

THE MOTHER OF ALL

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From the President Desk Caroline Yeryomenko

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I am looking forward to our next meeting March 4 to learn more about the life of Mary Meigs Atwater, an amazing and influential woman in American history. Mary is the founder of modern hand-weaving. She fought for suffrage, helping Montana to be one of the first states to adopt women's right to vote in 1914.

Mary Meigs Atwater was from Illinois. She wanted to become an engineer, but she was not permitted to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology by her father. Instead, she attended the Chicago Art Institute of Design, traveled to Paris to study mural painting, and set up housekeeping in a rural mining town in Colorado after marrying. While re-locating to Oregon, Bolivia, Mexico, and Montana, Mary had her children and continued to focus on her art. The website <https://documents.alexanderstreet.com/d/1009872269> says Mary's life proved challenging:

Mary seemed game for all of it, and her studies in art, drawing, and mathematics foreshadowed her future as the "dean of hand-weaving." Her life moved in the direction of a theme: Independence for women. Her underlying motivation was to become a self-sufficient woman, passing her skills and knowledge on to other women and supporting their right to vote.

Karen Donde from Asheville, North Carolina will be telling us about Mary's life and her powerful revival of traditional handweaving in the United States and more at our March meeting.

In April our speaker will be Kelsey Wiskerchen from Weave a Real Peace, WARP. This lovely organization describes itself as "improving the quality of life of textile artisans worldwide."

Last but not least, I would like to encourage each of you to seriously consider joining our guild's nominating committee. You have a chance to make next year another successful one for the guild. Our organization is required to form this committee each spring before elections in April. It is an interesting committee that is short-term and also very important. You will be making sure we have all five elected officers for 2023-2024: President, Vice-President of Programs, Vice-President of Workshops, Secretary and Treasurer. Other guild positions are

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essential as well: For example, we need someone to chair Ways and Means for sales, raffles, and the Holiday auction.

Whether you are a long-term member or brand-new, we need you on the nominating committee to keep the guild going next year!!! Please let me know if you can volunteer: adwsg.president@gmail.com
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Caroline, President

MARCH 4th Guild Meeting

Will Be In Person And on ZOOM

Presentation by:

KAREN DONDE

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NOMINATING AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

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Slate of nominees for 2023-2024 election

President: Caroline Yeryomenko

VP of Workshops: Open

VP of Programs: Open

Secretary: Roxanne Eklund

Treasurer: Sue Carneal

This announcement is the 30-day notification to the Guild prior to the election. Anyone else wishing to run may be nominated by the day of the election.

The election for Board officers for the 2023-24 Guild year will be held electronically, using ElectionBuddy, which is the same platform as we used last year. Prior to the election you will get an email with details about how to vote and a link for casting your vote.

Our VP Workshops and VP Programs positions are open for 2022-23. Yes, the guild needs your help. We want to continue the fascinating programs we've had over the last year and that takes just a little work! The fun part - reaching out to artists and teachers that you would like to see and hear. Since we are using Zoom, we can draw on teachers and artists from all over the country. The jobs are to contact these people and find out if they would like to teach or speak to our guild. There is a volunteer in the guild ready to assist you! And there is a slate of proposed officers for the coming year and lots of help available. Please consider helping. Afterall, a year without speakers and workshops would be a terrible thing to consider.

If you are interested, please contact our ***NOMINATING AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEMBERS:***

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WAYS & MEANS

Christine Hunt

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Join us and peruse our raffle offerings at the next guild meeting. We try to offer items for a variety of fiber interests. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Larger items the guild has for sale are listed on the guild website.
<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?

Available 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 continues to grow! We now have 91 members and have had many visitors at our meetings due to the outreach of our Demonstrations at events. Welcome to our new members, Roberta Perpich, Jen Clevenger and Heather Fowler.

Stop by the membership table and pick up your name tag when you attend meetings. Our membership year goes from June 1 to May 31 and we begin early membership renewal in April and May.

Demonstrations

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It's county fair time

Pinal County fair is looking for demonstrators. The fair is at 11mile corner in Casa Grande. The fair runs from Wednesday March 14 to Sunday the 19, and they would love us to demonstrate for one day. If anyone is interested please let me know what day would interest you.

The Maricopa County fair is happening in April. We have demonstration opportunities Friday April 14 10-4 pm and Saturday April 15 10-4 pm. Maricopa County fair is taking place at the fairgrounds in Phoenix.

If interested in demonstrating at either or both fairs please contact 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) or

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

NEWS FROM THE GUILD LIBRARY

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I have purchased three new books to add to the Guild Library. They are:

Krokbragd: How to Design and Weave by Debby Greenlaw

Crazyshot! Creative Overshot Weaving on the Rigid Heddle Loom by Myra Wood

Easy Weaving with Supplemental Warps by Deb Essen

Here are some of the books I will have for sale at the Feb meeting.

Rep Weave and Beyond by Joanne Tallarovic

Rep Weaves by Laila Lundell

Ethnic Costume by Lois and Diane Ericson

Socketacular! Mix and Match Socks for Fancy Feet by Knit Picks Design Team

Step by Step Tablet Weaving by Marjorie and William Snow

The Basic Book of Fingerweaving by Esther Warner Dendel

Collapse Weave by Anne Field

Card Weaving by Candace Crockett

Weaving Inkle Bands by Harriet Tidball

As always, I am open to suggestions for new books to purchase.

FEDERATION NEWS

Lauren Goldfish

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The AZ Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds is in the planning stages for a "Region Wide" Fiber Festival in Camp Verde, slated for March-April 2024.

Some of the festival activities:

- * Guilds will be able to advertise/promote/sell (booths will be free for Guilds),
- * Booths will be available for vendors, as well.
- * Classes
- * Venue for "Fiber Animals"
- * Educational events

For this event to be successful, it will be critical for guilds (guild members) to volunteer with the organization. Please email me at lauren.goldfish@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer, so I may put you in contact with Federation representatives already working on this.

Helpful links:

Federation website: <https://www.azfed.org>

Federation Forum information (buy/trade/sell fiber equipment): https://www.azfed.org/?page_id=80

SPINNING/FIBER GROUP

Paula Rudnick

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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, 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 **opens at 9:30 and we love to chat and talk.**

The group chair is Paula Rudnick - adwsg.fibergroup@gmail.com



WONDERFUL WEAVERS GROUP

Ann Ormiston

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Our “Wonderful Weavers” Group has been meeting year-round on Zoom the Third Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm. We will begin a new study starting in May, using the book “Weave Classic Crackle & More” by Susan Wilson. We read through each chapter during the year, weave samples and have a discussion on Zoom. We discuss the book we are studying, share our weaving projects, ask questions and share/research answers to help each other in our weaving passion.

If you are interested in weaving, you are welcome to join us, just send an email to adwsg.weavinggroup@gmail.com to be added to our notification list.

Happy Weaving - - Ann



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Next Meeting:

February 4th 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

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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

March 4th, 2023

April 1, 2023

May 6, 2023

October 7, 2023

November 4, 2023

December 2, 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

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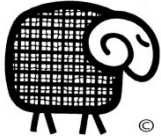
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