

THE

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***From the President Desk
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Dear Guild Members,

Another guild year is almost to the end, and we have had a great time. I am looking forward to our handmade/homemade gift exchange in two weeks at the last meeting!

I hope you are all making plans for the summer. I am starting to dream about purses I could make. In the meantime, I have a cool 80's jean jacket from a friend who is having surgery this week to patch up. That will give me something that feels productive and helpful to do. I was emailing with Merlyn this week about our summer plans. They have some really cool ones: "I've had a quilting kit calling my name for months now that I'm eager to finally start on this summer, as well as a skein of sock yarn waiting for me to learn to knit. And there will undoubtedly be a few more dragons before the season ends, if my track record is anything to go by!"

Next year, I will be assisting with the Ways and Means Committee. I know the guild will be in excellent hands with our new board. I appreciate all of our board members who have worked hard and are serving again. It has been such a privilege to be president for two years now. I encourage all of you to experience serving on our board of directors at least once!

Happy Summer,

Caroline, President

MAY 4TH

The Program will be presentations from all of the Special Interest Groups on their creativity for the year. Come see what your colleagues have been exploring and learn what is available through the SIGs.

Also, if you have any ideas on speakers or topics for next year's programs please reach out. I am taking all ideas! Sue

MAY 4TH GIFT EXCHANGE

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Dear Guild Members,

We would like to invite you to a handmade gift exchange at our May meeting! At the end of the meeting, we will exchange gifts with a partner after drawing a number. The gift can be simple, and does not have to be entirely homemade. It can also be fiber-related or not!

We had so much fun last year — I am looking forward to this year!

If you have questions, please send them to adwsg.president@gmail.com.

Happy Crafting,

Caroline

Demonstrations

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There are no summer demonstrations planned.

We had a Great team at the Maricopa County Fair and the Phoenix Zoo this month. Thank you all who demonstrated and were incredibly sharing.



Demonstrations

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Thank you to all who came and shared at Shearing Day. We all learned how to skirt the fleece in the field fresh off the sheep. After all the fleeces were bagged, we moved on to learning and trying different tools to process the wool. We had hands on time with some clean wool, combing, picking and using an electric drum carder. Thank you to everyone who came to help, learn, and share. Christine was amazing explaining and teaching us so much.



LIBRARY

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Check out books, magazines or DVDs in May and you can keep them over the summer. Items that you have out now should be returned in May, or let me know that you still need it.

Here are this month's highlighted books.

Plantation Slave Weavers Remember: An Oral History by Mary Madison

The narratives of former slaves and the children of slaves in *Plantation Slave Weavers Remember* is an oral history of the weaving, spinning, dyeing and knitting activities of African Americans during enslavement. It offers a glimpse into day-to-day activities on plantations and farms committed to the growth and profitability of their operations through slave-based labor.

Custom Woven Interiors: Bringing Color and Design Home with Rep Weave by Kelly Marshall

This book contains rep weave projects like rugs, table runners, place mats, curtains, and dish towels. The photographs are beautiful, and the projects weave up quickly because they use thick and thick weft.

Natural Color: Vibrant Plant Dye Projects for Your Home and Wardrobe by Sasha Duerr

This guide covers the full range of plant dyes available from commonly found fruits, flowers, trees, and herbs. Whether you are new to dyeing or more practiced, Duerr's clear and simple ingredients lists, step-by-step instructions, and detailed breakouts on techniques such as shibori, dip-dye, and block printing will ensure beautiful results.

Uniquely Felt by Christine White

Bright, welcoming, and suitable for all skill levels, this comprehensive guide includes a complete primer on feltmaking techniques. Are you ready to try something different this summer?

WAYS & MEANS

Mary Tangen-Giger

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The upcoming May meeting promises to be an exciting one! In addition to the gift exchange and focus groups presentations we will hold one more raffle! So much fun!

Just as a side note, if there is something in particular you are looking for that is fiber related let us know. We may have it already in the Guild storage locker.

Also remember that we cannot accept donations that have been stored in mothballs. Moth balls are toxic to inhale and put our workers at risk.

Mary wants to thank Lauren and Sue for all the help this year. Lauren will be coordinating the Ways and Means next season with new helpers! It will be great.

Have a fiber filled fun summer!

Mary, Lauren, and Sue

Available for rental:

Loom- Baby Wolf 4H, 6T - 10, 12 dent reed

Warping Board

Spinning Wheels - Ashford Traditional single treadle, Louet S-10 single treadle

Fricke Drum Carder.

Rentals are available for Guild members. Fee is \$20 per month plus refundable deposit.

Best Regards,

Mary Tangen-Giger, Lauren Goldfish and Sue Garber

FEDERATION

Helene Hall

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First off THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who made the Inaugural AZ Fiber Festival such a success. Though the final numbers aren't in yet, the initial results are favorable. Camp Verde has invited us back! So many of you made this possible so thank you again!

Now off to our next endeavor: The traveling teacher initiative.

The Federation is in the initial stages of planning for an instructor to come to Arizona. We're looking at March-April 2025 timeframe. We have a list of 9 potential instructors. As we whittle down the list, your input will be most valuable. Please keep an eye out for opportunities to make your thoughts heard.

MEMBERSHIP

Trish Boone

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Welcome to our new members, Viola Allen, Christina Morris, Rachel Southwood and Carol Byrne. We are happy to welcome so many new members this year. This brings our registered members up to 97!

At the May meeting we will continue to accept early dues renewal for the June 1, 2024-May 31, 2025, year. We do this every year before we break for the summer. Your dues help pay ongoing Guild expenses and we will continue to take renewals over the summer.

There are 3 ways to renew: in person at meetings, by mail and online! Watch your emails for details for online renewal.

Trish Boone, Membership Co-chair

ANDEAN TEXTILE ARTS

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Some of you already know that I'm on the board of the Andean Textile Arts (andeantextilearts.org). We support indigenous weavers in the Andes. We started in Peru with the Center for Traditional Textiles in Cuzco (<https://www.textilescusco.org>) and are now connecting with weavers in Bolivia and Ecuador. This is our annual fundraiser and there are some amazing textiles on offer. You can also visit our website for info on our great tours.

Andean Textile Arts supports weavers in the Andes. My trip to Peru at the end of 2022 (and the one in 2010) were both done thru ATA. They're now going into Bolivia and Ecuador. Here's some information about their upcoming tours.

Travel Tours andeantextilearts.org



Feel free to contact me (vmatglenn@me.com or 530-545-9424) if you have any questions about ATA or the tours. Virginia Glenn



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Next Meeting:

MAY 4TH will be in person and on Zoom

At

Northtown Community Center

Meeting starts at 10 am

MOA Submission

Deadline

**The 15th of each month
September through May**

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INTEREST GROUPS

SPINNING/FIBER GROUP

Meets the third Wednesday of the month (all year long). FOR THE PRESENT TIME WE ARE MEETING ON ZOOM-(please be sure you are on the group email list so you get the email invite) We love to chat, learn what events are happening online, see what everyone is working on, and exchange ideas and get help with questions or problems we might be having with our projects. Our Zoom starts at 9:30---so join us and start chatting.

The group chair is **Paula Rudnick** - adwsg.fibergroup@gmail.com

WONDERFUL WEAVERS STUDY GROUP

Currently Meeting as a ZOOM Group - Meets the Third Sunday of each month, all year long. Currently we are meeting from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm as a Zoom Group. We discuss Hand Weaving structures, ideas, problems, and solutions and enjoy our show and tell.

Come and join our group. The group chair is **Ann Ormiston**
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THE DROP IN SPINNERS GROUP

The Drop In Spinners meet at the North Town Center 2202 E Waltann Ln, Phoenix on the 4th Thursday of each month from 10:00 to 2:00 pm. From the front door, proceed to the library in the far back left corner. Everyone is welcome to attend. Anyone with an interest in spinning may join in, even if you are currently working on something else. The group chair is Nancy Moore
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Join Us for Our Monthly Meetings:

10 am In Person

Northtown Community Center 2202 E.
Waltann Lane,

Phoenix, AZ

Doors Open at 9 am

Come Early and Mingle!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MAY 4, 2024

October 5, 2024
November 2, 2024
December 7, 2024
January 4, 2025
February 1, 2025
March 1, 2025
April 5, 2025
May 3, 2025

BRING YOUR OWN CUP

Thank you for bringing your reusable cups,
mugs, and utensils to the meetings.

Let us take care of Our Earth

April Presentation
by Mary Tagen-Giger
2023 Scholarship Recipient



April Guild Meeting



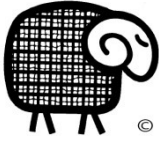
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