

# THE MOTHER OF ALL

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## *From the President Desk* *Virginia Glenn*

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When I think back on letters written by previous presidents – in my memory they all seemed to be full of fiber related accomplishments, challenges, and adventures. Since my last letter, the only thing even vaguely fiber related that I've managed to do was finish part of a beaded kumihimo necklace and start another one.

But I can tell you about the projects that I have planned. Actually – I must be honest - they aren't new projects but finishing up warps that are already on my looms. I have a warp on my big AVL that I started in 2019. It's a lovely Tencel and I've already made 4 scarves and some samples – there's probably enough for 2 or 3 more. It's an advancing twill that I can turn into several different designs by changing the tie-up and playing with color. I recently bought some silk that I think will go really well with the Tencel – both color and texture wise.

On my 8 Shaft Voyager workshop loom, I still have the rest of the warp from last year's Double Rainbow class with Jennifer Moore. I made the mistake of signing up for 2 classes too close together last year. One of the benefits (and pitfalls) of the pandemic for me, has been so many classes offered online and I'm a workshop junkie. I've learned a lesson – I can't do it all in a short time – no matter what I think. My resolution for this year is to finish all the warps I already have on my looms before even thinking about another project. Just as an aside – I still have a warp on my Gilmore up in Tahoe – so I'm not very hopeful that I'll actually finish them all. Oh well.....

And I haven't really learned my lessons about not signing up for too many classes. I'm signed up for the Dorset button class being offered by the Reno Fiber Guild – my guild when I'm in Tahoe. At least that doesn't involve preparing a loom and the materials required aren't extensive.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Donna (our Dorset button expert) for taking over the January meeting. I've watched about half of the recording so far and it looks as if it all went very well. Great job Donna and a great presenter – thanks to Caroline Yeryomenko – can't wait to watch the rest. Actually, now might be a good time – we're stuck in Miami airport waiting for a flight that's

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delayed in the bad weather on the east coast. We just finished a great 2.5 weeks of cruising – which was wonderful. So, I can't really complain about the delay.

Our February meeting will be our very first hybrid meeting – thanks Betz Fredrick and Russ Johnson from the Telaraña guild. When I get home, unpack, do laundry, and get settled back into my real life, I'll get over to Northtown and check out the wi-fi and other resources and make sure that we have everything we need to go with all the technology and expertise that Betz and Russ will be bringing. Then I'll send out a memo with all the info that you'll need to decide if you want to attend in person or continue to Zoom in. I'm really getting excited about getting together in person again – it's been way too long – I miss you all.

*Virginia Glenn*

President

**ADWSG**

**EDUCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATION**

Our Guild offers an educational grant of \$250 to a member who would like to explore a new skill or further develop a skill of a fiber related craft. You may use the grant award for workshop fees or materials.

Please submit a written application outlining your area of study and how you will use the grant. The recipient will be required to share their newly learned or improved skill with the membership at a Guild meeting the following year.

This is a great opportunity for the participating member as well as the Guild. The recipient of the educational grant is chosen in March, and that's only a few weeks away.

The application form is available on our website under the Library tab (<https://adwsg.org/library>) and can be filled out online. Please submit your application to our President, Virginia Glenn by emailing to [adwsg.president@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.president@gmail.com) by **March 5th**. For questions, please contact any board member.

## ***FEBRUARY 5TH Guild Meeting***

***Will Be In Person And on ZOOM***

***Special Presentation by***

***CALANDRA L COOK***

Calandra L Cook is a Navajo Textile Artist and Architect from Mesa. She will be presenting on her beautiful textiles in February. You can see her work at <https://www.clctextiles.com/> and on Instagram @calandralcook2161

**Members attending the meeting in person will be required to wear masks.**

### **WAYS & MEANS**

**Christine Hunt**

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Yippee! Our raffle table returns as we resume in-person guild meetings. Our storage unit has lots of curated goodies in it!

Items for this month include a large quantity of Pendleton thrums for weaving, yarns, fiber and small tools.

We continue to accept fiber and equipment donations for future fund-raising events. Please get in touch to arrange a drop off at a guild meeting, the guild storage unit or a pickup at your house.

Periodically, larger items are advertised for sale via guild email.

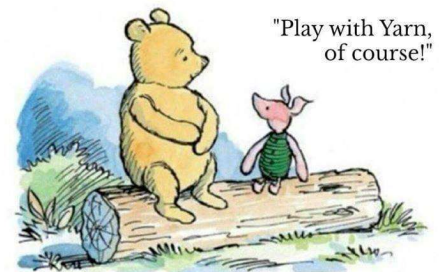
For Rental

Loom - Schacht Baby Wolf, 4H 6T -10 and 12 dent reed

Spinning Wheels - Louet S-10, Ashford Traditional

Drum Carder - Fricke/Strauch

"What should we do today Piglet?"



"Play with Yarn, of course!"

**SECRETARY**

**Karen Stromberg**

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**Nominating Committee**

The nominating committee is now being formed. The committee's job is to contact the membership through phone calls to find people interested in serving in elected leadership positions for the guild and to find out what members' interests are. Please contact Virginia Glenn, president to let her know of your interest in serving on the committee. If you like reaching out to people and getting to know the members, this would be a great way to be involved in the guild.

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**Mary Humme**

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As you all are aware, 2023 will be our 75th Guild Anniversary year. We are busy planning our celebration, and over the next several months want to share some of our Guild beginnings and highlights that have happened within our Guild in these many years.

The Guild was founded in the Fall of 1948 and was originally named Desert Weavers. We got our current name, Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners in 1973. The original meetings were held in member's homes, and dues of \$1.50 were charged. The original set of by-laws was written and adopted in October of 1951. Mrs. Mary Stone was the first 'chairman' of the guild. Mary Stone was a weaver, and was originally contacted by another weaver, Mrs. Lucy Galbraith, in order to get together and share ideas and weaving knowledge. From that initial meeting, the group grew quickly, and in Jane of 1952, 29 people attended the monthly meeting. Right from the beginning, the Guild provided public demonstrations at various venues and festivals, to encourage continuance of the art and knowledge of fiber arts.

We are in planning stages for the 75<sup>th</sup> celebration and need your opinion!

Would you prefer:

- A) An exhibit in town of our work
- B) A resentation of our work just within our celebration meeting
- C) Something else completely

Please reply to [adwsg.anniversary@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.anniversary@gmail.com)

We need your feedback to give you a great celebration!

## Demonstrations

Jody Dozer

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Looking for volunteer for Friday, January 28th, at the Quilt, Craft and Sew Festival. Need someone from 1 to 5 pm. May demonstrate any fiber techniques you are working on.

We also have pre-paid discount tickets available.

Skip the lines and save. You can pre-purchase your tickets to the Phoenix Quilt, Craft and Sew Festival. Pre-purchase tickets are only \$8.00 per ticket, a \$4.00 savings per festival day tickets and you can skip the ticket purchase line. If interested please contact:

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## NEWS FROM THE GUILD LIBRARY

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I have one new book this month. It is *Design and Sew it Yourself: A Workbook for Creative Clothing* by Lois Ericson and Diane Ericson Frode. If you are interested in checking it out, email me at [adwsg.librarian@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.librarian@gmail.com).



**FEDERATION NEWS**  
**<https://www.azfed.org>**  
**Lauren Goldfish**  
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The Federation continues to meet online quarterly, and their first meeting for 2022 was Saturday, January 15th. Discussion points included the following:

- Should the name of the Federation be changed to reflect a variety of Fiber Arts?
  - Old name: Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds
  - New name: ????
- Whether or not to update the Federation’s website: <https://www.azfed.org>  
Is the website out of date? Not serving the needs of the Arizona Fiber community as well as it could? How much is it worth to us (in dollars) to update the website, and what would that entail in terms of content and functionality? As your Federation representative, I shared my personal opinion: at this time I’m not in favor for spending what I see as a relatively large amount of money to revamp the website, when relatively minor updates (the addition of a calendar for State-wide events, and a page for AZ fiber resources) would improve the actual content. If you’d like to be involved with this project, please let me know.
- Keep your eyes open for a Facebook Page for the Federation. Link will be shared after creation.
- The Federation will provide a newsletter sometime in the future. Interested in getting involved? Submitting an article?
- The Handweavers Guild of America ran a Guild Development Retreat on Saturday, January 29th. AZ Guilds may have had representatives attend by the time this is printed, info on this will be shared out as it’s made available.
- The next meeting is April 23rd. If you’d like to attend, Ruth Greenspan or I can provide you with the link when available. Please let us know.

Questions? Comments? Representing our guild means my sharing *your* opinions. Allow me to include them by contacting Lauren Goldfish at [adwsg.federation@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.federation@gmail.com)



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### Next Meeting:

**February 5th will be a hybrid meeting – in person at  
Northtown Community Center and via Zoom**  
Meeting starts at 10 am  
Members attending the meeting in person will be required to  
wear masks.

### 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

### EXPLORING FIBER ARTS GROUP

Previously known as Tapestry and Beyond. Meets after the monthly general ADWSG meeting. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy 2 hours, working on your favorite fiber art. Bring your lunch/beverage. Our goal is to learn something new, get help finishing an old project or just explore a new activity. It can be spinning, all types of weaving, quilting, crocheting, embroidery, hand sewing, quilting, macramé, basketry, etc....The sky is the limit. For more information, contact **Mary Conti** at [adwsg.fiberarts@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.fiberarts@gmail.com). I am looking forward to seeing all the projects you are working on! All are Welcome!

### 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

January 8th, 2022 **ZOOM MEETING**

**February 5, 2022**

March 5, 2022

April 2, 2022

May 7, 2022

#### BRING YOUR OWN CUP

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

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*"As long as it's woolly I don't ask questions."*

# CLASSIFIEDS

[Ann Lamon - LeClerc Floor Loom 45" weaving width](#)

**LeClerc Floor Loom, 45" weaving width \$1500 (Ash Fork, AZ)**

I have a really nice floor loom for sale. I have owned it for a couple years but have never had the time or space to use it, and now my husband has been diagnosed with cancer, so all bets are off! I purchased it from a lady in Chino Valley, who purchased it from her mentor, so it is low mileage. She said she used it to make some delicate scarves, but it has a heavy beater bar, so it would be a great loom for rugs. I bought it to make blankets and rugs, but alas!

The wood finish is beautiful and it operates smoothly and I have discovered no issues. It comes with lots of accessories and possibility.

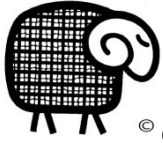
Estimated age: Version with wooden jacks first appeared between 1966 and 1969 and was produced until 1999. About 25-30 years old. Beautiful condition, stored in weather-proof shed.

[PacaRanchGirl@gmail.com](mailto:PacaRanchGirl@gmail.com) or 928-925-0139

LeClerc Floor Loom (Nilart jack loom) with castle

45" weaving width	12 harnesses (I have 8 harnesses and it has room to add 4 more)
14 treadles	Nice matching bench with storage
Four reeds: 8, 10, 12, 15 dent	Lease sticks
Raddle	Apron cloth
Flat steel heddles	Yarn rack accessory (no pic available)





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**FIRST CLASS**