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From the President Desk
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Dear Guild Members,

We had such a wonderful Holiday event in December! I love the pictures and the memory of so much conversation and good food. I hope everyone got something lovely and exciting during the raffle. I certainly did—I was talking to my new yarn this morning. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, and especially to our amazing Secretary, Roxanne who put her heart into this event.

I would like each of you to ponder something this winter for me: Please think about giving just a little more to our guild in terms of time and service. In just two months we will be forming a nominating committee. We would so appreciate your participation on the committee looking for a new slate of candidates to serve as the guild's executive board. Also, if you would consider running for office, I promise it is a lot of fun! This Fall and last Fall our board of directors, 8-10 ladies got together at my house. We had a great time planning the guild's year, with homemade treats and iced tea. It's been such a privilege getting to know the board members and working together. You will learn a lot, laugh a lot, and know you are making a difference in the fiber arts community.

I want to share two recipes from our Holiday event. They were too delicious not to publish here. (And I will be sharing another recipe from our upcoming guild meetings in each of my president's letters.) Thank you for all of the beautiful treats, dear members. Here are Roberta Perpich's cranberry bliss bar recipe, and Lauren Goldfish's cranberry scone recipe link. Trish said that Roberta's bars tasted way better than Starbucks. I had several of them. Someone else mentioned they had never tasted such moist scones as Lauren's. Enjoy:

Cranberry Bliss Bars (From Roberta Perpich)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, line a 9X13 sheet pan with parchment paper covering on sides for easy removal.

Ingredients for bars

- 1 cup butter melted (2 sticks)
- 1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon orange extract
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

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1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup white chocolate chips 3/4/ cup dried cranberries

Beat together melted butter and brown sugar. Add eggs, orange and vanilla extract and beat until well mixed. Add dry ingredients (flour, baking powder, salt and ginger), beating until just blended. Stir in by hand white chocolate chips and dried cranberries. Pour into prepared pan and level. Bake for 18-22 minutes, until set and golden brown at the edges. DO NOT OVER BAKE. Remove from oven and cool completely on a baking rack before frosting.

Frosting

8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1/2 teaspoon orange extract
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup roughly chopped dried cranberries
2 squares white baking chocolate or almond bark

Beat cream cheese and powdered sugar until smooth and creamy, add orange and vanilla extracts and mix well. Frost cooled bars, sprinkle with chopped dried cranberries and drizzle with melted white chocolate over the bars. Refrigerate for one hour for easy cutting.

Bars can be frozen up to 3 months by first refrigerating them for 4 hours. Cover tightly in a container that is covered tightly with plastic wrap and with foil. Thaw in refrigerator overnight before serving.

[Cranberry Scones](#) (Lauren Goldfish)

[Cranberry Scones](#)

Quick and easy cranberry scones, with a crisp, golden outside and a light and tender inside.

Happy Holidays

Caroline, President



JANUARY 6TH

Niklye Begay (they/them)

A Diné shepherd, fiber artist, teacher, storyteller, and photographer

Nikyle Begay (they/them) is a Diné shepherd, fiber artist, teacher, storyteller, and photographer based in Ganado, Arizona on the Navajo Nation. Nikyle is the Executive Director of Rainbow Fiber Co-Op, a Co-Op that began in 2020 to improve the financial sustainability and equitable market outcomes for the remaining flocks of Navajo-Churro sheep on the Navajo Nation. Nikyle has experience working in technology and the nonprofit sector, as well as an extensive background in sheep flock management, wool production, traditional to modern wool processing, and the weaving arts. Nikyle is a member and registration inspector for the Navajo-Churro Sheep Association, where they continue to raise Navajo-Churro sheep, sheep that have shaped Navajo weaving throughout history. Nikyle still serves as an advisor to the Navajo-led organization, Diné be' iiná – Navajo Lifeway Inc. Diné be' iiná's mission is to preserve and promote both the traditional shepherding and weaving lifeways of the Diné people.



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ROC DAY

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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



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.

Demonstrations

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Phoenix Quilt, Craft and Sew Festival is January 25, 26 and 27. Demonstrators are needed. It is a wonderful opportunity to share with other fiber enthusiasts. Please contact jody@dozerlane.com to sign up for demonstrating.

WAYS & MEANS

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What a wonderful funding raising basket event we had in December! Thanks so much to Roxanne for putting the baskets together and to all that made the event so special. What impressed me was that each basket held not just fiber related items but an entire project of possibilities!

We will return to the regular raffle format in January. Tickets will be 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

We look forward to seeing everyone again!

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

LIBRARY

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The Guild library will be open during the January meeting. Check out some books, magazines or DVDs to inspire you on your next fiber arts project. We have books on weaving, spinning, knitting, dyeing, tatting, sewing, and more. I will also have some books and magazines for sale, including some classics.

The library has copies of the books Tom Knisely talked about at our December meeting. I ordered his new rag rug book *Rags to Rugs: 30 New Weaving Designs for Repurposed Fabrics* and *Spinning 101* to round out our collection. I also ordered *The Ashford Book of Rigid Heddle Weaving*, and *Creative Treadling with Overshot*. I expect them all to arrive in time for our January meeting.

Let me know if there is a title you would like me to consider purchasing for the library.

MEMBERSHIP

Trish Boone

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Welcome to our new members, Riley McInnis and Susan Freeman. This brings our registered members up to 88 so we continue to grow! We are glad you're here!

Name tags are available at the membership table by the door at the meeting. 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 75th Anniversary tote bag as well.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting in January!

FEDERATION

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AZFED.ORG

AZ FIBER Festival is scheduled for Friday April 5 through Sunday April 7, 2024 in Camp Verde.

There are some great workshops, Shibori Dyeing, Embroidery, Weaving on a Gourd, and Wire Knitting (taught by our own Paula Rudnick) among other great workshops. Registration closes on March 1. Be sure to register if you have not done so already at: WWW.AZFED.ORG

Volunteers are needed to stay with the guild booth, set it up, and help tear it down. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the next 3 guild meetings, please consider signing up. ADWSG will make necklaces at the January or February meeting (this will entail stringing a spinning wheel charm onto cording...all materials and directions will be provided).

Be sure to contact Ruth Greenspan (ruth@spanman.com) if you are interested in selling your items at the festival. At this point, it appears there are only a couple of members who have responded.

The festival committee is asking for each guild to provide a raffle basket valued at approximately \$200. Please bring donation items to the guild meetings, Beki, Ruth or I would be happy to collect them. Raffles will occur during the festival.

In order to make this a successful event, we will need as many guild members as possible to participate.

Also, the festival is open to EVERYONE, be sure to invite your friends. It should be a great time.



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Next Meeting:

January 6th 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** 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

ADWSG WEBSITE

<http://www.adwsg.org>

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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

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

DECEMBER 2023 HOLIDAY PICTURES



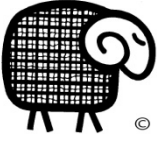




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