

THE

# MOTHER OF ALL

Newsletter of the Arizona Desert Weavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.

December 2023

Volume 52, Issue 3

*From the President Desk*  
*Caroline Yeryomenko*

[adwsg.president@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.president@gmail.com)

Dear Guild Members,

Happy Holidays! I am looking forward to our Holiday auction and raffle on December 2! We are going to have so much fun and party like fiber artists—with lots and lots of wool! Be nice and early and don't forget to bring CASH.

Here is an excerpt from perhaps the most famous classical piece of literature where weaving has a major role. This is the Odyssey in which the beautiful Penelope has to push all of her scary suitors away by weaving. I challenge you to read it below. It comes from an epic poem attributed to Homer written in the 8th century BC. I feel so sorry for Penelope who cannot ever finish her weaving project and move onto something new. Still, she is able to stay free by staying up all night every night and unraveling her work from the day. Enjoy:

Antinous alone answered him, and said: [85] "Telemachus, thou braggart, unrestrained in daring, what a thing hast thou said, putting us to shame, and wouldest fain fasten reproach upon us! Nay, I tell thee, it is not the Achaean wooers who are anywise at fault, but thine own mother, for she is crafty above all women. For it is now the third year and the fourth will soon pass,<sup>1</sup> [90] since she has been deceiving the hearts of the Achaeans in their breasts. To all she offers hopes, and has promises for each man, sending them messages, but her mind is set on other things. And she devised in her heart this guileful thing also: she set up in her halls a great web, and fell to weaving— [95] fine of thread was the web and very wide; and straightway she spoke among us: "'Young men, my wooers, since goodly Odysseus is dead, be patient, though eager for my marriage, until I finish this robe—I would not that my spinning should come to naught—a shroud for the lord Laertes, against the time when [100] the fell fate of grievous<sup>2</sup> death shall strike him down; lest any of the Achaean women in the land should be wroth with me, if he, who had won great possessions, were to lie without a shroud.' "So she spoke, and our proud hearts consented. Then day by day she would weave at the great web, [105] but by night would unravel it, when she had let place torches by her. Thus for three years she by her craft kept the Achaeans from knowing, and beguiled them; but when the fourth year came as the seasons rolled on, even then one of her women who knew all told us, and we caught her unravelling the splendid web. [110] So she finished it against her will, perforce. Therefore to thee the wooers make answer thus, that thou mayest thyself know it in thine heart, and that all the Achaeans may know. Send away thy mother, and command her to wed whomsoever her father bids, and whoso is pleasing to her. [115] But if she shall continue long time to vex the sons of the Achaeans, mindful in her heart of this, that Athena has endowed her above other women with knowledge of fair handiwork and an understanding heart, and wiles, such as we have never yet heard that any even of the women of old knew, of those

***From the President Desk***

***Caroline Yeryomenko***

(continued)

[adwsg.president@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.president@gmail.com)

who long ago were fair-tressed Achaean women— [120] Tyro and Alcmene and Mycene of the fair crown—of whom not one was like Penelope in shrewd device; yet this at least she devised not aright. For so long shall men devour thy livelihood and thy possessions, even as long as she shall keep the counsel which [125] the gods now put in her heart. Great fame she brings on herself, but on thee regret for thy much substance. For us, we will go neither to our lands nor else whither, until she marries that one of the Achaeans whom she will.”

From:

<https://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus%3Atext%3A1999.01.0136%3Abook%3D2%3Acard%3D84>

Did you notice Penelope’s description of her weaving above?

“And she devised in her heart this guileful thing also: she set up in her halls a great web, and fell to weaving— [95] fine of thread was the web and very wide.”

Here is a lovely depiction of Penelope weaving from Peggy Osterkamp’s weaving blog. It feels like part of a shadow puppet show:

See you soon at the Holiday party. Bring your beautiful baskets and lots of cash!

Happy Weaving!  
Caroline

*Sincerely,*  
*Caroline, President*



# **DECEMBER 2ND**

## **RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION**

### **& REFRESHMENTS**



#### **WAYS & MEANS**

Mary Tangen-Giger

[adwsg.waysandmeans@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.waysandmeans@gmail.com)

We are looking forward to a fun filled December auction this year! Roxanne and Julie are planning a spectacular event so bring lots of cash! Tickets for the December event will be 1 ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. The regular raffle will resume at the January meeting.

- BRING CASH - Silent Auction and Raffle baskets! So many great things!
- Request for volunteers to set up at 8:30 am -if you can help please!
- Please bring lots of your favorite Holiday treats, savory and sweet, to share
  - Early Bird raffle ticket sales start at 9 am!
- Basket request! Bring your baskets for the raffle please no later than 9:30 am
  - Social hour 9:30 am - make a new friend!
  - Special guest presentation 10:30-10:45am
    - NO Zoom—in person only
    - Raffle tickets - 6 tickets for \$5
    - final ticket drops at 10:45.
- Raffle sale starts promptly at 11! (Silent auction closes and raffle begins)
- BRING CASH - you don't want to miss out on these wonderful baskets and auction items!

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

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Trish Boone**

[adwsg.membership@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.membership@gmail.com)

Our Guild is growing! Welcome to new members Carey Wingerd, Sue Olson, Jan Kenney, Margot and Kendra LaNoue and Mary McConnell. This brings our registered members up to 84, including 12 brand new members since May. We are glad you're here!

Stop by the membership table at the meetings and pick up your name tag. You can either take it with you or return it to the box for the next meeting. If you haven't gotten one yet, please pick up a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tote bag as well. Our December meeting should be a ton of fun! I cannot wait to check out those raffle baskets! Hope to see you there!

**Demonstrations**

**Jody Dozer**

[adwsg.demonstrations@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.demonstrations@gmail.com)

Happy Holidays may everyone have a Wonder Holiday Season and a Great New Year. With January right around the corner, the Sew, Quilt and Craft Festival will be happening. We need demonstrators for this festival, January 25-27. If interested in demonstrating, please contact Jody.

Thanks, and have a fun and safe Holiday.

**LIBRARY**

**Beki Welsch**

[adwsg.librarian@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.librarian@gmail.com)

Because of the December fundraiser, there will not be a book sale table. The library will be open for check-outs and returns. As always, I welcome suggestions for books to buy for the library.

## ROC DAY

Lauren Goldfish

[adwsg.federation@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.federation@gmail.com)

Roc Day Celebration 2024, at the Northtown Community Center, after our January 6th Guild meeting, approximately 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm.

Please join us for an afternoon of handspinning! Bring your lunch, spinning wheel &/or spindles. If you're not (yet) a handspinner, please feel free to join us as we spin in good company. Hope to see you there!

A bit of background on Roc Day: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distaff\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distaff_Day)



PARTLY work and partly play  
You must on St. Distaff's Day  
From the plough soon free your team;  
Then come home and fother them;  
If the maids a-spinning to  
Burn the flax and fire the tow.  
Bring in pails of water then,  
Let the maids bewash the men.  
Give St. Distaff all the right;  
Then bid Christmas sport good night,  
And next morrow every one  
To his own vocation.

## The Drop In Spinners

Nancy Moore

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

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.

The date for the November meeting falls on Thanksgiving, so we will meet on the THIRD Thursday, Nov.16. The date for the December meeting is the fourth Thursday, Dec. 28.

## FEDERATION

Helene Hall

[adwsg.federation@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.federation@gmail.com)

### AZ FEDERATION REPORT

[AZFED.ORG](http://AZFED.ORG)

Visit website to get current information on FEDERATION activity.

#### **AZ Fiber Festival (AZFF)**

- Scheduled for April 5-7, 2024 at Camp Verde.
- A link to the festival website will be added to ADWSG website.
- Volunteers are needed throughout the festival. There will be the ability to register online through SIGN-UP GENIUS (not yet on the website).
- AZFF committee requests that each guild provides a basket (valued around \$200) for raffles. They also request that each guild provide something for the goodie bags (looking at 200 bags).
- Guild booth applications for AZFF are due by November 16. Guilds are encouraged to have demonstrations.
- AZFF committee is looking for sponsors. There are 3 levels, each with different benefits.

#### **OTHER ITEM**

- individual and guild grants are available, applications are on the website and are due by December 15.

## OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024

President	Caroline Yeryomenko	<a href="mailto:adwsg.president@gmail.com">adwsg.president@gmail.com</a>
Vice President Programs	Sue Garber	<a href="mailto:adwsg.programs@gmail.com">adwsg.programs@gmail.com</a>
Vice President Workshops	Roberta Perpich	<a href="mailto:adwsg.workshops@gmail.com">adwsg.workshops@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Sue Carneal	<a href="mailto:adwsg.treasurer@gmail.com">adwsg.treasurer@gmail.com</a>
Secretary	Roxanne Eklund	<a href="mailto:adwsg.secretary@gmail.com">adwsg.secretary@gmail.com</a>

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2023-2024

Demonstrations/Publicity	Jody Dozer	<a href="mailto:adwsg.demonstrations@gmail.com">adwsg.demonstrations@gmail.com</a>
Federation Representative	Helene Hall	<a href="mailto:adwsg.federation@gmail.com">adwsg.federation@gmail.com</a>
Historian	Vacant	<a href="mailto:adwsg.historian@gmail.com">adwsg.historian@gmail.com</a>
Hospitality	Julie Cattaneo	<a href="mailto:adwsg.hospitality@gmail.com">adwsg.hospitality@gmail.com</a>
Interest Groups		
Spinning/Fiber Group	Paula Rudnick	<a href="mailto:adwsg.fibergroup@gmail.com">adwsg.fibergroup@gmail.com</a>
Wonderful Weavers	Ann Ormiston	<a href="mailto:adwsg.weavinggroup@gmail.com">adwsg.weavinggroup@gmail.com</a>
In Person Spinning Group	Nancy Moore	<a href="mailto:rayandnancy@comcast.net">rayandnancy@comcast.net</a>
Librarian	Beki Welsch	<a href="mailto:adwsg.librarian@gmail.com">adwsg.librarian@gmail.com</a>
Membership	Trish Boone	<a href="mailto:adwsg.membership@gmail.com">adwsg.membership@gmail.com</a>
Membership Assistant	Elaine Rowles	
Newsletter Editor	Ann Ormiston	<a href="mailto:adwsg.editor@gmail.com">adwsg.editor@gmail.com</a>
75 <sup>TH</sup> Anniversary	Sue Carneal	<a href="mailto:adwsg.anniversary@gmail.com">adwsg.anniversary@gmail.com</a>
Ways & Means	Mary Tangen-Giger	<a href="mailto:adwsg.waysandmeans@gmail.com">adwsg.waysandmeans@gmail.com</a>
Ways & Means Assistant	Lauren Goldfish	
Web Site	Anna Akridge	<a href="mailto:adwsg.webmaster@gmail.com">adwsg.webmaster@gmail.com</a>

### Next Meeting:

December 2nd will be in person

At

Northtown Community Center

Meeting starts at 10 am

### MOA Submission

Deadline

The 15<sup>th</sup> of each month  
September through May

[adwsg.editor@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.editor@gmail.com)

## 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)

### ADWSG WEBSITE

<http://www.adwsg.org>

Follow us on

[FACEBOOK](#)

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

**December 2, 2023**

January 6, 2024

February 3, 2024

March 2, 2024

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





## Larrys Fiber Tools

Handcrafted of the finest Wood:  
Hand Spindles, Niddy Noddys,  
Nostepinnes and more –  
[larrysfibertools@gmail.com](mailto:larrysfibertools@gmail.com)  
[larrysfibertools.etsy.com](http://larrysfibertools.etsy.com)

The most comprehensive online dyeing course

### Color Alchemy Masterclass

the science of color + the art of dyeing

- When**
  - Dates: Feb-May**
  - Orientation Feb 27
  - Live sessions May 7, 14, 21, & 28
  - Early registration ends 12/16
  - Registration ends Feb 16
- What**
  - Content**
  - 12+ hours live instruction
  - 20+ hours on demand content
  - Color Alchemy book (156 pgs)
  - Dye calculators & templates
  - Starter dyeing kit
  - Direct support
- Supplies**
  - Materials**
  - Primary color dyes
  - Undyed mini skeins
  - Ganning pot
  - Canning jars
  - Dye equipment (list provided)
- Price**
  - ~~\$1500~~ \$1477 by 12/16
  - Includes shipping of kit
  - International shipping extra
  - NY sales tax for kit portion only
  - Payment plans available
- Join**
  - Registration**
  - To begin the registration process or ask questions send an email to [alanna@alannawilcox.com](mailto:alanna@alannawilcox.com).

Learn more at:  
**alannawilcox.com**



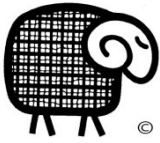
Go from color inspiration to color application quickly.



Handspun and dyed gloves (left) were created with the colors from the sunset photo (right) using my personally developed color matching dye methods.



Learn the techniques to get repeatable and accurate results no matter the brand of dyes you use.



c/o Ann Ormiston

PO Box 1037

Waddell, AZ 85355