!!

See ya on the 12th!!

Nancy

<b>2024-25</b>		<b>Executive Board</b>	
<b>Executive Officers</b>			
President	Nancy Ryan	Secretary	Carol Gordon
Vice-President	Ruth Hallows		
Past President	Lee Killpack	Treasurer	Cindy Reynolds
<b>Committee Chairs</b>			
Demonstrations	Nancy Wanek	Library	Karen Kehlenbach
Federation	Paula Rudnick	Membership	Deb Barr
Historian	Russ Johnson	Newsletter	Sharie Monsam
		Programs	Ruth Hallows
		Publicity	needed
Exhibits & Shows	Cindy Reynolds	Ways and Means	Winnie Johnson
Hospitality	Judy Sirkis	Workshops	Jean Lavell, Judith Emerson

## Pueblo Grande Ancient Technology Day:

Telarana will have a booth at the museum teaching weaving on card board loom and demonstrating the fiber arts as well. This Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 9-3pm, 4619 E. Washington St, just North of the airport. Come for as long as you want. It is always a fun time!



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### March Meeting Mini Workshops

During this month's program, several guild members will share their knowledge and skills.

Judith will share skills for beginning pin weaving on a mini loom and make a pin loom project. The workshop will include discussion of what you can make with mini woven items.

Cindy will teach us about weaving on an inkle loom.

Sharie will teach you how to weave and teach others to weave on a children's box loom.

Ruth will teach thigh spinning pencil roving into ravenstail warp.

### April Program

We will receive a program on [Fiber Arts Center AZ](#) by Laurie Fagen and the center's president, Debra Kay.

**Auction Results:** Last month's guild auction and silent auction were a resounding success as a guild fundraiser and fun as well! The guild took in \$946 minus square expenses resulting in \$942.49. Each of us gained some new "stash" or exchanged new for old or bought some equipment we wanted. A win for us all! Thank you to Bill for auctioneering and to all who participated.

## **Board Meeting, February 26, 2025**

**Attendees:** Nancy Ryan, Ruth Hallows, Carol Gordon, Linda Wade, Lee Killpack, Paula Rudnick, Winnie and Russ Johnson, Deb Barr, Judith Sirkis, Judith Emerson, Sharie Monsam, Trudy Johnson

**Secretary's Report:** Carol Gordon presented the January 29, 2025 minutes with an addition that at the January meeting Winnie had requested the guild's executive board approve additional funds to the ways and means budget to \$150 for the purchase of fine yarns from an estate to have for sale at the guild auction. Funds were approved and January 2025 minutes will add this information. The website committee budget was also approved for funds to \$750 in January. The guild's website is being upgraded. January 29, 2025 corrected minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cindy was not in attendance. Reviewing the financial spreadsheet, the guild has \$5,067.03 in operating funds and \$380.00 remaining in the Karen Zorn scholarship fund. We also had a \$8,000 CD holding extra funds.

Judith S asked about the plans for use of extra funds and a discussion of possible uses included giving donations, funding future workshops, funds for participation in and contributions to the AZ Festival 2026. More ideas and research will be forwarded. Discussion was tabled.

**Old Business:** Trudy asked the board to grant Karen K \$125 from the Karen Zorn Memorial Scholarship for an overlooked October application for scholarship funds. Karen took a Huck Double Weave workshop and will be asked to share her learning. Linda motioned and Carol seconded an approval for Cindy to reimburse Karen \$125 from the Karen Zorn Memorial Scholarship fund.

**New Business:** Nancy directed Ruth to promote and create a board member ballot for membership vote in April. Nancy suggested Ruth move to president, slot for vice president open, slot for treasurer open (Cindy will assist a new treasurer) and Carol agreed to continue as

secretary. Committee chairs are appointed. Chair positions open currently are: library (Karen will assist a new librarian), publicity, exhibitions and demonstrations. Please, please let Ruth or any board member know if you are willing to serve on the board or as a committee chair. We need every member to consider playing a role in keeping our guild the best it can be.

**Guild Sale:** Nancy brought up concerns about continuing the Guild's Annual Sale. Only 11 members contributed to the sale. The road construction in December was an issue. There are also problems with choosing a date with other events also near the Christmas holidays. One idea was to join with the felters group. Carol suggested promoting the sale and encouraging members to work on item during off summer months. Judith E thought the sale was a good way to encourage members to make beautiful item. Lee agreed that making items for the sale and seeing them sold gave her a boost in confidence and work. Nancy will bring up her concerns with the guild at the general meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Programs:** The March guild meeting March 12 will be mini workshops. Four possible offerings are: Judith E – pin weaving, Cindy – inkle loom, Ruth and Jay – spinning and preparing yarn for Raven weaving project and Sharie – weaving on box looms.

**Federation:** Paula R reminded us to complete a required form. She is looking into providing literature and goods for the goodie bags Telarana offered to provide at the AZ Fiber Arts Festival in 2026.

**Historian:** Russ had no new report

**Hospitality:** Judith S said things are okay

**Library:** Karen was not in attendance. She stated she was not able to continue as librarian and is willing to work with a new person. Karen has the library and inventory in great shape.

**Membership:** Deb is making tags for new members. Current membership is 72.

**Publicity:** A new chair to fill this role is needed

**Ways and Means:** Winnie was pleased with the auction. Bill did a great job. Yarns purchased with extra budget sold well. Winnie asked about selling a table loom from storage. Board agreed. Some items in our storage may be reviewed. Nancy offered a sewing machine for the guild to use in workshops or can be borrowed.

**Website:** Thank you Linda for overseeing our technology upgrades.

**Workshops:** Sharie and Winnie are still planning a tapestry workshop. Time and place in discussion.

Lee said that the Prescott guild has some opening for the Novelty Yarns March 17 and Sakiori March 18 with Amanda Robinette.

**Demonstrations:** Ruth will be demonstrating at the Heard Museum Indian Market March 1 and 2. She will have pieces on display. Please plan to support her work.

Sharie and Nancy W will be demonstrating at the Pueblo Grande Ancient Technology Day March 8. Let Sharie know if you wish to help. Event is 9-3 Saturday.

Linda mentioned the Seeds for Autism March 27 event and authors session. She will provide more information in the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Gordon, Secretary  
February 26, 2025 Telarana Board Minutes

**Don't forget, your Telaraña membership dues are tax deductible as a charitable donation.**



**Ruth Hallows weavings at the Heard Museum Indian Market this past weekend. Beautiful!**

**Desert Botanical Garden, February 8 – June 1.** Member Ann Morton’s latest public-engagement fiber project “**Toward 2050**” is a labyrinth installation of individually crafted flags. Makers were encouraged to re-use materials they already had to create their own interpretation of beloved elements of our environment. The project is based on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s 2023 Synthesis Report that established goals and pathways to reverse greenhouse gas emissions and arrive at net zero emissions by 2050. **TOWARD 2050** will take visitors on a journey that looks 25 years into the future of our environment. More information about the project is available here <https://www.toward2050az.com/>. For **information about visiting the garden**, <https://dbg.org/visit/plan-your-visit/>



### **Online Exhibitions:**

***Weaving Has a Heartbeat*** shares insights garnered by three Indigenous emerging artists during a two-year internship working closely with two Indigenous master artists, Barbara Ornelas (Dine) and Porfirio Gutierrez (Zapotec), as well as with other master artists and museum professionals at Arizona State Museum and the Navajo Nation Museum. The exhibit explores how relationships are built while learning and sharing weaving and natural dyeing practices across cultures and borders, in Arizona, New Mexico, and in Oaxaca, Mexico. The [online version](#) of ***Weaving Has a Heartbeat*** was designed by Mariah Claw, Andie Zelnio, and Lisa Falk. This program and its accompanying exhibits are funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

***What would Frida wear?*** This online exhibition answers the question by offering examples of traditional Mexican dress from Arizona State Museum's Cordry Collection. Iconic Mexican artist Frida Kahlo (1907-54) was well known for her tendencies to wear native Mexican clothing as an expression of her personal politics. As an ardent nationalist, Frida wore the traditional dress of many regions in Mexico.

<https://statemuseum.arizona.edu/online-exhibit/what-would-frida-wear>

**CNCH 2025** will be held at the wonderful Asilomar Conference Grounds. Celebrated as Monterey Peninsula's "Refuge by the Sea" –

Asilomar is a breathtakingly gorgeous 107 acres of ecologically diverse beachfront land, and a valued part of the State Parks system. Situated within the quaint and scenic town of Pacific Grove, Asilomar offers guests the simple comforts of cozy cottages and rustic lodges –

and an unforgettable escape from the demands of everyday life.

Conference, April 24-27, Pacific Grove, CA

Earlybird registration ends 3/5/25. [www.cnch.org](http://www.cnch.org)



### **2025 Intermountain Weavers Conference (IWC) Location and Dates**

IWC is a regional fiber conference held in odd numbered years. The IWC region is New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada and Utah, although we welcome attendees from all parts of the country. IWC is managed by a volunteer board.

The 2025 IWC will be held 17 – 21 June 2025 at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque NM.

**Workshops are posted and registration has opened.**

[www.intermountainweavers.org](http://www.intermountainweavers.org)

**Beki Welsch is hoping she can find someone to carpool with her to IWC Conference. Please contact her: [bekown@yahoo.com](mailto:bekown@yahoo.com)**





**Studio Sale WEAVING AND SPINNING EQUIPMENT, YARN AND MORE FOR SALE.** On March 29, 9 a.m.-noon you have an opportunity to attend a garage sale and purchase equipment, yarn and more at greatly reduced prices. Sue Hakala, former member of Telarana, is closing out her studio. She has an 18” Leclerc table loom and a 48” Gilmore sectional beam loom, and LOTS of equipment and yarn that will be for sale.

**April 27, Sunday, 10am – 3pm, 3420 S 7th St, Phoenix.** Seeds for Autism will hold their spring sale and ArtJam in conjunction with the Arizona Author Book Festival.

<https://azauthorbookfestival.com/>

Election of next Guild year’s executive board will take place in April. Currently, here is our slate of nominees:

President – Ruth Hallows

Secretary – Carol Gordon

Vice President – **no nominee**

Treasurer – **no nominee**

As you can see, we have a couple of openings. Our guild is only as strong as the members participating. If you would be willing to serve in one of these positions or want more information about the duties of a position, please contact Ruth H. If you are contacted by the nominating committee about serving on the executive board or as a committee chair, please consider accepting. We need you!