

Telaraña Tidings



Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

November 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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November Guild Meeting

Wednesday, November 12 at 1 p.m. Arizona time.

Live meeting

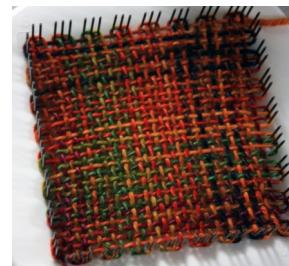
Doors will open at 12 noon for socializing; the meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Arizona time.

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

PROGRAM:

November - Pin Loom Weaving Demo by Nancy Munier.

Nancy will be demonstrating several types of pin looms. There will be about 15 different sizes and types of looms. She will also be showing how different yarns work for pin weaving. I do hope that if you have a pin loom of any type at home, you will bring it to the meeting. As shown in the photo, they come in many different shapes and sizes.



President's Message

Happy November, fiber art friends,

I have missed your faces these last two months. My impromptu trip to Juneau was unexpectedly prolonged when I slipped and broke my ankle. The excitement continued when my extended stay allowed me to continue talks with the curator of Aan Hít (Village House) Gallery and establish representation. The award winning triptyc Sm Nut'oyaxsa'nm, We Are Truly Bound to Each Other, resides at the gallery along with the face bag I shared at our September meeting.

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I love knowing my work shares the stories of Tsimshian people returning to our ceremonial weaving with the stories of our Tlingit and Haida neighbors who carried on the work when we could not.

I look forward to sharing a few small finished pieces with you at our November meeting and witnessing your projects.

Ndm algyik needsism, until I see you again,

Ruth Hallows, President



Please be sure to bring a
refillable drink container to
the meeting.

Tip of the month!

By Lavender Boyles

I use wooden expandable wooden wineracks to temporarily hold the skeins of yarn being used during weaving projects. I've found several at thrift stores for cheap!



Upcoming Programs

Sandi Shoup

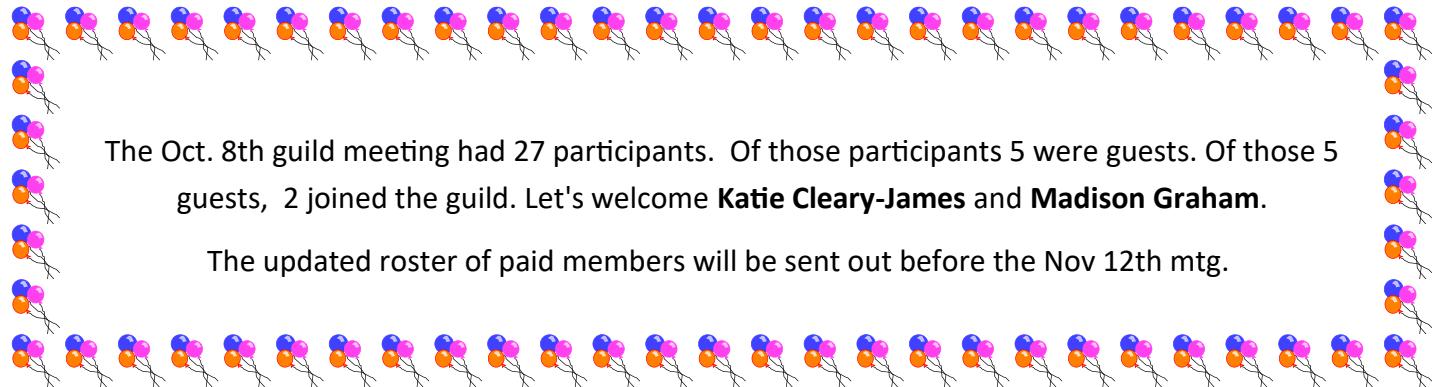
DECEMBER - Social

JANUARY – Yvonne Campanella with Basket Artisans of Arizona will present wicker basketry. I think she may have a little surprise for us!

FEBRUARY - Auction

MARCH - Gail Shannon will teach color and design. She is well known in the Valley of the Sun for her classes on color and design, quilting, collage, upscaling clothes and many other fiber arts!

APRIL – Mini-workshops - Looking for anyone who would like to teach that day. Please let me know if you are available.



The Oct. 8th guild meeting had 27 participants. Of those participants 5 were guests. Of those 5 guests, 2 joined the guild. Let's welcome **Katie Cleary-James** and **Madison Graham**.

The updated roster of paid members will be sent out before the Nov 12th mtg.

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



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Click on Arizona Fiber Arts Festival, Workshops. Or click logo graphic.

Registration opens to AZ Federation Guild members **November 15, 2025**.

Registration opens to the public on **November 30, 2025**.

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:

- ◊ 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



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: November 8.

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



Jean Doig demonstrated at the October meeting dressed in authentic clothing!



Weavers' Study Group

Winnie Johnson

Last year Weavers' Study Group focused on using handwoven fabric to sew bags. As a logical extension of focus, this year we will look at sewing wearables from our handwovens.

At our first meeting in October, we had a lovely display of garments made by some of our members. A big thank you to all of our members (especially Beki and Helene) who shared wearables they had made and what they learned in doing so. I think we all left the meeting inspired and thinking: "What do I want to try making?" and "Do I have fabric I can use or what can I weave?"

In thinking about fabrics, besides the obvious choice of color(s), there are considerations of drape, sett, weave pattern and fiber content. The latter 3 affect the drape. At our meeting, we saw fabrics made of silk, 20/2 cotton, slub cotton, 10/2 cotton, Tencel linen (less drape) and blends. For weave structure, we saw plain weave (for lighter weight fabrics), huck, basket weave and twills.

Some samples were made from commercial patterns. Others were made by draping fabric on dress forms. Beki recommends the book *Shape Shape* by Natsuno Hiraiwa.

After the meeting, I went online and found a blouse pattern I liked. I now know how much fabric I need to weave – not by looking at the pattern recommendations, but by looking at the pattern pieces themselves. I know that I need to weave yardage 36 inches wide because my largest pattern piece is 32 inches wide (allowing for shrinkage. I need to weave 2 yards because my pieces will lay out like – figure A.

Because of the holidays, our next meeting will be the third Monday in January. I hope everyone will have made some decisions about what they want to make and will come with ideas, questions, samples or even a finished product.

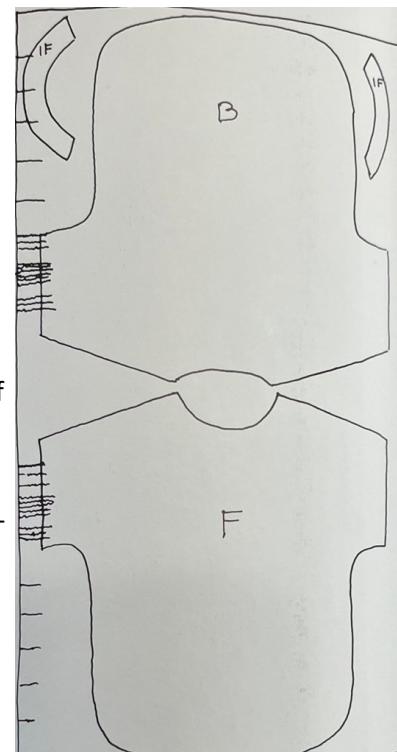


Figure A



Jane Stafford Study Group

We have now had our first Jane Stafford Study Group. It was wonderful with all of us learning a lot of new and exciting techniques. Future classes will be meeting on each 3rd Wednesday at 1:00pm. Our coming meeting will be held on November 19. We hope to see you there!

Please refer to last month's newsletter for further explanation of this new study group. For continued participation you will need to invest in Jane's year long Weaving School at the cost of \$99.00. We hope you will have watched her online video each month for that month's discussion. We will be discussing and applying Year 1 - lesson 2 in November. Feel free to come to see if this study group is for you even if you haven't yet joined her school. If any questions, please text me and I will get back to you. 480-459-0606
Study Group meets at: Lee Killpack's

Telarana Board Meeting October 29, 2025



Attendees: Ruth Hallows, Linda Wade, Carol Gordon, Sandi Shoup, Lavender Boyles, Deb Barr, Karen Hartshorn, Barbara Nelson, Paula Ruddick, Russ and Winnie Johnson, Judith Sirkis

Secretary's Report: Carol asked if everyone read the September 24, 2025 minutes and were there any corrections. Linda moved and Deb seconded to approve the September 24 minutes.

*During the change of authorized signers on our bank account, it was discovered that previous officer, Cindy Reynolds should be removed. These minutes are to reflect the only current authorized signers on the Telarana account should be Ruth Hallows, president and Linda Wade, treasurer.

Treasurer's Report: As approved, the Affiliated Guild Membership to Fiber Arts Center Arizona has been paid. Carol Gordon will be our guild liaison and our logo has been forwarded to use on their website. Also, A \$200 donation was made to the Adopt-a-Native Elder Yarn Fund. Current bank balance is \$4,962.85 which includes \$155 in the Karen Zorn Memorial Scholarship Fund. In addition, we have an \$8000 CD.

Old Business: Carol Gordon is looking into the FAC guild membership benefits

New Business: Deb had asked for some clarity on her job duties. Linda and Deb reviewed the Guild's Constitution and By Laws and agreed on some changes to reflect today's job description of the membership chair. Linda will send file with all jobs and their duties to board members to review and make suggestions to update. Nancy Wanek has offered to review the Constitution and By Laws to see if they need to be updated. If so, changes would be voted on by general membership at the April meeting.

Nancy researched and proposed our last major update in 2012. Board job position could be held for longer than 2 years was a Constitutional update in 2022.

Winnie stated that the Jane Stafford study group met at Lee's house. The group will follow the on line projects. Yearly fee of \$100 allows members to access current and past Stafford projects. What a deal!

Committee Reports:

Programs: Sandi Shoup will write programs planned in the newsletter—November 12 meeting is Nancy Munier presenting pin weaving.

Federation: Paula reminded us that the Federation's Fiber Arts Festival in Camp Verde April 10-12, 2026 registration of workshops and symposiums for guild members will begin this Saturday, November 1. Paula will check any updates and Festival information and write it up for the newsletter.

Historian: Russ has pictures from the October 8 meeting and will send them to Sandi to be shown on our website.

Hospitality: Thank you Judith. She stated she is ready for Nov 12 general meeting.

Library: Karen Hartshorn stated that she is logging the new items coming into the library.

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Publicity: Chair person needed.

Membership: Deb is working on the new guild roster which will be current members with dues paid. Current guild membership is 46 individuals and 6 family memberships.

Ways and Means: Winnie has, but would like any equipment and yarn for raffles and the February auction.

Website: Sandi Shoup would like to add a calendar to the guild website that would show guild activities as well as any other fiber arts events that may be of interest.

Workshops: absent

Newsletter: Lavender requested articles and minutes by Sunday. She will be sure program information will be included.

Exhibitions: Chair person needed. Carol stated that she has not pursued the airport possible show at one of their many locations at Sky Harbor because guild members need to be aware of theme and items prepared. The guild's new membership with the Fiber Arts Center of AZ includes the possibility of a virtual show that would be on line with their web page for as long as a year. Carol would like to hear any suggestions for a show theme.

Demonstrations: Chair person needed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Gordon, Secretary