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MOA Deadline
15th
September - May

From the President's desk...

December is an odd time of the year for me. On one hand, at work I'm in a phase of hectic preparation for the new year. On the other, the world around me is busily spiraling towards Christmas, with constant musical clues, bright and shining decorations, increasingly urgent advertisements announcing shipping deadlines and holiday discounts.

In between I sit, enjoying the cool and dark days, disconnecting as much as possible from the outside. The urge to cocoon is strong. This is the time when I contemplate the year that has passed and make plans for the next. I wouldn't go as far as calling these "New Years Resolutions", more like reminders of things that I've been wanting to do and considerations of what it would take to make them a reality.

Looking through my shelves I find my workshop notes of Jennifer Moore's doubleweave workshop from a few years ago and remember that I wanted to weave pillow cases. Maybe 2017 will be that year when they finally come into existence. I also would like to try doubleweave on the backstrap loom. And what happened to my plans to practice card weaving? Maybe I'll try that on the backstrap loom as well?

Then there are the workshops that I am planning to take in 2017. I am already signed up for Catharine Ellis' Woven Shibori class. Laverne Waddington will probably return for more backstrap weaving workshops (maybe even for doubleweave!). Unfortunately I won't be able to attend Intermountain Weavers this year. I have been enjoying this conference for many years and highly recommend it.

Are you making crafty plans for the new year? Thinking about projects to try or workshops to take? Is the cost of a class or materials holding you back? Here's something to consider: your guild is offering an educational grant every year. This money can help pay for a class or buy you supplies for something that will help you learn a new technique or craft. The only thing we ask for in exchange is for you to hold a short program and share what you've learned with the membership.

Why am I bringing this up? The deadline for the application for the educational grant is February. This gives you some time to consider your plans for the new year and whether the educational grant would be something that would help you get there. And in turn allow the guild to share in your learning experience.

See you at the meeting!

Caroline



Next Meeting:
January 7th at 10 AM
Northtown Community Center
2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phoenix, AZ

JANUARY PROGRAM: MARILOU SCHULTZ, NAVAJO WEAVER

SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY THE BOARD
DOORS OPEN AT 9 AM - COME EARLY AND MINGLE

ABOUT MARILOU SCHULTZ

Marilou Schultz, B.A., M.A., Arizona State University, is a weaver and educator who is renowned for her contemporary variations on traditional Navajo rug designs. Weaving is an old Navajo tradition that has been in her family for more than five generations. A full-blooded Navajo, she has been weaving since the age of seven and she is now passing down the craft to her own children.

Schultz weaves contemporary designs using variegated wool in her created "diversity" weavings, in which she weaves a traditional "wide ruins" in the background and a nonsymmetrical design with embedded petroglyphs. She also still gravitates to classic weavings that include the chief blankets using Churro wool, and Germantown blankets.

[From: <https://www.eomega.org/workshops/teachers/marilou-schultz>]

DECEMBER FUNDRAISER SUCCESS

Our deep, heartfelt thanks go to everyone who donated items and time, and brought and spend \$ to make our December meeting a great success! In the end we netted over \$1,800. This is a message from Pauline Schultz, our programs chair:

Wow! I severely underestimated your participation in this year's fundraiser. Thank you very much for exceeding expectations not only with the number of baskets and silent auction items but upping the quality overall.

Many thanks to the ticket sellers - Deanna, Sue, and Christine and to the ticket pullers drafted at the last minute: Ann, Joan, Helene, and the charming Elektra.

Thank you ADWSG members for your tremendous support of this event. It's a pleasure to work with all of you.

Pauline

LIBRARY NEWS

Two new DVDs have been added to our Guild Library this month. The first is *Color in Weaving* with Deb Essen purchased in memory of Shirley Milsap. The second is *Weaving with Supplemental Warp*, which was a special request from a Guild member. I am always looking for suggestions for purchases, and will consider everything suggested. Purchases are made when enough money has been made through the library surplus sales at the monthly meetings. Support your Guild Library by purchasing our surplus magazines and books.

Also new is the online Library catalog. This summer, Deanna Ikeya and I added our collection of books to Library Thing. You can easily search by title, author, or subject keyword. DVDs will be coming next to the catalog. When looking at the catalog, you may notice there are MANY more books on weaving than spinning. Let me know if you have any suggestions for spinning purchases. <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/adwsg>
[Beki Welsch]

DIRECTORY OF ARIZONA TEACHERS AND SPEAKERS

Our guilds have many members who have the expertise and experience to teach workshops or present a program to other guilds, but we don't know who they are. The AZ Federation of Weavers of Spinners Guilds wants to create a directory of teachers and presenters that are based in Arizona to help share their skills with other guilds. If you are interested and would like to be included in this effort, please contact our Federation Representative, Christine Hunt.

INTEREST GROUPS

TAPESTRY AND BEYOND

Meets after the monthly general ADWSG meeting at Northtown Community Center, 2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phx, 85022. Bring your luncheon/beverage along with any type of loom with warping yarn and various types of yarn for tapestry weaving, or other projects. For more information, contact Mary Conti at mariaconti@cox.net or 425-788-5012. All are welcome.

FIBER ARTISTS GROUP

The Fiber Artists meet on the **second** Wednesday of the month at Northtown Community Center, 2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phx 85022 at 10:00 am. Members bring lunch and beverage.

The Fiber Artists were born when the Weaving Study Group merged with the Daytime Spinners Group. From now on, spinners, weavers, and all fiber artists are welcome. The group's co-chairs are Judy Lukas (602-361-7339) for the months October - May and Paula Rudnick (814-769-1675) for the summer months.



UPCOMING DEMONSTRATION: SEWING FESTIVAL JANUARY 2017

Our next assignment is the Sewing Festival at the State Fair Grounds. The dates are 26 - 28 January, 2017.

Please contact Diane Wilson at weavebskts@aol.com or call 613-376-6452 if you want to join the excitement.

EDUCATIONAL GRANT

Our guild offers an educational grant 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. Submit a written application to any board member, outlining your area of study and how you will use the grant.

The only stipulation is that you will share your newly learned or improved skill with the membership at a monthly 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 February, so you have some time to consider your application.



ADWSG Jewelry

Silver logo pins and earrings are available for purchase at the monthly meetings. The "sheep with the woven coat" pins are \$20, and earrings are \$40. See Elaine Rowles for availability.



Fiber Artist Group Field Trip to the Heard

The Wednesday Spinning and Weaving Group took their annual December Trip/Fun day to the Heard Museum. There were 15 of us who met with the museum curator for a visit to the “basement” storage area to see some very old Navajo rugs that were getting ready for an upcoming exhibit.

We got a chance to see how they store some of their beautiful items and how much care has to be taken to keep these items safe from bugs and other things that can destroy this wonderful part of history. This was followed by visiting different exhibits in the museum and seeing the new “Talking Stick” as well as the “Boarding School” exhibits. The museum is going through a renovation and expansion and if you haven’t been there it is a worth while trip.

We followed our museum tour with stops at the gift shop and the book store and a delicious lunch at the museum cafe. We were treated with homemade treats from Karla.



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CALENDAR EVENTS

- **Until Jan 16, 2017 Emphatics - Avant-Garde Fashion 1963-2013** - Phoenix Art Museum - <http://www.phxart.org/Emphatics>
- **Jan 18-21, 2017 AZ Fiber Arts Retreat** - Arcosanti - <http://www.arizonafiberartsretreat.com/>
- **Until Feb 26, 2017 Eye on Fashion - The Kelly Ellman Collection** - Arcosanti - Phoenix Art Museum - <http://www.phxart.org/EyeOnFashion>

MOA DEADLINE

15th of every month From September to May
Visit our guild's website: <http://www.adwsg.org>

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