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From the President Desk
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Season's greetings, fiber arts friends!

First, I want to thank you all for another wonderful raffle and holiday party! The food was delicious, the baskets fun and exciting, and the holiday spirit tangible. It's my favorite way to kick off the December festivities! Special thanks to everyone involved in organizing, setting up, cleaning up after, and running the event. Your hard work is deeply appreciated, you made this a truly special event!

Here's the obligatory comment about how the year has flown by, I can't believe 2025 is right around the corner, where has the time gone? A lot of it went into crafting, but a certain amount went into planning projects, sometimes starting them, and then promptly forgetting them. For me, those projects go into a "To Be Finished" box, and it's become a tradition to sort through this box in December and decide what to carry into the new year. Its contents are strewn across my living room floor as I write this:

- A scratchy wool hat which does not belong to me, that I offered to line with a soft fleece for its owner (Now that it's finally cool enough for hats, I should hurry up and finish that so I can return it);
- The cut and pinned pieces of a space-themed waistcoat I started sewing, with the idea of wearing it for science outreach events at work;
- Most of a crocheted dragon purse I had intended to finish in time for last year's Renaissance Festival;
- Unopened quilt kit that will look so cool when I finally get around to making it;
- Sock yarn that has been waiting to be made into socks for over a year;
- And much more!

Looking through The Box has become a fun way to reflect on the past year and decide what to finish up before the new year arrives (the button-down shirt that has been missing a single button for longer than I care to admit is a good candidate). It's also an opportunity to anticipate the joys to come in 2025, like learning to knit socks and sew a quilt and sharing countless other artistic endeavors with all of you!

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What are your crafting plans for the coming year? Are you looking forward to trying something new? Consider applying for the Guild Education Grant! Active Guild members may apply to receive \$250 to put towards a learning experience about a fiber topic of your choosing, and then give a presentation on your experience during the next calendar year. The deadline to apply is March 1st, and the form can be found on our website at <https://adwsg.org/guild-forms>.

Wishing you a warm holiday season and a joyful new year. See you at the meeting!

Merlyn, *President*

January 4, 2025 Presentation

Our January meeting will have an in-person presentation. Join us and start your year with inspiration and new beginnings!

Presentation: Mimi Damrauer
Hand Painted Paper and Collage Artist

Mimi Damrauer

Mimi Designs

Phoenix, AZ

Mimi's textile journey began as a quilter and has transitioned into paper arts. She will discuss her art, textile evolution and her work with her sister, a fabric designer. Mimi will also present a short demo of her work, a nice preview of her popular Gel Print workshop.

I purchased one of Mimi's scarves a year ago for my sister and wish I could bring it, however it lives in Ohio now! She loves it!

Check our Mimii's website for a taste of her textiles.

<https://www.mimidesignsart.com>

ROC DAY

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Roc Day Celebration 2024, at the Northtown Community Center, after our January 4th 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. Calling all spinning wheels!

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.

HOSPITALITY

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Please make sure to add a notecard to your food contribution listing the major ingredients for our members that have food allergies. Also consider a beverage contribution is welcome as well.

WORKSHOPS

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There is lots of interest in the Western Sakiori Scarf Weaving workshop by Amanda Robinette, the traveling teacher brought to us by the Federation. This is a two-day workshop that will take place on March 29th and 30th. We currently have 14 people (the maximum participants for this workshop) who have expressed interest in this workshop but will have a waiting list at the front table at the December meeting in the event a space opens.

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SPINNING/FIBER ZOOM

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If someone who is interested, didn't get the email link they must email me at adwsg.fibergroup@gmail.com so I can add their name to the list.

Demonstrations

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Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone is starting the New Year out Healthy and Happy. Our first demonstration of 2025 is the Phoenix Quilt, Craft and Sewing Festival. We need demonstrators to spread the word about our wonderful guild. This is an event filled with fiber related enthusiasts. Demonstrators are needed for Thursday January 30th, 10 am to 5 pm. Please contact Jody if you are available to demonstrate. - Thank you!

LIBRARY

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The new addition to the Guild library this month is a book written by the sister of Guild member Donna Eyring. The book is called *3-D Hand Loom Weaving : Sculptural Tools and Techniques* by Sally Eyring. According to Amazon, "three new techniques are at the core of this exploration: weaving expanded areas, weaving dense areas, and weaving with infinite tensioning. By showing the benefits of challenging every aspect of the weaving process and breaking some of the old rules, Eyring helps handweavers free their skills to design the shapes they want to create, and then weave them." There are plenty of clear photographs and diagrams of how to make the tools and adaptations for your loom. Learn how to create pleats, ruffles, purses, and shaped clothing. These projects are not the "loom shaped" rectangle clothing of the 1970s.

CRAFTING A CREATIVE MEMOIR

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Interested in exploring a different side of your craft? Announcing "Crafting a Creative Memoir," a creative write-along.

"Crafting a Creative Memoir" is a multi-month guided group project with the goal of helping each of us tell the stories of ourselves as makers and creatives. The project will run during the guild year, from October through May, and at the end, participants will have seven pieces of creative work exploring their origins, values, and aspirations as a maker.

Each month, I send out a theme with a short excerpt or reading, some guided reflection questions to get you thinking about how you relate to the theme, and suggested approaches for the month's "assignment." No previous writing experience is required - this is a chance to explore.

I'm running this project through Substack - a free e-newsletter/blog platform. Go to <https://adwsgcreativememoir.substack.com/> to subscribe for the monthly email notifications (you can also view each month's entry without subscribing, if you prefer). You can review last month's prompt on the Substack page and sign up for future prompts, going out following each month's guild meeting. Contact Anna at adwsg.webmaster@gmail.com with any questions!

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Next Meeting:

JANUARY 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

SPINNING/FIBER GROUP ZOOM MEETINGS

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. We love to talk and work while we are still at home so join us for the talk and fun. We also try to have field trips a few time a year.

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 Sue Garber adwsg.programs@gmail.com

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<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 4, 2025

February 1, 2025

March 1, 2025

April 5, 2025

May 3, 2025

BRING YOUR OWN CUP

Thank you for bringing your reusable cups,
mugs, and utensils to the meetings.
Let us take care of Our Earth