



# Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

April 2026

[Telaraña.org](http://Telaraña.org)

## 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, unfilled  
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

## April Guild Meeting

**Wednesday, April 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:

Mini Workshops for April! Come and see some demonstrations and learn some new techniques.

There will be no show and tell this meeting.



## President's Message

Welcome spring and all the sunshine that comes with it!

My April will be filled with many fiber arts experiences. I truly look forward to escaping the heat at the Arizona Fiber Arts Festival in Camp Verde, to learning at our mini-workshop meeting, and to witnessing Fiber Arts Center AZ first in-person exhibition!

I hope to learn some small skills during the guild's mini-workshops on April 8, that I can bring with me to the Festival in Camp Verde. In my experience, busy hands make for an active and engaged brain.

I hope April brings all the connection and knowledge our fiber loving hearts desire,

Ksm Lx'sgan,

*Ruth Hallows*

**Goodie Bag Work Day**—Thanks to everyone who participated. It was a fun and productive day.



Thanks to the Telarana volunteers that helped fill goody bags for Arizona Fiber Fest. The adage about many hands making light work is true! We made 200 sets of key rings with attached fiber info as the Telarana contribution. Winnie provided a delicious soup for lunch. A productive day!

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## Tip of the day!



Some members requested this information for the newsletter.

Those looking for someone local to sharpen their scissors or knives:

Razor Sharp AZ (works out of his home)

Jesse

3057 N 30th Place, Mesa, AZ

602-688-9170

### **Membership Report**

Membership report - 38 attended the March guild meeting, 5 of which were guests. As a reminder, the guild year is from May 31st to the following May 30th. Registration forms only need to be completed if you are a new member or if current members' demographics have changed. Registration forms are on our website under Membership. Dues can be paid at the meeting with cash, check, credit card, or via Zelle- Linda Wade is the treasurer.

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## 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: April 11



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## Jane Stafford Study Group

Note: We will be reviewing 2 episodes this month! Jane's Season 1:

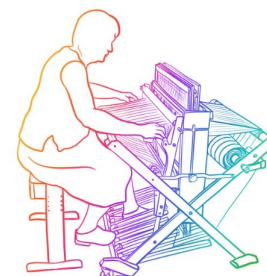
Episode 9—Making a Mohair Blankie

Episode 10—Finishing up our first year with FINISHING

Meeting: Wednesday, April 15 at 1 p.m.

Where: Lee Killpack's house

Please call or text if you have questions -



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## Accepting Internship Applications Deadline: April 1, 2026

The Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. (HGA) will present Convergence<sup>®</sup>, a biennial international fiber arts conference, **August 12 - 16, 2026**, in New Orleans. This conference is an opportunity for students enrolled in accredited Fiber Arts programs to be immersed in the inspiration of Convergence<sup>®</sup>. <https://weavespindye.org/ssd/>

### Convergence<sup>®</sup> Internships

Funded by donations to HGA, Convergence<sup>®</sup> Interns will assist Leaders in their classrooms, assist with exhibit set-up and tear-down, work behind the scenes on the Fashion Show, and perform various conference duties as needed by the HGA Staff. In return, students will receive a complimentary Convergence<sup>®</sup> Value Package (CVP), be able to attend special events, and have the opportunity to take sessions for free\*. HGA covers all travel and lodging expenses. (\*Free sessions are based on availability, and interns are responsible for any session material fees or supplies.)

### Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in an accredited fiber arts program at a university or college
- Ability to fulfill the requirements of a class (workshop, seminars) assistant
- Attend the Convergence<sup>®</sup> Training Class in New Orleans prior to the start of the conference

[Apply Now](#)

# Weavers Study Group

Winnie Johnson

Weavers study group will not meet in April or May. We've seen progress towards our goal of handwoven garments, but because some members will not be here this spring, we decided to give ourselves until the October general meeting to complete our handwoven garment and present our "fashion show."



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## Equipment Available for Members to Borrow

The guild has the equipment listed below available for members to borrow. Pick it up at a meeting or contact **Lee Kilpack** to arrange a time to pick it up at the church where our meetings are held.

- ◆ 20" Schacht 4 shaft loom with 12 dent reed
- ◆ 14" 2 shaft Lily loom with 12 dent reed
- ◆ Homemade inkle loom
- ◆ 8" x 12" frame loom
- ◆ Warping board
- ◆ 36" Beka rigid heddle loom with 12 dent reed
- ◆ 24" Bela rigid heddle loom with 10 (?) dent reed and stand

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## ELECTION

It's time to vote for 2026-2027 Guild Officers. Here is our slate of nominees:

**President – Ruth Hallows**

**Vice President – no nominee ??**

**Secretary – Carol Gordon**

**Treasurer – Linda Wade**

Write-in candidates are allowed, with permission of the nominee.

Click this online voting link – [VOTE HERE](#) You do not need a google account or sign-in. If you have any difficulties with the link, contact Linda Wade.

Online voting will close prior to the start of our general meeting on April 8, 2026. Alternatively, you can send a snail mail vote to Ruth Hallows. If mailed, the ballot must be received by her no later than April 8, 2026.



## Telarana Board Minutes March 25, 2026



Meeting called to order at 5:02 PM.

**Attendees:** Ruth Hallows, Linda Wade, Carol Gordon, Russ and Winnie Johnson, Karen Hartshorn, Lavender Boyles

**Secretary's Report:** Members review corrected minutes emailed to them for approval

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda reported total income to date - \$4,284.00 and expenses - \$3,759.15

**Old Business:** 1) Nominating Committee lead by Linda Wade plans to have online voting available after March newsletter is published. All voting is online and members are encouraged to vote early. Linda will also have her laptop with her for the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for anyone who has not voted. This will be the final opportunity before the meeting starts.

2) Winnie is ordering generic tags for guild officers so members can be identified at meetings. Tags will be worn with name tags.

**New Business:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Programs** – April 8 meeting will be Mini Workshops: Inkle weaving – Cindy Reynolds, Warp wrapping – Ruth Hallows, Ribbon baskets – Lee Killpack, Embroidery hoops – Winnie Johnson and Lucette – Jean Doig

**Federation** – Paula sent a message encouraging everyone to attend the April 10-12 Camp Verde Fiber Arts Festival. Winnie is calling for volunteers to help pack the goodies bags for festival. Goodie bag packing will take place at the #201 Fire Station 360 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St, Mesa on Saturday, March 28 from 9-3.

**Historian** – No report. Need new chair person

**Hospitality** – Ready for April meeting

**Library** – Karen reported that the Cross Country Workbook has been sent off. A new book has been purchased for the library – Krokbragd Contemporary Weaving with Color by Angie Parker.

**Publicity** – New new chair person

**Membership** – No new members

**Ways and Means** – No report

**Website** – Sandi Shoup will update the guild website through March. We will miss you Sandi. Linda Wade will maintain the website until Sarah starts in September.

**Workshops** – Need new chair person

**Newsletter** – Lavender would like items due for newsletter by Sunday

**Exhibitions** – Guild will apply for a show at the Scottsdale Public Library Galley. The committee would like to hear any themes suggested.

The Fiber Arts Center AZ presents Ruins, Relics and Rituals which opens May 1 at Olney Galley.

**Demonstrations** – Ruth reported that the demonstrations at the S'edav Va'aki Museum on March 14 went well. Thanks to all who participated.

Meeting adjourned 5:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carol Gordon*, Secretary