

# THE MOTHER OF ALL

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## *From the President Desk Caroline Yeryomenko*

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Happy 75th Anniversary! We are beginning our 75th year in January, and we will celebrate this Spring! I'm thinking a big cake, and maybe one that is weaving-themed? Did you know there is a restaurant in Scottsdale called Weft and Warp? I guess it does not have anything loom-related inside unfortunately, but the focus is on community and its interlacing. Regardless, that is a great use for the connection of the weaving metaphor.

I know that we have fulfilled our mission in so many ways over the last 75 years. You can read our mission on the homepage of our website. We sponsor "lectures, programs, workshops, exhibits and other activities designed to provide knowledge, support and inspiration," something we are doing well this year. We have a wonderful line-up of workshops and programs planned, thanks to our hard-working executive board. It has been wonderful getting to know other members at our demonstrations. I love watching Christine teaching children how to spin. And Julie never misses a chance to demonstrate anywhere. Thank you to everyone who shows up to give back to the community. Our mission also says that we welcome "members at all levels of skill from novice to professional." For me, welcoming members is my number one goal for our guild this year. The only way for an institution to stay viable into the always-changing future is to be open-minded. We must continue to embrace new people and ideas or we cannot stay relevant.

There is so much interest in crafting and the fiber arts out there. On Instagram I have especially noticed a fascination with macrame and simple frame looms. There are some incredible macrame wall hangings that are hanging in museums and commanding top dollar. Simple frame looms allow for tapestry, chunky yarns, new and innovative materials, and even complex structures like twill.

One more thought, not necessarily entirely relevant to this discussion: Lately I have been thinking about the powerful role of crafting in helping us to deal with the stress of modern society. I just finished the book *A Hunter-Gatherer's Guide to the 21st Century* by Heying and Weinstein. Our economy has to grow continuously to function, always producing more jobs, more goods and more consumerism. This pours down into every aspect of our personal lives. The authors offer a solution to the strong feeling we have as human beings to endlessly

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expand our output. They say that crafting something beautiful and lasting will fill that hole in our lives. Making beautiful things helps us deal with the hyper-novelty of everything. They tell us to sit around the campfire and tell stories. The campfire is also the place humans have always gathered to craft and make music after their daily work.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our gathering on December 3 to talk and celebrate our art! Roxanne and Julie have a fabulous meeting planned for us. We will spend at least the first 20 minutes of our meeting looking at the beautiful gift baskets everyone is bringing, and generous donations from the storage unit. Then Molly Elkind will speak to us about her gorgeous tapestries. Looking at her work feels like taking a walk near Santa Fe, New Mexico. In the meantime, we will have lots of bidding on our silent auction and raffle items, plus a delicious spread of snacks and Holiday goodies. Please put together your container for the Great Container Extravaganza and bring it along! I made a hat and purse combo for my container, and I am going to bake my favorite Pumpkin Walnut Cookies with cream cheese frosting.

We will not be offering Zoom for the December meeting. The presentation by Molly Elkind will be recorded and the link sent out later. We do want to include anyone not in attendance in our auction and raffle! That morning we will be taking pictures of our items up for bid and sending them out to the guild by email. We will include some phone numbers of members who are present and waiting for you to text us with your bids. We will do our best to win the items for you!

*See you soon,*

*Caroline,  
President*



## **DECEMBER 3rd Guild Meeting**

**Will Be In Person**

**Presentation by: MOLLY ELKIND**

Molly Elkind will be providing us with a lecture, "Texture and Relief In Contemporary Tapestry". Molly is a Tapestry Weaver, currently based in NM. She is an accomplished artist, speaker, educator and published writer. She has exhibited in both group and solo shows nationwide. You can find more about Molly's accomplishments, art, education, and publications at [www.mollyelkind.com](http://www.mollyelkind.com).



### **THE GREAT CONTAINER EXTRAVAGANZA**

**DECEMBER 3, 2022**



**What is it? - Our Annual Fundraiser. We raffle off containers of Stuff. Stuff, you ask? Stuff can be anything! Have some books you never use? A spinning wheel that is just collecting dust? Make a basket/box of flavored teas, with a handwoven tea cozy? Or a container made up of items from your SABLE (Stash Acquired Beyond Life Expectancy). All we ask is that at least one item in your container be crafting related. The sky is the limit to your imagination! Please enclose a list of the items in your container, so we can keep your display intact. Let us know if you want it to be raffled or part of the silent auction. We will be raffling off containers all throughout the meeting, and accepting bids for the silent auction items, with the lucky winners announced at the end of the meeting. Please invite anyone you know that is into handcrafts. The more the merrier, we may even get them to become members! Silent Raffle Teaser - an inkle loom basket, a Louet Magic Dobby 24 harness loom with both doobby and electronic systems, a full set of Knitpicks interchangeable needles, with yarn and book, and whatever else we might receive or find!**

## WAYS & MEANS

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Our fundraiser this month is being hosted by Julie Cataneo and Roxane Eklund! See elsewhere in the newsletter for more information. Larger items the guild has for sale are listed on the guild website at <https://adwsg.org/rentals-and-sales>. We continue to accept donations of equipment, fiber, etc. for future fundraising events. Please get in touch to arrange drop off at a meeting, the guild storage unit or a pickup at your house. Thank you for thinking of us!

The Ways and Means chair will be available at the next guild election in the spring of 2023. If you've been thinking of getting more involved in the guild, maybe this position is for you?

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

Spinning Wheels - Ashford Traditional single treadle

Louet S-10 single treadle

Drum Carder - Fricke/Strauch



## Membership

Trish Boone and Elaine Rowles

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Our Guild now has 84 members, including 2 new members that joined at the November meeting! There were also 5 visitors at that meeting.

Welcome our new members, Ruth Demar and Michelle Morman!

Member name tags are available at each meeting so please stop by the Membership table to pick yours up. If you need a new one printed at any time, please let me know.

## **Demonstrations**

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Let's start the New Year with fun demonstration days at the Phoenix Quilt, Craft and Sew Festival. Yes we are looking for people to share their enthusiasm with fibers. Opportunities are available January 26 to 28th. If interested in demonstrating at the Quilt, Craft and Sew festival, January 26, 27 and/or 28 please contact [jody@dozerlane.com](mailto:jody@dozerlane.com)

## **Website**

**Anna Akridge**

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Join the tech team! We are looking for the coolest of volunteers to help us herd computers each month to make our hybrid meeting format happen. The tech team plays the critical role of making sure that guild members that cannot attend in person are still able to participate in guild meetings.

We are looking for folks with a good sense of humor and a bit of patience. If you have a WiFi-enabled laptop with the Zoom application that you can bring in for the meeting, even better! We can provide "on the job" training and promise to make things as easy as possible. Whether you are interested in helping at one meeting or at all the meetings, in-person or being our "person in the room" on Zoom, please contact Anna Akridge ([Anna.L.Akridge@gmail.com](mailto:Anna.L.Akridge@gmail.com)) or Lauren Goldfish ([Lauren.Goldfish@gmail.com](mailto:Lauren.Goldfish@gmail.com)) for more information!

## **Hospitality**

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For our December meeting, please bring an item to share. This is our annual fund raiser meeting, and the snacks at this meeting are not to be missed! The bakers in this group truly excel. We have limited serving utensils, but plenty of plasticware. Please provide your own serving plate. Members, please bring your own coffee cups and plates, so we can do our part to keep the landfills empty. We will have supplies for those that don't have their own.

## Workshops

Devorah Green

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Hi everybody, we're hoping to have a workshop with Deborah Jarchow on rigid heddle weaving.

If anyone's interested, please contact me. Those of you who have signed up please let me know if you have any preference regarding the level of the Workshop. Deborah can teach anything from beginner to advanced.

## NEWS FROM THE GUILD LIBRARY

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The Guild library has over 500 book titles on the fiber arts, plus over 70 DVDs and the following magazine titles: Handwoven, Ply, Shuttle Spindle and Dyepot, Weavers, Interweave, Weaver's Journal, Weaver's Craft, American Indian Art, and Prairie Wool Companion. The first three titles are currently subscribed to. The others are back issues, mostly because they are no longer in print. Feel free to check out books, DVDs and magazines during our monthly meetings! The catalog can be found on our website [adwsg.org](http://adwsg.org). Click on the library tab.

We have recently had long time guild members pass away. The library purchases books to honor those people. To honor Bernie Goodrich, the book *Weaving on Three Shafts* by Erica de Ruiter was added to the library. For Carol Colburn, I purchased *Ondule' Textiles: Weaving Contours with a Fan Reed* by Gretchen White. To honor Sybil Yastrow, who passed away last month, I purchased Complex Weavers 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book *Eight Shafts: Beyond the Beginning*.

Since the December meeting is our annual fund raiser, there will be no library book sale. The sale will return in January.



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**Next Meeting:**  
  
**December 3rd 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**  
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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 our email list so you get the email invite) If you have Show & Tell it is best to RSVP so we know how much time to allow. 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 10 am.

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)

#### ADWSG WEBSITE

<http://www.adwsg.org>

#### Follow us on

[FACEBOOK](#)

#### Join Us for Our Monthly Meetings:

10 am In Person and **ZOOM MEETING**

Northtown Community Center 2202 E.  
Waltann Lane,

Phoenix, AZ

Doors Open at 9 am

Come Early and Mingle!

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**December 3rd, 2022**

January 7, 2023

February 4, 2023

March 4, 2023

April 1, 2023

May 6, 2023

#### BRING YOUR OWN CUP

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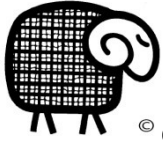


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