

THE MOTHER OF ALL

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In the new year, let's imagine all of the most amazing crafting projects that we have been dreaming of. We can share our ideas at the January meeting! Here are some of mine. But first I want to remind us that to begin to chip away at our potentially enormous plans, we have to just get started. I know I have been talking about this in at least one other newsletter. However, it's worth repeating again to keep reminding you and myself: **Creativity feeds on action and movement, on just doing something.** Yesterday I listened to a podcast interview with Geof Hewitt, a Vermont poetry slam champion on Rumble Strip. Geof is a lifelong writer. He talked about writing down everything fast that comes to mind when he sits down. He says he is lucky if one in twenty poems turns out to be worth something. The rest are like an exercise to fill up his notebook. I feel that way about my fiber arts plans. Only a small fraction of my ideas come to fruition, and only a few of those are truly beautiful. All of my projects are worthwhile anyway, teaching me something valuable and giving me a sense of accomplishment.

My dream projects:

- Handwoven purses with darts and a more rounded shape like a Coach bag of mine
- To sew a handwoven or felted woolen winter coat
- Crocheted shawls, garments, and socks!

What are your dream projects? Please get ready to share at our next meeting. We would love to know more about your ideas and dreams.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers, and especially to our wonderful and intrepid Julie and Roxanne for making The Great Container Extravaganza happen at the December meeting. I had so much fun pushing multiple tickets into red cups all over the room. What a great assortment of raffle and auction items! I am already looking forward to next year's event!

Happy New Year,

Caroline, President

JANUARY 7th Guild Meeting
Will Be In Person And on ZOOM
Presentation by: KATHY ROUSSO

The author of *The Maguey Journey*, Kathy Rouso will be speaking with us in January. Kathy's book details her journey throughout different parts of South America, exploring textiles and plant materials used in textiles. She will be discussing her book and her research in the different plant materials that are used in textiles. Kathy's home since the 1970's is Ketchikan, Alaska. She finds inspiration in the cedar basket weaving of Southeastern Alaska. More information can be found about Kathy at [Kathryn Rouso | Artist & Basket Weaver](#). Please consider purchasing a copy of her book. It can be found on Amazon.

ROC DAY

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Grab your handspinning tools ~ let's celebrate Roc Day together! Roc Day celebrates our return to handspinning after the holiday festivities come to a close, and this year it aligns with our January 7th meeting. After we clean up from our guild meeting business, we will bring out our fiber, spindles, and wheels, so we may enjoy a group spin. Bring your current spinning project, a variety of fibers and tools, or simply your spinning spirit... let's inspire each other and make 2023 a great year for handspinning!

We will have the community center until approximately 2 or 3 pm, so also bring the food and spinning nourishment you need for this time.



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.

SPINNING/FIBER GROUP

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Attention Spinners

The Guild received a small sample from Blakesley Creek Farm---they have made up a "Sheep Breed Study Box". This box contains 140+ one ounce wool roving samples from 131 sheep (that is almost 9 pounds of fiber from around the world, as well as a 278 page workbook. This Sheep Breed Study Box is \$750, shipping included in the US. If anyone is interested please contact the company: <http://sheepbreedstudybox.square.site>

If you want to see the sample and paperwork they sent please email me and we will try to arrange something. You can consider buying this alone or getting some other people to share it with you.

WAYS & MEANS

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Many thanks to those who supported the guild's fundraiser in December. Enjoy your new items, we look forward to seeing what many of them become. See you at the raffle table on January 7th! Larger items the guild has for sale are listed on the guild website at <https://adwsg.org/rentalsand-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 pick up 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? or 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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Happy 2023!! Our Guild continues to grow and now has 86 members, including Colette Hogue who joined during the December meeting.

Member name tags are available at each meeting so please stop by the Membership table to pick yours up. You can take your name tag with you or return it to the box for next time. 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

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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) or Lauren Goldfish (Lauren.Goldfish@gmail.com) for more information!

NEWS FROM THE GUILD LIBRARY

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We are back to having books for sale to benefit the library. This month I will have the following titles for sale:

The Complete Guide to Beading Techniques by Jane Davis

A Handbook of Weaves by G H Oelsner

The Book of Looms by Eric Broudy

Cut My Cote by Dorothy Burnham

Learning to Warp by Deborah Chandler

The Seminole Patchwork Book by Cheryl Bradkin

Patterns on a Plain Weave by Nell Steedsman

Posts and Rugs by H L James

And several knitting books.

I will accept \$5 for each book, but larger donations are gladly accepted. Suggestions for additions to the library are also welcome.

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Next Meeting:

January 7th 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 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

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

ADWSG WEBSITE

<http://www.adwsg.org>

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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

January 7th, 2023

February 4, 2023

March 4, 2023

April 1, 2023

May 6, 2023

BRING YOUR OWN CUP

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

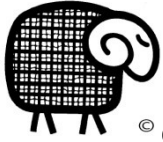
Let us take care of Our Earth

CLASSIFIEDS

HANDCRAFTED HEDDLE THREADERS AND ORIFICE HOOK'.
Orifice Hook \$ 8.95 / 4pc Set \$19.95 / 3pc Set \$14.95. FREE
S&H. For details or to order Google: 'KishDesignsStudio Etsy'



A photograph of several handcrafted wooden fiber tools, including a hand spindle, a niddy noddys, and nostepinnes.	<p>Larrys Fiber Tools</p> <p>Handcrafted of the finest Wood: Hand Spindles, Niddy Noddys, Nostepinnes and more – larrysfibertools@gmail.com larrysfibertools.etsy.com</p>
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