

THE

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***From the President Desk
Caroline Yeryomenko***

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Dear Guild Members,

I am going to write a shorter letter this month and leave some blank space at the bottom. We need to think about what it would be like if our guild could not be here for us anymore. Here is Section 1 from Article 10 of the Bylaws that govern the Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. as a nonprofit corporation:

Section 1- Nominating and Outreach Committee: The Nominating and Outreach Committee shall be a standing committee whose chair is selected by the President. The selection process shall be detailed in the Standing Rules. Any member of the Corporation, other than the President, may serve on the Nominating and Outreach Committee. The purpose of this committee is 1) to reach out to each member of the Corporation at least two times yearly to inquire about each member's desired participation in ongoing and special activities of the Corporation; and 2) to establish a slate of officers to be presented to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

In other words, our guild is required to currently have a nominating committee contacting each member by phone call, text, or email. They should be checking on members and recruiting volunteers and nominees for the board. The slate of nominees needs to be prepared by March 14, 2024, 30 days before the election at the Annual Meeting which is our guild meeting on April 13 this year.

We have three volunteers for our Nominating Committee at this time, all new members of less than a year. As President, I will go ahead and elect a chair for the Nominating Committee. Here is the problem: we have no volunteers among our long-term members for this committee! I wish I could help, but the President is not allowed to make phone calls to all 90+ members per the bylaws above. I am not going to ask THREE brand new members to do that amount of work. So, we are going to have to sit this one out. Bylaws or not, the phone calls are not going to be made. The Nominating Committee will send out an email or two in hopes that we find volunteers to be nominated for elected office. Otherwise, our Guild could cease to exist according to the bylaws Article 6 Section 7:

Any Board position may be left vacant during a year or part of a year if no one is available to fill it except for the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Our Guild is no longer an organization without these offices being filled. Please consider stepping up to help the Nominating Committee and also to run for office. This is a valuable organization that has many more potential years of service. Please contact me to volunteer: adwsg.president@gmail.com

Thank you *Caroline, President*

MARCH 2ND

Swedish Rag Rugs

Presented by Kathleen Burns

Our March 2 presenter will be Kathleen Burns, a weaver with a specific interest in Swedish rag rug weaving having studied at Vävstuga Weaving School in Massachusetts. Kathleen is a member of Artistic Weavers & Fiber Artists Club, Sun City. She is working on her Master Weaving Certificate from Olds College, Olds, Alberta, Canada. Kathleen will present in person from the Northtown Community Center.

(Kathleen has sent me a copy of the Vävstuga Weaving School Brochure in case we wanted to share that but I don't know what the rules are about posting that on line?

Here is the website: <https://vavstuga.com>

Demonstrations

Jody Dozer

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April is a busy Fiber time. If you are not headed to the Fiber Festival how about demonstrating at the Maricopa County Fair? We have opportunities available Saturday April 6 and Friday April 12. Please contact Jody if interested.

Other announcements

1) March 15 entries are due for the Maricopa County Fair.

2) Sheering at Jody and Cheryl's is scheduled for April 20th. Come spend the morning or day with the sheep and wool. Help skirt the fleeces, sort the wool and experience different ways to prep wool for spinning. We are planning a day filled with fiber. Bring your favorite Wheel, Spindle, Needles and hooks. Everyone is welcome to spend an hour or more. We will have a pot luck and lots of wool.

RSVP to jody@dozerlane.com

LIBRARY

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This month I would like to highlight a few of the unusual books in our Guild library. First is *Paper Textiles* by Christina Leitner. This book is a complete guide to paper textiles, including 1000 years of the history of paper, plus projects done in weaving, knitting, plaiting, crocheting, etc.

Second on this month's list is *The Pocket: a Hidden History of Women's Lives, 1660 -1900* by Barbar Burman. Dive into the fascinating history of tie-on pockets and their use by women of all socio-economic levels. The pockets were personalized with embroidery and patchwork and helped women negotiate their way through a world that was not built to suit them.

Next comes *Pin Loom Weaving: 40 Projects for Tiny Hand Looms* by Margaret Stump. You may remember these little looms as potholder looms. They are making a comeback and this book includes patterns for toys, bags, purses and more.

Lastly, I have *The Alchemy of Color Knitting: the Art and Technique of Mastering Exquisite Palettes* by Gina Wilde. This book is all about color theory for knitters and will teach you how to bring richer, more complex color to your knitting.

Check out these or any of over 600 other titles in our library. A link to the library catalog can be found on our website <https://adwsg.org> under the Library tab. I also have a hard copy of the catalog at the Guild meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

Trish Boone

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Welcome to our new member, Robyn Johnson. We are happy to welcome so many new members this year. This brings our registered members up to 94 so we continue to grow.

Name tags are available at the membership table by the door at the meeting. You can either take it with you or return it to the box for the next meeting. If yours has gone missing, please let me know and I can print you another one.

Please pick up a 75th Anniversary tote bag as well at the membership table. We have quite a few left and would love to get them distributed to anyone who wants one.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting in March!
Trish Boone, Membership Co-chair

WAYS & MEANS

Mary Tangen-Giger

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We would like to extend a big 'Thank you' to all that bought raffle tickets for the January raffle. It is so fun to plan our selections for you but the raffle would not be a success without Guild members participating! We look forward to more fun items in February!

We will return to the regular raffle format in February.

We look forward to seeing everyone again!

Mary, Lauren, and Sue

Available for rental:

Loom- Baby Wolf 4H, 6T - 10, 12 dent reed

Warping Board

Spinning Wheels - Ashford Traditional single treadle, Louet S-10 single treadle

Fricke Drum Carder.

Rentals are available for Guild members. Fee is \$20 per month plus refundable deposit.

Best Regards,

Mary Tangen-Giger, Lauren Goldfish and Sue Garber

FEDERATION

Helene Hall

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REGISTER TODAY FOR AZ FIBER FESTIVAL!!

Registration closes on March 1.

Go to AZFED.ORG and follow the link to the festival website.

Please bring items for the raffle basket to guild meeting on Saturday, March 2. Gently used accessories, finished fiber items, yarn or other goodies. Our basket should be valued at no less than \$200.



Kantha Embroidery



Shibori Dyeing



Kumihimo

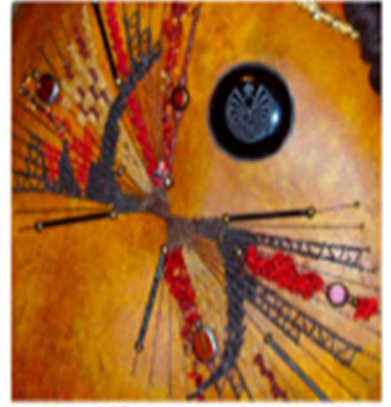


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AND OTHER WORKSHOPS**

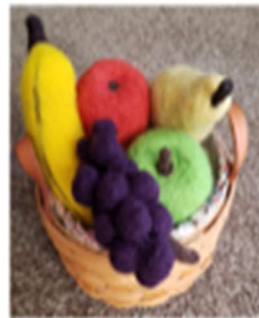
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Teneriffe Gourd Weaving



Spinning Dyed Top



Wet & Needle Felting



Viking Knit





Learn to Weave



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Wire Knitting



Learn to Weave
Rigid Heddle



Ribbon Basket



Needle Felting



Rigid Heddle
Smorgasbord



RUG HOOKING

Collyer Ekholm

Guild members who hook rugs will be meeting in the afternoon after the monthly meeting at the Northtown center. We plan to hook rugs, eat our lunch and talk. We would be happy to teach anyone interested how to do rug hooking. It doesn't take long to learn-the shops on the east coast that sell rug hooking supplies claim that it can be done in 5 minutes!



ANDEAN TEXTILE ARTS

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Andean Textile Arts supports weavers in the Andes. My trip to Peru at the end of 2022 (and the one in 2010) were both done thru ATA. They're now going into Bolivia and Ecuador. Here's some information about their upcoming tours.

Travel Tours andeantextilearts.org



Feel free to contact me (vmatglenn@me.com or 530-545-9424) if you have any questions about ATA or the tours. Virginia Glenn



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Next Meeting:

MARCH 2nd 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

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.

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 Nancy Moore rayandnancy@comcast.net

ADWSG WEBSITE

<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

March 2, 2024

April 13, 2024

May 4, 2024

BRING YOUR OWN CUP

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

Let us take care of Our Earth

February Guild Meeting



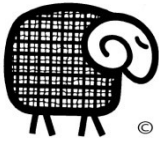
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