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MOA Deadline  
15th  
September - May

## *From the President's desk...*

Why does someone join our guild? One thing many new members say is that they want to learn to weave or spin. Usually we end up suggesting that beginners can take a class at, say, Fiber Factory to learn the ropes. But then what? This is where mentoring comes in.

What is a mentor? The dictionary says "An experienced and trusted adviser." Synonyms include guru, counselor, and consultant. An example for a mentor of mine would be Bernie Goodrich. When I started out, she helped me dress a table loom and got me going weaving some mug rugs. At a later time, when I was struggling with a messy warp she came to my house and helped me fix the problem. In between, when I had questions, I would email her questions and the occasional photo and she'd send comments (and encouragement).

While the majority of us are probably not ready to jump into teaching a workshop, if someone came up and asked you for advice regarding a specific technique, would you consider helping them and becoming their mentor? I certainly would and I hope you would, too.

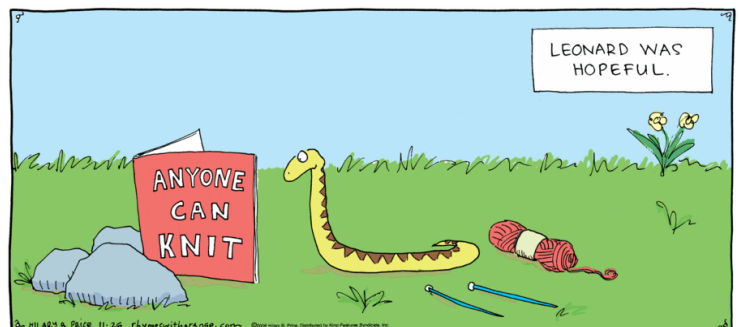
However, even if you are now saying, "sure I would help someone if I could," the question is, with what? It is difficult for me to say if there is anything I know that another person would be interested in. My weaving isn't remarkable so I'm not going there quite yet. Although in a pinch I can help someone with a warp for example. I knit a lot, and although I haven't made any garments worth mentioning I could help someone learn to knit continental, or how to read a lace pattern, or knit socks. I can also crochet and I do sprang. So, the important question is not, what can we teach, but also, what do you want to learn?

Is there something you have been wanting to learn but haven't gotten around to? Maybe it is a weave structure, maybe it is sewing a garment, maybe it is spinning a different fiber? Let me know what you are interested in and I will put the request into the MOA. Hopefully someone will then volunteer their time and expertise to get you moving in the right direction. Or you will find a mate to form a mini-study group with and explore new things together.

Mentoring and helping each other learn more about weaving (or spinning, or knitting, etc) would be an amazing way to share and further our collective knowledge.

See you at the meeting!

Caroline



FROM: RHYMESWITHORANGE.COM

**Next Meeting:**  
November 5th at 10 AM  
Northtown Community Center  
2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phoenix, AZ

## **NOVEMBER PROGRAM: OUR PERUVIAN TRAVELS SHELLY LEICHTER & ANNEMARIE BELLEM**

*THE TAPESTRY GROUP PROVIDES SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS  
DOORS OPEN AT 9 AM - COME EARLY AND MINGLE*

### **OUR NOVEMBER PROGRAM**

Annemarie Bellem and Shelly Leichter spent a month in southern Peru in 2012. Their tour focused on fiber and textiles and that is what this program is about. Between them, they took 4 workshops from local teachers. In addition to a Power-Point presentation, see and touch many of the items that they came home with.

### **DECEMBER IS FUND RAISING MONTH!**

We are asking guild members to make their own baskets, or to partner with other guild members. If you have individual items please let Pauline Schultz know as soon as possible so she can help you find another member to partner with. Pauline would also like to get an idea of what to expect ahead of time to help with the setup prior to the event.

If you have a handmade, or larger item that you would like to have in a silent auction, please also let Pauline know. We are planning to have a silent auction of select items. Pauline's number is 480.239.0437 or email psknits@hotmail.com  
*Caroline Wise*

### **UPCOMING DEMONSTRATION: FARM DAY AT THE ZOO**

Demonstrating at the Zoo is a lot of fun. Here are the details:

Friday, November 4th, 2016, 9AM to 4PM  
Phoenix Zoo

Please contact Diane Wilson at weavebskts@aol.com or call 613-376-64542 if you want to join the excitement.



Jacket by Liz Spear

### **Catharine Ellis Woven Shibori and Indigo Dye Workshop**

**March 5, 6 & 7, 2017**

Presented by Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners

Catharine Ellis is the originator of the woven shibori process and has written 2 books on the subject. She has been a weaver, dyer and teacher for over 40 years. This workshop is for weavers who are interested in transforming their work through dyeing. Weaving will be done with cotton or other cellulose fiber and dyeing will be done with indigo. Students will build organic indigo vats and learn how to maintain them. Looms need to be prepared ahead of time for woven shibori on 4 or 8 shaft looms.

Registration begins on October 1 at the AZ Desert Weavers Guild Meeting and registration begins November 1 for non members. Make checks payable to ADWSG.

Registration Fee is \$100.00. Estimated Cost: \$140.00-190.00. Materials Fee: \$15.00  
Non-Guild members add \$25.00.

Location: Northtown Community Center, Phoenix

Contact: Jeanne Forrest rdjforrest@yahoo.com

Karen Stromberg kastromberg@gmail.com

## 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](mailto: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.



## TRAVELING TO CANYON DE CHELLY?

This came in from Dana Jordan:

I just wanted to pass along some information for any "fiber-philes" who may be headed north to take a jeep tour of Canyon de Chelly. I was reminded recently of a jeep tour I took there with two other women two years ago. The tour guide was Leander Staley, whose tour provided some unexpected perks for the fiber-lovers among us. When one of my companions mentioned my interest in Navajo weaving, he took us to a woman there who showed us a weaving in progress on her loom outside under the trees. She showed us how to use her (long) Navajo spindle and invited me to try it.

We came away with a card from Katherine Paymella, who hand weaves Navajo rugs. And Winnie Henry is a Certified Guide who demonstrates her weaving and provides opportunities to camp on her land and even sleep in her stone hogan. Some have said that the shape is considered healthier than the box-shapes of most of our modern homes.

Leander Staley, Canyon De Chelly Beauty Way Jeep Tours  
<http://canyondechellybeautywayjeeptours.com/>

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Winnie Henry  
P.O. Box 1583  
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Certified Guide who demonstrates weaving and offers opportunities to camp on her land and sleep in her (stone) hogan.



*Namasté--Dana*

[While checking that the information above is still current, I found this web-page with an interview with Winnie - very interesting:  
<http://www.crossingworlds.com/articles/weaving.html> - Caroline]

### 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.





# INTERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS CONFERENCE

## JULY 27-30, 2017



From IWC Newsletter Fall 2016:

We have a great line up of teachers in store for you. We're bringing back a few of the 2015 teachers, if you had a hard time choosing between workshops and wished you could take them all. We have wonderful new teachers too. We welcome Cathlena Burr who will be teaching for the first time in a regional conference.

It will be Anita Mayer's last regional workshop. She will continue to teach at guilds, but will no longer teach at conferences. We are delighted that she will teach a workshop and moderate the Fashion Show.

Workshop topics cover sprang, weaving, spinning, felting, silk fusion, basketry, felting, knitting, surface design and more. Visit our website for updates at [www.intermountainweavers.org](http://www.intermountainweavers.org).

The 2017 conference will open Thursday evening with Karen Selk as keynote speaker. Friday evening will feature extended hours for shopping at the vendor market. "Celebration of Fiber Members Exhibit" and "Workshop Leaders and Board Members Exhibit" will also be open. Saturday night will feature the fashion show, raffle, and announcement of Celebration of Fiber awards.

Plan to attend IWC 2017. This promises to be a wonderful conference. We welcome all of you who have supported IWC over the years and everyone who has just heard about IWC and plans to come for the first time. Start thinking about what you want to make for Celebration of Fiber, our non-juried exhibit for participants, or share in our non-juried Fashion Show.

We hope you can come and "Fill Your Hearts with Fiber Arts."

See you in Durango!!!

Patty Savignac, IWC President



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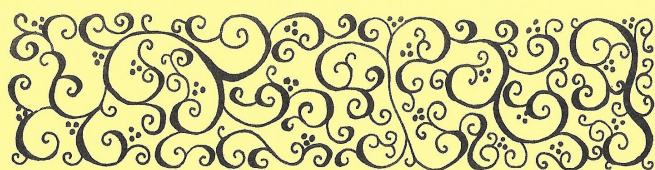
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THE PRESCOTT AREA WOODTURNERS SEVENTH ANNUAL

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<http://www.adwsg.org>

## CALENDAR EVENTS

- **Nov 12 Prescott Guild Holiday Show and Sale** - Hassayampa Inn, Prescott- 10 AM - 4 PM - <http://mtnsinweave.org/>
- **Nov 12-13, 2016 Mercado de las Artes** - Heard Museum - 9.30 AM - 5 PM - <http://heard.org/event/mercado-de-las-artes/>
- **Nov 18-20 & 25-27, 2016 Hidden in the Hills Artist Studio Tour** - Cave Creek - [http://www.sonoranartsleague.org/hidden\\_in\\_the\\_hills\\_studio\\_tou.php](http://www.sonoranartsleague.org/hidden_in_the_hills_studio_tou.php)

### MOA DEADLINE

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



First Class

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