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Newsletter of the Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild

JANUARY GUILD MEETING

Wednesday, March 11 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, AZ 85206 (Southern/Broadway)

PROGRAM

Gail Shannon will present Color, Design and Composition to Create Dynamic Quilts.

Oh, what fun to review this essential topic with quilts, fiber arts and mixed mediums! What works? What does not? Can you fine tune your color sense with education and practice? How do you use design to create excitement, flow, motion? The composition of your piece can show dynamics with your versatility as an art piece.

Gail will review all of these components with demonstration and her quilts, also give you ideas with other medium, challenging you to ponder your thoughts, and encourage you to be more 'daring' with your work.

Come and have some fun. Plenty of time for questions and answers, too!

2025-2026

Executive

Committee/Chairs

Executive Committee:

President: Ruth Hallows

Vice President: Sandi Shoup

Treasurer: Linda Wade

Secretary: Carol Gordon

Pat President: Nancy Ryan

Committee Chairs:

Demonstrations:

Exhibits and Shows:

Federation: Paula Rudnick

Historian: Russ Johnson

Hospitality: Judy Sirkis

Library: Karen Hartshorn/
Barb Nelson

Membership: Deb Barr

Newsletter: Lavender Boyles

Programs:

Publicity:

Ways and Means: Winnie
Johnson

Website: Sandi Shoup

Workshops: Jean Lavell

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aksyaagwa gooym, it's the beginning of Spring!

I look forward to living outside the next few weekends. I hope to see you at Heard Museum's 68th Annual Indian Fair & Market on March 7 and 8, or at S'edav Va'aki Museum's 24th Annual Ancient Technology Day on March 14.

Perhaps the most exciting part of spring will be having a week off from university classes, so I'll have plenty of time to weave new things for Show and Tell at our meeting on March 11.

Keep weaving! and spinning! and sewing! and making all the beautiful things!

Ksm Lx'sgān, Ruth Hallows

April Program

Sandi Shoup

Mini Workshops - we are still looking for volunteers who would like to teach that day. Please contact me if interested!

Membership report - Deb Barr

A total of 36 people attended the 2-11-26 guild meeting. 2 of which were guests.

TAX TIP: Remember that Telarana is a 501(C)(3) charity and as such, your membership dues may be deductible on your taxes.

Election News:

The membership will vote on officers for our 2026-2027 guild year in April. While we have a number of chair positions, some of which are unfilled, only the Executive Committee requires election: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.

Our present slate of nominees:

President – Ruth Hallows Vice President – needed

Secretary – Carol Gordon Treasurer – Linda Wade

Please contact the nominating committee if you would like to serve in a position on the board and have not yet been contacted. (Linda Wade, Lee Killpack, or Betz Frederick)

Fiber Fest will be taking place April 10-12 at the community center in Camp Verde. It is a fun event for fiber lovers. Check out their website. Come to

- visit the vendors
- get inspired
- see what other guilds are doing
- visit the town and surrounding area
- volunteer to help out with the festival itself (registration table, etc.).
- Sign up on the website to volunteer in Telaraña's booth to answer questions, demo or show off handwovens. Call Lee Killpack

Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N Central Avenue, Phoenix "Flowers of the Punjab" on exhibit through September 6, 2026.

In rural Punjab, women have long participated in and stewarded the textile tradition of phulkari-making, which begins shortly after a girl's birth and extends through her lifetime until she is married. The term phulkari refers to the stylized floral motifs present in most of these ornate textiles as well as the textiles themselves. Traditionally crafted cooperatively by women within families and villages, phulkari served various purposes, functioning as blankets, shawls, and decorative wall hangings. Experience stunning examples of phulkaris in *Flowers of the Punjab: Textiles of India*, drawn from the Khanuja Family Collection.

<https://phxart.org/exhibition/flowers-of-the-punjab/>



June 11-14, 2026

Westminster, Colorado

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

The schedule for Complex Weavers Seminars is online and registration is open.



Federation Goodie Bags

Lee and Winnie are in charge of "goodie bags" for Arizona Federation Fiber Arts Festival.

Our guild is providing info cards attached to a key fob. We will need help making the key fobs, assembling these and stuffing the goodie bags. We have reserved the community room at the fire station at 360 East 1 st St, Mesa, on Saturday, March 28 th. We have the room from 9:00 till 4:00. We could use your help any time after 9:30. Lunch and treats will be provided. Even an hour of help will be appreciated.

Weavers Study Group

Submitted by Winnie Johnson

We have seen progress in some members' efforts to design fabric and choose a pattern for a garment made from handwoven fabric. We've particularly learned from Beki's sampling, We have assured her that what she saw as a problem, we did not. Deb showed photos of the dining chairs she successfully upholstered with the fabric we discouraged her from using for a jacket. We have all learned from sharing.

Next meeting at Winnie's house on March 16 th at 1:00.

Jane Stafford Study Group

Episode #8 All About Yarn

February 18 at 1p.m.

Call Lee Killpack

FEBRUARY'S AUCTION AND SILENT AUCTION

Submitted by Winnie Johnson

Thanks to all of you who helped make our Silent Auction and Auction such a success! A special thank you to Nancy Ryan for donating 2 looms, a spinning wheel and the Navajo weaver miniatures.

The silent auction brought in \$574. The live auction brought in \$1720. What a fun way to exchange fiber and supplies. Everyone left with a smile and the guild benefited.



TELARANA BOARD MINUTES FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Attendees: Ruth Hallows, Linda Wade, Carol Gordon, Russ and Winnie Johnson, Deb Barr, Barbara Nelson, Judith Sirkis, Lavender Boyle, Paula Ruddick

Secretary's Report: Members reviewed corrected January 28 minutes emailed to them for approval. Linda moved to approve, Winnie seconded. Minutes from January 28, 2026 approved.

Treasurer's Report: Linda sent current treasurer's report for review by board. No questions or inquiries were made. Russ moved and Deb seconded approval of February 24, 2026 report. Current bank balance including \$155 of Karen Zorn Memorial Scholarship Funds is \$5,5041.35. CD \$8,000 as of 10/28/25.

Old Business: Sandi Shoup did order new Telarana business cards available at March meeting.

New Business: Linda gave information from nominating committee. Sandi Shoup, who worked on guild's website as well as chaired the program committee is resigning. We are sorry to lose a valued guild member. The guild is in need of persons to agree to fill the positions of Vice President, and committee chairs needed for programs, historian, hospitality, publicity, and demonstrations. Winnie and Lee would like additional members to help with the exhibition committee. It is believed that Sarah, a former member with website experience is moving back to Mesa area and will help with our website.

Committee Reports:

Programs – Gail Shannon will be presenting Color and Design at the March 11 meeting. The April meeting will be our mini workshops event.

New chair person needed starting in the September 2026.

Federation – Paula reminded everyone to register for the April 10-12 Arizona Fiber Festival in Camp Verde. Workshops are filling. One of the tours still available.

Historian – no report. New chair is needed starting in the September 2026.

Hospitality – Judith stated she is ready for March meeting. Judith is stepping down from committee chair,

but will gladly work with a new chair person. New chair person needed for new year.

Library – no report

Publicity – Chair person needed

Membership – no report

Ways and Means – Winnie stated that the February auction was a big success and took in \$2266.73. She will work with Linda to bank funds. Nancy Ryan's looms and spinning wheel accounted for large payments. Winnie and Lee provided an additional \$50 to the church for the extra time and as thanks.

Website – no report

Workshops – Chair person needed. Linda has workshops notebook.

Newsletter – Lavender requested all newsletter items be submitted by Saturday.

Exhibitions – Chair person needed. Winnie and Lee are helping. Lavender has a lead on a call to show at

the Scottsdale Civic Center Library galley. Carol will check library for any information.

Suggestions for the themes for future shows are needed.

Demonstrations – Telarana is hosting a demonstration booth at the S'EDAV VA'AKI (formerly Pueblo

Grande Museum) on Saturday, March 14. Email Nancy Wanek at phxwanek@gmail.com with any questions. Volunteers welcome. Ruth will also have a booth. Chair person needed for this committee.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Gordon, Secretary

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