

# THE MOTHER OF ALL

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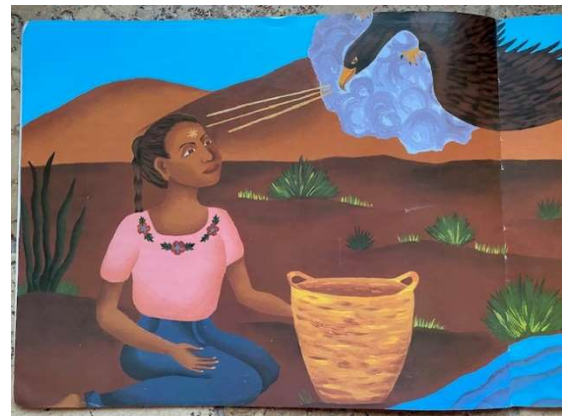
Dear ADWSG Members,

I am so glad that my son and I joined this guild back in 2018. He was seven years old at the time, and loved anything related to yarn. Now he is 12 years old and a crazy drummer. He pretends he doesn't have time for crafting with me anymore, but he made the most beautiful Eye-of-God yarn-wrapped ornaments at Christmastime. He also was just sitting on my lap looking at our guild's Facebook page and loving all of the information and sheep memes. Now he got up so I can actually write. He decided to add "ADWSG" to my personal dictionary on the computer, whatever that means, and it tried to change Dear ADWSG Members to Dear DAWGS Members. Well, just one more newsletter for me to write as President, and I am entertaining myself anyway. I will miss this, and I know the Guild is going to be in the best of hands next year.

I would like to share an adorable bilingual children's book with you that is about sheep shearing, spinning and weaving. But of course it is about so much more. It is called "Little Gold Star," and is a Southwestern Cinderella tale written by my favorite author and storyteller Joe Hayes. You can watch him tell the story on YouTube. I will include a few pictures of this gorgeous book here, and bring it along to our next guild meeting. The father of Arcia, the Cinderella-figure in the story, gave a sheep to her and to her two step-sisters. Arcia tells her father, "Papa, I want you to shear my sheep for me. I'll spin the wool and weave it into a blanket to keep you warm when you go to the mountains."



When Arcia took the wool down to the river to wash it, "a big hawk came swooping down from the sky and snatched it away from her. Arcia calls out to the bird, 'Senor Hawk, please give my wool back to me.'" With such a polite request, as Arcia looks up to the sky at the hawk, a little gold star comes down and fastens itself to her forehead.



Back at home the evil step-mother says, “Take that piece of tin off your forehead!” In Spanish my students and I laugh so hard—it is funny: “Quitate esa hojalata de la frente.” More or less it says the step-mother tried to scrape this piece of tin can off her forehead.



The step-sisters went off to shear their sheep and get their own little gold stars. They are mean to the hawk, however, and order him to wash their wool: “You evil bird! Bring my wool back to me.” And this is what one of them ends up with on her forehead:



In the end, Arcia-Cinderella ends up with her prince, of course. But there are other themes too, like Listen to cats and Watch out for step-mothers. The most important theme though is to Be kind to animals and especially hawks, and you may get your wool washed and even “spun and woven into fine cloth.”



Happy Spring!  
Caroline

*Caroline, President*

**APRIL 13TH**  
**Presented by**  
**Mary Tagen-Giger**  
**2023 Scholarship Recipient**

Supported Spindle Spinning- A Twisted Journey "  
Exploring what makes a good support spindle, what fibers spin well.

**Demonstrations**

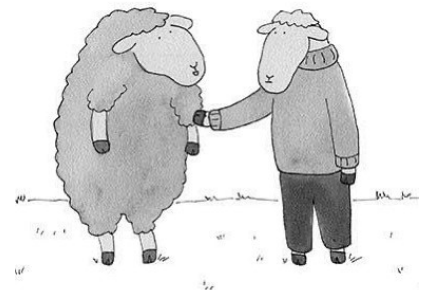
**Jody Dozer**

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Looking for demonstrators for the county fair for Friday April 12. If interested, please contact [jody@dozerlane.com](mailto:jody@dozerlane.com)

**Shearing Day -**

This year shearing day is Saturday April 20th starting at 9:30 am. We are planning on skirting the fleeces as they come off the sheep. After shearing is completed, we will continue to explore and play with wool. We will have some cards and combs available for anyone wanting to try. Bring your spindles, wheels, needles, hooks, and toys. Let's share and learn. Also, there will be a potluck to keep us energized. This is an outdoor and in the pasture activity. All are welcome and can participate. Stay an hour or most of the day but plan on having fun. Asking for RSVP to [jody@dozerlane.com](mailto:jody@dozerlane.com) if you plan to come. The RSVP is only so we can notify people if shearing gets canceled. All welcome with or without RSVP.



*"It's raw, unprocessed wool."*

## LIBRARY

Beki Welsch

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I had a good response about the books I highlighted last month so am doing it again. These are titles you may not have thought to look for in the Guild library but they are available. Find more in our online catalog <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/adwsg>. The catalog can be sorted by title, author, subject, etc.

***51 Yarns to Spin Before You Cast Off*** by Jacey Boggs Faulkner. A fun, detailed list of spinning adventures every spinner should embark on. Includes vital information, tips, tricks and trivia. This is a small book that will be easy to pack if you are travelling this summer!

***Color Exercises for the Weaver*** by Palmy Weigle. Through a series of carefully planned, simple exercises you will discover how each color works in combination with other colors.

***Hand Dyeing Yarn and Fleece: Dip-Dyeing, Hand-Painting, Tie-Dyeing and Other Creative Techniques*** by Gail Callahan. Learn simple techniques to turn plain, outdated, or leftover yarn into vibrant “new” fibers using your oven, crockpot, frying pan and other standard kitchen equipment.

***A Creative Guide to Knitted Lace*** by Jan Eaton. This book might be a helpful reference for those participating in the lace knitting workshop that Velvet will be giving.

We are almost at the end of the Guild year so I will be sending out notices to people who have items checked out of our library. Remember, books, magazines and DVDs checked out in May may be kept over the summer and returned in October.

## MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:adwsg.president@gmail.com).

Happy Crafting,

Caroline

## WAYS & MEANS

Mary Tangen-Giger

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Mary will be presenting the April program about support spindle spinning as a result of being awarded the educational grant last year. In the spirit of paying it forward she will be donating a support spindle from Mirkwood Arts for the raffle. This is a great opportunity to start with support spindling! And of course there will be lots of other surprises for the raffle.

New to the website is an Ashford 24 inch rigid heddle loom in great condition for \$125.00. It comes with a 7.5 dent heddle. This has a single heddle block but a double heddle block is available from Ashford dealers. Contact Ways and Means if you are interested.

Mary, Lauren, and Sue

Available for rental:

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

Warping Board

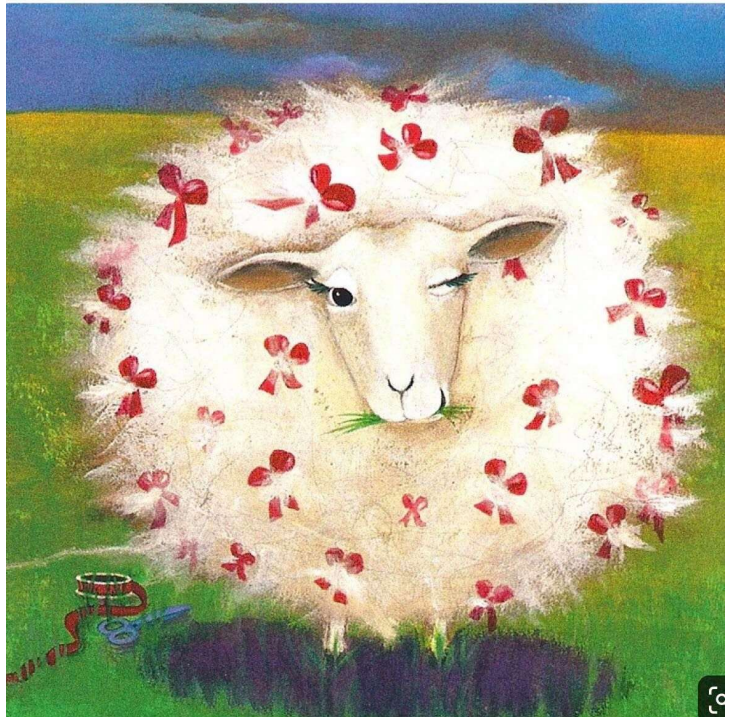
Spinning Wheels - Ashford Traditional single treadle, Louet S-10 single treadle

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



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**FIBER ARTISTS OF NORTHERN ARIZONA PROUDLY PRESENT:**

**From Then to Now - Marilou Schultz - Navajo Weaver**

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 13, 2024  
Doors open at 9:30 am Program starts at 10:00

**WHERE:** Federated Church, 400 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff

Join Fiber Artists of Northern Arizona as we welcome Marilou Schultz, master Navajo weaver, to Flagstaff. Marilou will present a special two-hour program on her weaving journey as it evolved toward a revisit of historical wedge weave in the 21st century.



Resurgence of Wedgeweaves and Tech Inspired Weavings, by Marilou Schultz

Coming from a family of more than five generations of Navajo Weavers, I am inspired by the old Navajo weaving techniques and influenced by my surroundings and technology that I have created unique weavings. Through experimentation I have created three-dimensional wedgeweaves with a theme. I also have woven computer chip weavings and technology inspired weavings using QR codes which are interactive and other tech inspired rugs. With these creations I still use the traditional weaving techniques, tools, and upright loom that our ancestors used.

## RUG HOOKING

Collyer Ekholm

Guild members who hook rugs will be meeting in the afternoon after the monthly meeting at the Northtown center. We plan to hook rugs, eat our lunch and talk. We would be happy to teach anyone interested in how to do rug hooking. It doesn't take long to learn-the shops on the east coast that sell rug hooking supplies claim that it can be done in 5 minutes!



## ANDEAN TEXTILE ARTS

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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](http://andeantextilearts.org)



Feel free to contact me ([vmatglenn@me.com](mailto: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:

**APRIL 13TH will be in person and on Zoom**

**At**

**Northtown Community Center**

Meeting starts at 10 am

### MOA Submission

**Deadline**

**The 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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** [adwsg.weavinggroup@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.weavinggroup@gmail.com)

### **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 [rayandnancy@comcast.net](mailto:rayandnancy@comcast.net)

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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

**April 13, 2024**

May 4, 2024

**BRING YOUR OWN CUP**

Thank you for bringing your reusable cups,  
mugs, and utensils to the meetings.  
Let us take care of Our Earth

## March Guild Meeting

A resident of Hamnavoe, Shetland Islands in Scotland, Anne Eunson decided to knit herself a beautiful lace fence using twine. The fence is fashioned from strong black twine - the same kind that is used to make fishing nets - and Anne knitted it on specially adapted curtain rods. It took her about three weeks to knit enough lace to surround her front garden, using a 23 stitch repeat of a familiar Shetland lace pattern.

Photo via Laine Glover, Social History



Just for fun !



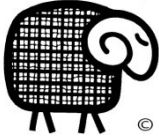
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**Did you know - Classified Ads are free to current ADWSG Members - Just send your ad to [adwsg.editor@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.editor@gmail.com) And it will be included in the next MOA**



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