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From the President Desk
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My Last President's Letter for the MOA

A Look Back and a Peek forward

As I sat down to write this letter, my first thought was "Phew – what an interesting two years this has been!" When I first volunteered to run for President, the world was normal, and we were meeting in person as if there weren't any viruses running amuck all over the world. Then the word "Pandemic" entered our lives, and we went into lockdown. Our lives were turned upside down. As I remember it, we cancelled a meeting or 2 in the hopes that the virus would go away quickly. Then we gave up that hope and started meeting via Zoom.

If you haven't already noticed, you have a very hardworking board. The board met several times at the beginning of the lockdown, trying to figure out what came next for us. None of us was willing to give up meeting entirely so we decided that Zoom was our answer. The Wonderful Weavers group was already meeting via Skype but we decided that Zoom had more flexibility and was easier for a group to use.

In the early days of my Presidency, I needed lots of guidance. I often turned to Christine Hunt, as the Past President, for advice. She taught me how to handle things like responding to messages that came in via our guild website. Whenever someone wanted advice about selling or donating weaving or spinning equipment, all I had to do was cc my response to Christine and she'd handle everything. Christine also has taken on the Ways and Means job for the guild. Normally the main task for Ways and Means would be the monthly meeting raffles and maybe a Holiday Auction. But Christine added to that job description and spent hours picking up donated items and even repairing them if necessary. Some of these donations were kept for member use and others were sold to add to our bank account and

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some are still waiting to be sold. This was going above and beyond the call of duty - Thanks so much, Christine.

Learning to use Zoom was an interesting process and “You’re still muted” was our main catch phrase. There was a steep learning curve and those of us who aren’t very tech savvy found friends or a close by 12-year-old to teach us. We developed a How To sheet to make sure that everyone who wanted to join the Zoom meeting was able to be there and successfully log on and participate. We held board meetings on Zoom and even had our election online. Our 75-year-old guild has truly entered the 21st Century.

Gradually more members joined our Zoom meetings and we discovered one of the biggest advantages of meeting via Zoom – it didn’t matter where you were – you could Zoom in from anywhere. And, speaking just for myself – I loved not having to get up, shower and dress and then drive 45 minutes across the valley from Goodyear to attend the meetings. I could comb my hair, put on a good shirt with my sweatpants and “attend” the meetings. The added advantage for me was that, since for part of the year I’m at our home in South Lake Tahoe, I wouldn't miss any meetings. When I agreed to take the position, I had asked for someone to be a co-president for when I wasn’t in AZ. The decision was made to call that position “President Assistant” and Donna Eyring agreed to take that job. Thank you, Donna. Because the pandemic

cancelled most of our travel plans, I only had to ask Donna to take over for one meeting. She did a great job! Donna was also super helpful during all the zoom meetings by making sure that I answered questions that had been posted and didn’t miss anybody who raised their hand. Donna also helped me figure out a couple of knotty issues. Thank you, Donna, for all your support.

The other wonderful advantage of meeting via Zoom was that we could have presenters from all over the country without having to pay their travel costs. So, our list of presenters was rich indeed. In the world of weaving, spinning, and related textile arts, many teachers have adjusted to using the Zoom format and we have all benefitted as a result. Thank you, Caroline Yeryomenko, for being our presentations chair and finding so many great presenters. Thank you also for chairing the nominating committee and rounding up a strong board for next year.

We had several new members join our guild because of the ability to meet via Zoom. And Trish Boone, our Membership chairperson, worked very hard to make sure that all our new and long-term members stayed connected. And she encouraged and guided the new members and helped them feel comfortable with the group. And she was always ready to send out any eBlasts that I needed to go to the members. You’ve spoiled me Trish – thanks. And thanks also to Elaine Rowles who was her back up in this job.

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The board had been working on revising our By-Laws for several years. At some point (I'm not sure exactly when we started) Ruth Greenspan, Karen Stromberg and I started working our way through our guild by-laws. We had many Zoom sessions, going through the document section by section and picking out the things we wanted to change, or that were outdated or didn't comply with state laws for Non-Profit organizations. And we wrote or revised and then revised again many sections until we got something worth presenting to the Board. There were several very good discussions with the Board as a whole, which gave us more things to revise. We finally got to a point where we could present the document to the entire membership, and you voted to accept the By-laws as revised.

A side benefit of having worked so closely on the By-Laws with Ruth and Karen, I discovered that they were both very good advisors for me. They are both very good at looking at issues and helping me to work out paths to a solution. I am very grateful for the support that I got from both of you – thanks Karen and Ruth. And Karen was also a fantastic Secretary. Not only did she take perfectly accurate minutes she also guided the Nominating committee to do their job.

We have several members who have been doing their jobs for a very long time. As president, I never had to worry about our finances - long term treasurer, Sue Carneal, took care of everything that needed to be done to make sure that we paid our bills and complied with the rules for our non-profit status. Ann Ormiston kept us all in the know about guild activities and events by making sure that our newsletter the MOA, was ready for the "presses" on time - in spite of my tendency to send in my part just a little late. During Covid, our long-time librarian, Beki Welsch, helped our members by maintaining part of our library at her house since the

Northtown Center was closed to us. And our website was always up to date and never went down because Caroline Wise watching over it. Sue, Ann, Beki and Caroline – thank you all so much.

We have 3 interest groups – the Exploring Fiber Arts group, chaired by Maria Conti took a break during Covid, but the Spinning group, chaired by Paula Rudnick and the Wonderful Weavers, chaired by Ann Ormiston continued to meet via Zoom. Thank you all for making sure that your group members stayed connected and supported.

Because Covid limited our ability to hold in person workshops, our Workshop chair, Ruth Greenspan, kept us up to date on a wide variety of online workshops, classes and resources which she listed in the MOA every month. Initially Lauren Goldfish was supposed to be serving as the workshop assistant, but since that didn't require much work because of Covid, she also agreed to serve as our representative to the State Federation when the original rep had to resign suddenly. As our Fed. Rep, Lauren also got to work with Ruth who is currently the Federation president Thank you to you both for all you've done.

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There are several other Board responsibilities that are a little difficult to describe. One is our Demonstration and publicity chair. Jody Dozer took on this job, which was greatly impacted by Covid and the lockdown. She is tasked with making sure we have a guild presence in various places in which we can demonstrate our fiber related skills. There were times when we weren't sure we should be out there with the public, and when we started to venture out – Jody had to make sure that all the volunteer slots were filled. It's a difficult job even during times of health and safety. Thanks so much for taking care of this aspect of our guild activities, Jody.

The last 2 jobs are sort of related – one is that of Historian. Lisa Takata is working hard at that task – even though she's miles away taking care of her elderly mother. The other job is preparing for our upcoming 75th Anniversary celebration and Mary Humme has taken that on. Mary and Lisa are working together to create a celebration that honors our history and celebrates our present and sets us on the right path for our future. Thank you both so much.

Gradually the fear of Covid subsided, most of us were vaccinated and infections had decreased. So, we tentatively started meeting in person for our February meeting. The tentative-ness was largely due to our lack of experience holding hybrid meetings. We knew that there were many members who still preferred to meet via Zoom so we had to transition to hybrid mode. We were blessed to have two members from the Telaraña guild who volunteered to teach us. Betz Fredrick and Russ Johnson met with me and several other members to do a practice run with our technology. Then they both came to that February meeting and set up and ran all the required devices for our first hybrid meeting while our tech team watched and took notes. For our March meeting we were on our own, but Betz came along just in case, to make sure we were OK.

I must admit that the learning curve for this task has been quite steep, but our tech team is doing a great job. Thank you, Lauren Goldfish and Anna Akridge. Caroline Yeryomenko and Sarah Jenkins are also trained and I'm sure will be called in to work next year.

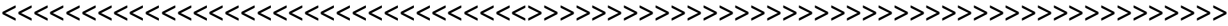
As I said at the beginning – this 2-year presidency has had its ups and downs and a few wild sideways swings just to make sure we were paying attention. But in the end, it has been a great ride. And as many presidents before me have said – I couldn't have done it without all the support of the board and our wonderful guild members. Thank you all so much.

Virginia Glenn President

2020-2022

MAY 7th Guild Meeting
Will Be In Person And on ZOOM

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



WAYS & MEANS
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Please join us for our last raffle of the 2021/22 guild season! On offer this month - yarns, fibers, small tools and equipment.

We continue to accept donations of equipment, fiber, etc. for future fundraising events. Please get in touch to arrange drop off at a meeting, our storage unit or pick up at your house.

Larger items for sale will be advertised periodically to members by email.

For Rental:

- Loom- Baby Wolf 4H,6T - 10 and 12 dent reed
- Spinning Wheels - Ashford Traditional st, Louet S-10 st
- Drum Carder - Fricke/Strauch



Membership

Trish Boone and Elaine Rowles

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Reminder to renew your dues for the coming Guild year before we break for the summer.

Please take a moment to renew your Guild membership for the coming year by completing the form on our website and mailing it to me along with your payment. You can also bring your check to the May meeting and there will be renewal forms available.

You can download the membership form at <https://adwsg.org> and click on Library

If it's more convenient to pay your dues by PayPal, please contact Caroline Wise adwsg.webmaster@gmail.com for details. There is a small fee for electronic payment and you will still need to complete the membership form and mail or email it to me.

For those of you who have been our visitors during the last few months for our Zoom meetings, you are invited to join the Guild!

Our dues help cover Guild operating expenses that continue year-round and your continued support is appreciated!

Please feel free to contact me with questions.

WASHING WOOL

Submitted by Claudia Cocco

This is a link to a wool washing treatise. It never hurts to be reminded about the wool washing process.

[Debunking the Dunk: On Washing Wool \(thewoolchannel.com\)](https://thewoolchannel.com)

Ciao for now,
Claudia



NEWS FROM THE GUILD LIBRARY

Beki Welsch

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The May meeting is the last one of the Guild year. Please return any library items you have checked out at that meeting. Any items checked out at the May meeting may be kept over the summer.

The library catalog is available on our website, adwsg.org. Click on the Library tab to see what we own. We have over 500 titles of books and DVDs, plus current and back issues of Handwoven, Ply, Shuttle Spindle and Dyepot, Spin Off, Weaver's, Interweave, Weaver's Craft, etc. There is no cost to check items out, and no limit on the number of items you can check out.

These are some of the titles I will have available to sell at the May meeting. I ask a minimum \$5.00 donation to support purchase of new titles for the Guild library. If you don't plan on going to the meeting in person and want some of these books, I will ship at your cost. I have already done this for two members who are delighted with their purchases. I will also save titles for you to pick up at the meeting if you email me beforehand: adwsg.librarian@gmail.com

Hands on Rigid Heddle Weaving by Betty Davenport

A Weaver's Book of 8-Shaft Patterns edited by Carol Strickler (\$29 on Amazon)

Papermaking for Basketry edited by Lynn Stearns

Spinning and Weaving with Wool by Paula Simmons

Mastering Weave Structures by Sharon Alderman (\$100 on Amazon)

Women's Work: Textile Art from the Bauhaus by Sigrid Wortmann Weltge

Weaving You Can Wear by Jean Wilson

8, 12...20: an Introduction to Multishaft Weaving by Kathryn Wertenberger

Textile Techniques in Metal by Arline Fisch

The New Dyer by Sally Vinroot and Jennie Crowder

Just Rags : Handwoven Design Collection 8 from Interweave Press

Woven Works by John and Susan Hamamura

Weaving Innovations from the Bateman Collection edited by Robyn Spady (\$35 on Amazon)

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Weaving Techniques for the Multiple-Harness Loom by Pierre Ryall (\$31 on Abe Books)

Double Weave by Palmy Weigle (\$30 on Amazon)

The Fiber Arts Design Book edited by Fiberarts Magazine

The Fiber Arts Design Book 3 edited by Fiberarts Magazine

The Fiber Arts Design Book 4 edited by Fiberarts Magazine

The Fiber Arts Design Book 5 edited by Fiberarts Magazine

The Right Way to Macrame by Evelyn Stiles Stewart

Handspinner's Handbook by Bette Hochberg

Carding, Spinning, Dyeing by Elisabeth Hoppe

Your Handspinning by Elsie Davenport

Finishing Touches for the Handweaver by Virginia West (\$70 on Abe Books)

The Dyer's Art : Ikat, Batik and Plangi by Jack Lenore Larson

The Art Fabric : Mainstream by Mildred Constantine

Interlacing: The Elemental Fabric by Jack Lenore Larson

Sonia Delaunay: Fashion and Fabrics by Jacques Damase

The Guild 5: A Sourcebook of American Craft Artists

Traditional Japanese Small Motif by Kamon Yoshimoto

The Art of Japan by Yoshiko Kakudo

Ed Rossbach: 40 Years of Exploration and Innovation in Fiber Art edited by Ann Rowe

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Next Meeting:

May 7th 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 15th of each month
September through May
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INTEREST GROUPS

EXPLORING FIBER ARTS GROUP

I will be available, via FaceTime, or Skype and or in person if all is well out there to do that, for anyone that needs or wants help with tapestry, embroidery, etc...

contact **Mary Conti** at adwsg.textilegroup@gmail.com.

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

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Join Us for Our Monthly Meetings:

10 am In Person and **ZOOM MEETING**

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Waltann Lane,

Phoenix, AZ

Doors Open at 9 am

Come Early and Mingle!

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March 5th, 2022 **ZOOM MEETING**

May 7, 2022

October 1, 2022
November 5, 2022
December 3, 2022
January 7, 2023
February 4, 2023
March 4, 2023
April 1, 2023
May 6, 2023

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

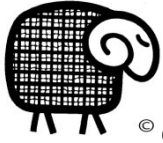
Estimated age: Version with wooden jacks first appeared between 1966 and 1969 and was produced until 1999. About 25-30 years old. Beautiful condition, stored in weather-proof shed.

PacaRanchGirl@gmail.com 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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