



Telaraña Tidings

**Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild
May 2025**

May Guild Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Potluck at 12:30, Doors open at noon. E. Mesa Christian Church, 706 S. Greenfield Rd.

In place of a program for our May meeting, we will enjoy a potluck meal and welcome officers for the 2025-26 guild year. Please bring a dish to share. We will begin eating at 12:30.

At the April meeting, we elected our Executive Board for 2025/2026. Sandi Shoup was nominated and elected, making our panel complete:

President – Ruth Hallows
Vice President – Sandi Shoup
Secretary – Carol Gordon
Treasurer – Linda Wade

Time for Dues for Next Guild Year

Our dues will continue to be \$25. Our guild year begins June 1. You can pay your dues when you come to the May meeting, or you can use the form on our web page that has all the information you need.

The Arizona Federation of Weaving and Spinning Guilds is excited to announce the second Fiber Festival to be held in Camp Verde, Arizona. The dates are April 10, 11, and 12, 2026.

The Arizona Fiber Festival ("Festival") will feature an array of fiber and allied arts, ranging from fiber education to finished products. Activities and displays will include topics such as spinning, dyeing, weaving, felting, knitting, crocheting, basketry, beading, braiding, and papermaking. To showcase these skills and products, the Festival will offer workshops, seminars, a vendor market, and scheduled demonstrations. Additionally, member Guilds of The Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds will promote the fiber arts through informational displays and examples of members' work.

There is a call to instructors for Workshop and Seminar proposals. The documents include times, dates, format and compensation along with the application.

We are looking forward to wonderful proposals and if you have questions, contact me at the email address below. **All proposals are due July 15, 2025.**

Please forward this to your members and encourage those wishing to be instructors to apply. workshops@azfed.org

Preparations are underway for AZ FIBERFEST 2026.

Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success, please consider joining in to help out!

It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new fiber enthusiasts.

Kathleen Orloff is the Steering Committee Chair. A chair is still needed for SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE. All committees need members. Some committees are active preparing for the event, while others are only during the Festival. If you think you'd be interested in volunteering please contact Kathleen.

Telaraña will need someone to organize a raffle basket valued at approximately \$200.

Also Telaraña will need to organize their guild booth and demonstrators, assuming the guild wants to have a booth--which at the last conference was a great way to get people to know about our guild and we got several new members from the event.

The Festival is asking each guild to have 2 people who will help distribute fliers and posters advertising the event. These should be put in knitting/yarn/bead stores or anywhere people will see it that might be interested. Also closer to the event they can be given to hotels and tourist places to get people to come up to Camp Verde for the festival.

Telaraña Proposed workshop schedule 25/26:

Fall 25 November Nancy Ryan - Kumihimo

Winter/Spring 25 -26 Jan-March – Tapestry – Winnie Johnson and Sharie Monsam
Date to be determined.

Fall 26 – Pin weaving

If you have other ideas for workshops contact Jean Lavell.

Telaraña Board minutes April 30, 2025

Attendees: Nancy Ryan, Ruth Hallows, Linda Wade, Cindy Reynolds, Carol Gordon, Winnie and Russ Johnson, Judith Sirkis, Paula Rudnick joined early part, Deb Barr, Jean Lavell

Secretary's Report: Deb moved and Ruth seconded the approval of the March 26, 2025 board minutes. Vote passed. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Current Operating Balance - \$2558.81 plus \$155 in the Karen Zorn Scholarship fund. There is an additional \$11,000.00 in CD's. Cindy stated we had

gained \$344 in the initial \$8000 CD. The \$11,000 CD is due August 9, 2025. The president, Nancy Ryan appointed Linda Wade as acting secretary. This authorizes signature rights at the bank.

Old Business: Nancy is still working on a possible change to the guild's annual sale to make it more dynamic. She has talked with Deb Kay and Laurie Fagen of FAC and with a resource center in Tempe, F.A.B.R.I.C. about greater space and possible cooperation with others. Nancy will keep us updated on suggestions for the December sale. Cindy said she would meet with the brainstorming group that Nancy R is going to gather..

New Business: Linda will write up the results of the new board election in the newsletter.

A big thanks to those continuing to serve and those joining the board. And many thanks to those stepping down. We appreciate your service.

Committee Reports:

Programs – The May 14 meeting will be a potluck starting at 12:30. Please bring your favorite dish to share. The workshop that made bags will hopefully bring them for a show and tell. This is the last meeting until Fall.

Federation – The Federation was contacted by Intermountain Weavers Conference and they are trying to get representatives from each of the states that are in the conference which includes Arizona. Right now there are no representatives from Arizona and they would like 2 or 3 people to step up and represent AZ. This representation would mean attending zoom meetings and helping the conference. There is not a lot of work involved and it might be very good for all the guilds to have some representation in this group. If someone is interested, let Paula know and she will put you in touch with the conference. The Federation Fiber Festival at Camp Verde in April 2026 needs teachers for seminars and workshops. Paula will put requirements in the newsletter. Winnie said she was planning on offering to teach.

Paula did a hotel checkup in the Camp Verde area to find comfortable accommodations. She is also looking into restaurants to suggest. She said the event will again be at the Camp Verde Community Center and that they were offering more classroom space. She would like 2 people from each AZ guild to agree to pass out fliers to businesses to help promote the event for the general public as well as the participants. The Federation meets again in September. She encouraged everyone to check the Federation website to stay current with plans.

Historian – No report

Hospitality – Ready for May meeting

Library – No report

Publicity – No report

Membership – No report

Ways and Means – Winnie stated that the 8 harness table loom in storage has been sold.

Winnie also took the opportunity to announce that the Study Group will be taking inspiration from the book, Twill Thrills next year.

Website – No report

Workshops – Judith and Jean tallied the workshop votes. Jean provided an outline of possible workshops for next year. The workshop votes showed equal interest in Summer Winter, tapestry and pin weaving as well as Repp as a final option. Jean was asked to post workshop information in the newsletter. November will be Nancy Ryan teaching Kumihimo. There was a discussion about possible workshop locations at the Mesa Historical Society Museum, the Fire Station and Cindy mentioned Friendship Village. These locations will be explored.

Newsletter – items due by Sunday

Exhibitions – No report

Demonstrations – No report

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Gordon, Secretary



Nancy Crowley is the president of the Intermountain Weavers Conference (IWC). IWC covers the following states: Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado and Nevada. We strive to have two representatives from each of the member states but we have not had representation from Arizona for the last two years. We know Arizona has a lot of thriving guilds and are hoping we can get 2 people on the board that will manage the 2027 conference. They would start in June, right after the 2025 conference. Is anyone from our guilds interested in helping IWC and being the representative for Arizona? It's a great opportunity to meet other fiber people. If you have any questions, please read the attached nomination and check out the website at www.intermountainweavers.org or contact Nancy at president@intermountainweavers.org which at the last conference was a great way to get people to know about our guild and we got several new members from the event.

Beki Welsch is hoping she can find someone to carpool with her to IWC Conference.

WEAVERS STUDY GROUP

This past year the Weavers Study Group focused on making bags (with the intention of helping members feel comfortable sewing with handwoven fabrics.). See photos. And members, please bring sample bags to show at the meeting.

The final meeting of the year will be at Barb Nelson's home. The topic will be computer programs for weaving.

We've decided that next year we will focus on the book TWILL THRILLS. The guild library has a copy, as do a numbers of members. The book starts with basic explanations of twills and advances to more complex twills such as advancing twills and networked twills (with projects using different twills.) Members of the study group will explore twills starting at their level of understanding; share what they learn; and advance in their knowledge.

Winnie, Trudy and Becki's bags:

