

Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

October 2025

2025-2026 Executive Committee/ Chairs

Executive Committee:

President, Ruth Hallows

Vice President, Sandi Shoup

Treasurer, Linda Wade

Secretary, Carol Gordon

Past President, Nancy Ryan

Committee Chairs:

Demonstrations, Nancy Wanek

Exhibits and Shows, unfilled

Federation, Paula Rudnick

Historian, Russ Johnson

Hospitality, Judy Sirkis

Library, Karen Hartshorn/Barb Nelson

Membership, Deb Barr

Newsletter, Lavender Boyles

Programs, Nancy Ryan

Publicity, unfilled

Ways and Means, Winnie Johnson

Website, Sandi Shoup

Workshops, Jean Lavell

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October Guild Meeting

Wednesday, October 8 at 1 p.m. Arizona time.

Live meeting

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

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

PROGRAM:

Our very own Jean Doig will present and explain Croft (Celtic) and the crafts that were available during that time period. Jean will dress in period costume!

Will she dress Irish or Scottish? You will need to attend to see!!!

President's Message

Wayi 'neet, well met, fiber art friends,

I am writing to you from Juneau, Alaska where I spur of the moment accepted an opportunity to study with my weaving and career mentor Wooshkindeinda.aat Lily Hope and her phenomenal sister Kadusne Ursula Hudson. Over a week-long workshop series, we will focus on Transforming Art Careers with long-term creative visions, sustaining both physical and spiritual health as an artist, and presenting artistic practice through public speaking and social media. I am excited to gather skills that will support me curating a cohesive body of work.

Whether you are building a career through your fiber arts, or you engage in them for your own enrichment,

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we can all increase our skills and well-being by being mindful in our creative practice. I am excited to use and share the skills I gather with you. I am also excited that I've dedicated airport and airplane time to finishing work. I will have a collection of small weavings for show and tell you about on October 8!

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Ruth Hallows

PS come hang out with and the Handweavers Guild of America at 10 AM on October 14 to learn about these Convergence workshops ([link](#)):

Kira Dulaney: Visible Mending with Speedweave Looms and Embroidery Phyllis Carlyle: Better Smart Phone Photography for Fiber Artists Ruth Hallows (that's me!): Chilkat Warp Wrapping Mary Zicafoose: Ikat Shifting: Eight Techniques Melissa Weaver Dunning: L'Amour de Maman; Acadian Weaving. Also, at 1PM on October 16 for a sneak peak of the Convergence session I will share about Ravenstail and Chilkat Weaving: Fiber Arts of Northwest Coastal People.



Website Changes—from Judy Sirkis

- ◊ There's now a drop-down menu under Resources with links to guilds, stores, museums, and organizations. The list is just starting so let me know if you have any additions.
- ◊ There's now an Exhibitions tab and I'm looking for pics of up and coming, current and past exhibits. Please send me ideas. I would eventually like to see this in calendar mode for quick references.
- ◊ Let me know any ideas of things you'd like to see.



Tip of the month!

By Deb Barr



Instead of tying the warp chain at the cross and throughout the length of the warp, I have switched to using potato chip clips. It is quick and keeps my warp threads from tangling.



Arizona Fiber Festival, April 10-12, 2026, Camp Verde, AZ



www.azfed.org

Sponsored by Arizona Federation of Weavers & Spinners Guilds

Workshops will be posted and registration opens on October 1. Register early.

Telaraña has joined **Fiber Arts Center AZ** as an affiliate guild member. This affords our guild certain benefits including: our logo on their website, invitations to participate in member events, mentions of our guild in news releases and social media. Our guild is provided an online art exhibition every two years. Our members receive a reduced rate for individual membership.

FACAZ has these workshops coming up:

- ◊ Layered Fabric Assemblage with Vicki Assegued, October 25
- ◊ Beginning Yarn Couching with Shelley Koss, November 8 & 9
- ◊ Surface Design with Fabrics, Mimi Dumrauer, December 13
- ◊ Intermediate Yarn Couching with Shelley Koss, January 10 & 11, 2026

See more on their website www.fiberartscenteraz.org

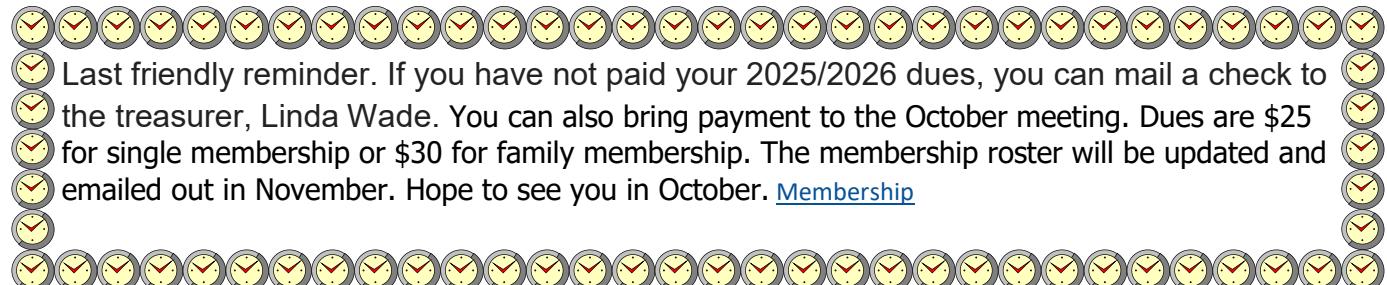


June 11-14, 2026

Complex Weavers— Westminster, Colorado

<https://www.complex-weavers.org/seminar/seminars-2026/>

The schedule for Complex Weavers Seminars is up and registration opens at noon on October 1. Early-bird pricing ends October 19.



Last friendly reminder. If you have not paid your 2025/2026 dues, you can mail a check to the treasurer, Linda Wade. You can also bring payment to the October meeting. Dues are \$25 for single membership or \$30 for family membership. The membership roster will be updated and emailed out in November. Hope to see you in October. [Membership](#)

New Study Group Opportunity:

Focusing on the Jane Stafford online classes

There has been some discussion about starting a new study group that should be of interest to all from beginning weavers to experienced. I'm always excited to learn a new weaving tip and no matter how long I have been weaving there are always more things to learn. The Study Group could go over one or two lessons per month. What a great way to support each other! Jane Stafford has created an online weaving program called the School of Weaving. The lessons are available on most all devices. She currently has 8 years recorded with 10 lessons per year. All 8 years will be available to you with your 1 year subscription.

Check out: <https://janestaffordtextiles.com/>



There will be an interest sign-up sheet at our October guild meeting.

If you are interested and have any questions text Lee Killpack at 480-459-0606 and she will call or text you back.

Season 1- Foundation, goes over all the fundamentals of weaving. Warping, dressing the loom, weaving technique, project planning, understanding sett as well as different types of looms and yarns along with how to weave with difficult yarns like mohair, fulling, and finishing. Join now with your free 7-day trial and start watching! The School of Weaving is an all-inclusive subscription USD \$9.99 a month or USD \$99.99 a year after the 7-day FREE trial.

NAVAJO WEAVING STUDY GROUP

Every 2nd Saturday the Navajo Weaving Study group meets at Mesa Community College, Dobson Campus —9 a.m.—12 Noon in SC30, near the Campus Police Station. Everyone interested in Navajo Weaving welcome to attend. It's a good time to make some progress on current projects or see what others are working on.

Next meet up: October 11.

A 6-week non-credited course is offered occasionally and the next one will be Spring 2026. Details will be posted here in Newsletter.



FUTURE TENSE 2025 August 19, 2025 – November 21, 2025

Joseph Gross Gallery at University of AZ, 1031 N Olive Rd, Tucson, AZ 8572

<https://arts.arizona.edu/events/future-tense/>

“The national juried exhibition, on view Aug. 19 to Nov. 21 at the School of Art’s Joseph Gross Gallery, offers a glimpse into the future of contemporary fibers by presenting the very best work being made by students in the field today. The show, a collaboration with the [Surface Design Association](#), is juried by **Ann Morton** of The Violet Protest. A reception and talk with Morton will be held **Thursday, Sept. 25, from 4 to 7 p.m.**

Telarana Board Meeting September 24, 2025



Attendees: Ruth Hallows, Linda Wade, Carol Gordon, Sandi Shoup, Lavender Boyles, Barbara Nelson, Paula Rudnick

Meeting called to order via zoom at 5 PM

Secretary's Report: Carol had received some last minute corrections from Linda Wade to the August 27 minutes plus some new chair members had not been sent the August minutes so the minutes were read.

Corrections made were to change a discussion about donations to: "The board approved a philanthropy donations to Adopt an Elder in the amount of \$200. This is not a permanent line item for the budget, but will be reviewed annually for possible future donations. Also approved was a guild membership to Fiber Arts Center of AZ. Carol will contact them and find out the amount and benefits." *Carol did contact the FAC and the stated guild fee of \$100 and benefits information was forwarded to Linda. Linda W moved and Ruth seconded that the August 27, 2025 minutes be approved with corrections. Vote passed.

Please note that only 3 Board members and 4 committee chairs were present so meeting was without a quorum.

Treasurer's Report: Linda presented the budget. Linda pointed out a few income additions as she added to income our CD interest. Ruth and Linda noted \$10 increases for both room rental and storage room rental at the church. New contact with church has been signed.

Old Business: Budget for the new year is in order.

Board has not heard anything new on plans for the annual December Sale. Board members will inquire about viability of December sale and possible alternative options.

New Business: Ruth stated that we need to fill committee chairs. Publicity was never filled. This would be help with advertising of events, shows and sales. Demonstrations needs a new chair. This would be to advise the guild on demonstration opportunities and encourage participation. We would like to see a new co chair for workshops who could work with Jean Lavell in arranging workshop opportunities. The guild is as strong as the membership participation. Please volunteer if you can to fill these open committee slots. Instruction and help will be provided.

There was a discussion about honorarium pay to program presenters. It was agreed that all guild member presenters be offered \$100. They can donate back to the guild if they would like. Linda stated that she can send a check through Bill Pay after presentations.

Committee Reports:

Programs: Sandi Shoup gave the list of programs at our general meetings that are planned to date.

October 8 – Jean Doig will present a program on "Croft". Textiles and items associated with Celtic traditions

November 12 – Nancy Munier will present pin weaving

December is a social event

January 14 – Yvonne Campanella of Basket Artisans of AZ will present wicker basketry. She may have a surprise for us!

February 11 – silent auction

March 11 – Gail Shannon will teach on color and design. She is well known in the valley of the Sun for her classes on color

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and design, quilting, collage, upscale clothes and other fiber arts!

April 15 – mini workshops

Federation: Paula reminded all to keep checking the Federation website about workshops and symposiums offered at the April 10-12, 2026 Fiber Arts Festival in Camp Verde. She warned that when registration opens to the guilds, registration happens quickly. If we stay alert and keep checking, it will be the best outcome for registering for your preferred classes. AZFed.org

Historian: absent

Hospitality: Judy should be ready for the October meeting

Library: Barbara Nelson has met with Karen and looked at the library and storage. Linda offered Barbara a key she may have so Barbara has easier access. She is looking at and evaluating materials. Books and materials can still be donated to the guild. If the library does not need them, they can be offered in the Ways and Means monthly raffle.

Publicity: chair needed

Membership: Deb was not in attendance. She had spoken to Ruth. Linda Wade stated that current paid membership is 38 individuals and 4 family

Ways and Means: absent

Website: Sandi is also covering the website slot. She has some new ideas to add resources and drop down information on our website. Websites for museums, Fiber Arts center of AZ, store, HGA, Complex- weavers.org, etc. would be readily available. There are also thoughts to add a calendar for handy reference to exhibitions, events, and art opportunities. Sounds fabulous! Keep an eye out.

Workshops: absent

Newsletter: Lavender requested newsletter items get to her by Sunday.

Exhibitions: Carol stated that there has been no update on a possible airport small exhibition in one of Sky Harbors many galleries. Other members of the exhibition committee have not been in touch.

Carol will check with other committee members to continue the search for show venues. Carol also offered to look into artist group opportunities at the Mesa Contemporary Museum. Sharie had forwarded a notice. Committee will contact FAC about their guild membership perk of an on line show.

Demonstrations: chair needed

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Gordon, Secretary