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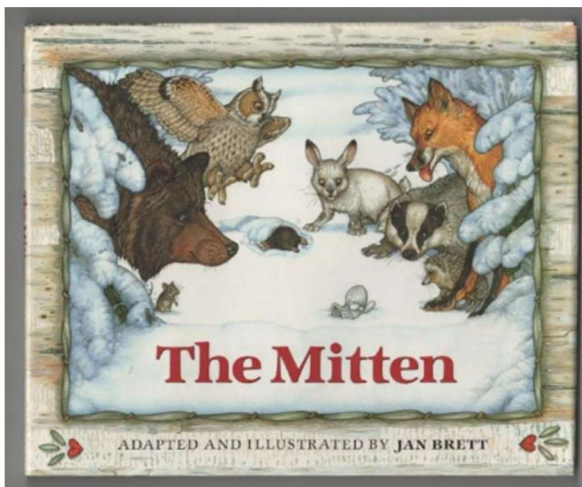
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From the President Desk **Merlyn Heck**

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Happy November, fellow crafters!

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In the story, a young child is given a pair of white wool mittens, knitted by his grandmother, who warns him not to lose them in the snow, or he would never find them again. The child, of course, promptly loses one on his next venture out into the woods. Along comes a mole, who finds the mitten to be the perfect cozy place to curl up inside and take a nap. Next comes a rabbit, who believes the same thing, and crawls in beside the mole. A series of increasingly larger woodland creatures find the mitten and squeeze their way inside with the others, up to an entire bear! Finally, a tiny mouse tries to fit inside and tickles the bear's nose in the process. The bear sneezes, all the animals are blown out of the mitten as it launches into the sky, and the child finds it where it lands.

It's a cute, cozy bedtime story for kids about the age of my niece and nephew, so I'm planning to share it with them over the holidays! I've been crocheting the cast of woodland critters to stuff into a (large) mitten together, and plan to bring a copy of the book along when I see them in a few weeks.

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Merlyn, *President*

December 6, 2025



Holiday Basket Raffle!!!!



The time is upon us for our annual fundraiser! Invite your family, invite your friends, invite your neighbors.....Let them know to BRING CASH. We invite anyone who would like to give us money and wants to score some fiber, yarn, looms, or fluff! Did someone say qiviut?

We will have close to 100 baskets this year, once we add in the baskets that you, our members, add to the tables. It doesn't have to be in a basket, a wrapped box, a pretty bag, or even a canvas bag that you got at that conference you attended 20 years ago.

So, here are the rules:

- 1. Please bring any donation baskets to the center by 9:00 am so we have time to tag them.***
- 2. Please consider bringing an edible treat or libation to share with others.***
- 3. If you bring an above-mentioned edible treat, please label it with the main ingredients as we have nut, flour, and dairy allergies in the guild.***
- 4. BRING CASH for the raffle tickets and or a CHECK BOOK for the silent auction items. No credit cards please.***
- 5. Did I mention BRING CASH?***



WAYS & MEANS

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Get ready for an exciting Holiday extravaganza for our December 6th Guild meeting!

We will open doors at 9:30am. Please bring your delicious treats (with ingredient lists for those of us with allergies), your friends, and, of course, your money! We have a wide range of new items for our raffle and numerous incredible donations for our silent auction. Raffle tickets are available for \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets.

If you have a basket to add to the raffle, we'll have tables set up! Just make sure you show Ways and Means or Hospitality so we can make sure it gets a number and a ticket cup.

This year, we have received several generous donations for the silent auction. We have many spinning wheels, at least three looms, some textiles, vintage bits, and other mystery items! It looks like we have something for everyone!

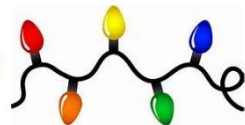
Please bring checks or cash, especially for the Silent Auction, as we do NOT have credit card access.

I think this will be our Biggest Bash yet!! Bring a few friends! There will be a ton of baskets and lots of merriment to spread around! We're so excited to see you all and share in the joy of the cooler weather and special moments with our lovely Guild! Thank you for always making it so much fun and always unforgettable!

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Help Make the Tech Table More Colorful!

You may have noticed a new addition to our monthly tech setup - a second computer! While a fantastic addition to our team, the new laptop is unfortunately...well...really boring.

I'm putting out a call out for fun fiber and craft-related stickers to make this plain black computer a little more exciting! Did you get a crafty sticker with a recent yarn order or in a goody bag? Do you have a punny weaving sticker lying around looking for a home? Bring them to a guild meeting and we'll find a spot for it! Feel free to bring stickers any time - the call remains open until the laptop is covered!

FEDERATION

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AZ FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL

April 10-12, 2026 Camp Verde

Registration is now open for guild members.

Sign up at: <https://azfed.org/arizona-fiber-festival/>

Don't forget to complete needle holders and return them to Julie.

Keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities, including manning the guild booth.

Raffle basket items can be dropped off at Ways and Means table.

Thank you all for making this another successful event!



LIBRARY

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The new issues of *Handwoven* and *Weft* are in and beautiful. Check out these issues or back issues of *Shuttle Spindle and Dyepot*, *Spin-Off*, *Weaver's*, *Weaver's Journal* and other fiber magazine titles from the Guild library.

The new issue of *Weft* introduces Jacey Boggs' newest endeavor: *Purl Magazine*, a new magazine for knitters. Those of you who have seen *Ply* and *Weft* know they focus in depth on a single topic per issue and inspire you to read them cover to cover. Please let me know if you would like the Guild to subscribe to Purl when it comes out in August of 2026. Historically there has been very little interest in checking out knitting books so I need to know if people will be checking out Purl Magazine. Their website states: "*PURL Magazine's* purpose is to serve as a kind of **encyclopedia of knitting knowledge** – a stamp of the current moment in knitting time, a record of the evolving line of knowledge stretching out behind us, and a curious look toward the future."

Due to the Dec fundraiser, there will be no book sale at the meeting this month. It will be back in January.

MEMBERSHIP

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Card Weaving Workshop - October 25th

At the end of October, Winnie Johnson from the Telarana Guild gave a workshop on Card Weaving (also called tablet weaving) to 8 of our Guild members. It was a great beginning exploration of card weaving and learning how to thread the cards and create patterns. As we learned, there are many ways to tension the warp including inkle looms, rigid heddle looms, and C clamps on boards and using a back strap. These projects are very portable!

Winnie brought many examples of her card weaving projects and books and other resources for us to look at. Some of the workshop participants finished their card woven sample and even completed another one and brought those to our November meeting.

We hope to offer this workshop again, depending on interest.

Trish Boone, Membership

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Next Meeting:

DECEMBER 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 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 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00 to 2:00 pm. If you want an email reminder, contact me and I will add you to the email list. We always leave having fulfilled our laughter quota!! Join us.

From the front door, proceed to the library in the far back left corner. 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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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

DECEMBER 6, 2025

January 3, 2026

February 7, 2026

March 7, 2026

April 4, 2026

May 2, 2026

BRING YOUR OWN CUP

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

Let us take care of Our Earth

CALENDAR

September 2025 – September 2026 – Phoenix Art Museum - Flowers of the Punjab

April 10, 11 & 12, 2026 - AZ FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL, CAMP VERDE AZ



June 12-14, 2026 – Complex Weavers Seminars 2026, Westminster, CO

August 11-17, 2026 – HGA Convergence Fiber Arts Conference, New Orleans, LA

July 6-10, 2027 - Intermountain Weavers Conference (IWC), Colorado Springs, CO

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