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MOA Deadline  
15th  
August - May

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

Where do you get your inspiration for your weaving, spinning or knitting? I received the following recently and thought I would share it with all of you in celebration of National Mental Health Days. Who doesn't need more mental health and what better way to get there than laughter.

"I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work. (And may I add weaving).

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

Life is too short for negative drama & petty things. So laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly! "

In your service,  
Anita Bellinger  
President  
ADWSG President



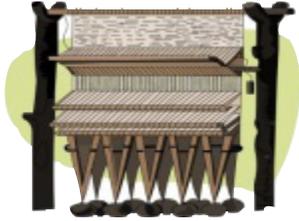
**Next Meeting:**  
April 7th at 10 AM  
Northtown Community Center  
2202 E. Waltann Lane  
Phoenix, AZ

## **April Program:**

*Judging Handspun Yarn*  
*Ruth Greenspan*

Wonder!!!ful Weavers brings the Refreshments

# MINI WORKSHOPS



## Workshop Notice

*Laptop and Looms with Marg Coe*

Requirements are a laptop with Fiberworks Silver

installed - the free demo version will be sufficient.

Fee for this workshop depends on how many members sign up for this workshop.

If you are interested in this workshop, please email me.

Thank you,  
Bernie Goodrich  
bgweave@q.com



## Come Demonstrate with Us at the County Fair!

We are scheduled to demo at the County Fair on Sunday April 15th. The Fair runs from the 11th through the 15th and MaryEllen is open to spinners & weavers coming any day so if a few of you want to add a weekday that's fine. Please e-mail me to sign up so I can get her a list of names.

Thanks,  
Sue Carneal  
Demonstrations/Publicity Chairperson



## The Refreshment Corner

### April Refreshments: WONDER!!!FUL WEAVERS

The Wonder!!!ful Weavers will bring this month's refreshments to share!



## INTEREST GROUPS

### DAYTIME SPINNERS

First Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at Northtown Community Center, 2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phx, 85022. Bring your luncheon/beverage, & join us for a day of spinning. Contact Georgian Ferrante. [georgianf@cox.net](mailto:georgianf@cox.net) or 480-948-3705 for more information. All levels of spinners are welcome.



### WONDER!!!FUL WEAVERS STUDY GROUP

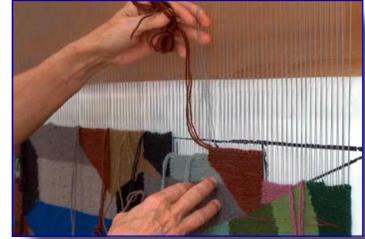
Third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Northtown Community Center, 2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phoenix. Contact Sybil Yastrow for more information at 480-488-0523 or [sybil@yastrow.com](mailto:sybil@yastrow.com)



## Tapestry Study Group

I would like to know if any of our member are interested.

It would be a daytime group and it could be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month or maybe on a Saturday, depending on the availability of the room at the Center.



Members can e-mail me, [mariaconti@cox.net](mailto:mariaconti@cox.net), with their preference so that I can see what day would work out best.

Thank you,  
Mary Conti



## Check out Jerry's Blog!

Jerry Ladd has roving and yarn for sale on his Etsy shop which can be found at: [http://www.tri-ply-fibers.com/Tri-Ply\\_Home\\_Sheep\\_Shearing.html](http://www.tri-ply-fibers.com/Tri-Ply_Home_Sheep_Shearing.html)

He features more primitive and historic breeds and not too common blends that are very nice. The fiber is all from SW small flocks, Queen Creek, AZ and Moab, UT. He just wanted everyone to know and take a look.



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Jerry delivers locally so folks don't have to pay for shipping but he is trying to get the word out about what he has. The best way to show people his inventory is Etsy and the website.

Jerry is a certified sheep shearer living in Gilbert, AZ with his young family and is a welcoming member of the ADWSG. Be sure to visit his blog: [http://www.tri-plyfibers.com/About\\_Me.html](http://www.tri-plyfibers.com/About_Me.html)

*"Tradition With a Modern Twist"*

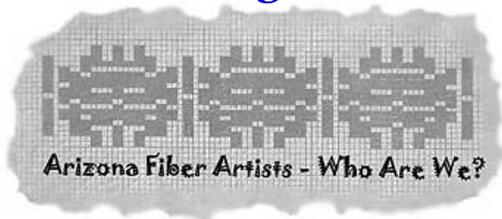
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## Workshops/Events...

### Fibers Through Time 2012



**April 20 - 22**

**Inn Place Phoenix North  
10220 North Metro Parkway East  
(Metro Center)**

Fibers Through Time is fast approaching. Come by for an hour or more April 20 to 22 to see what the fun is all about. Visit the Learning Center to see demonstrations of Sherrit, flax spinning, bobbin lace, Kumihimo, coffee filter spinning, and also the more well-known arts of tapestry weaving, spinning, knitting, and basket weaving. Drop in on the Fiber Arts Show to see work by Arizona fiber artists and conference instructors. Everyone is invited to bid on raffle baskets with everything from tools and fibers for those new to fiber arts to finished works of art. Don't miss the vendors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for books, tools, videos, kits, buttons, pottery, antiques and more. The public can visit the classrooms on Sunday morning from 10 a.m. to noon. If you have the time, offer to volunteer for a spell to let vendors get lunch or gallery sitters take a quick break. Check at the Fibers Through Time registration desk.

**Tempe Yarn & Fiber**  
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OPEN: MONDAY - SATURDAY  
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Located at 1415 E. University Drive  
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(between Rural & McClintock)

480-557-9166 / [www.tempeyarn.com](http://www.tempeyarn.com)

For more information: <http://www.azfed.org/>

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### Workshop: Re-Purpose Knitware & Re-Invent Felt April 28 & 29 Tucson, AZ

Instructor: Martien van Zuilen

Date: Saturday & Sunday, April 28 and 29, 2012

Location: Spirited Hands Studio near Wilmot and Speedway

Time: 9:00 am to 4 pm

Cost: Members: \$105\*; Nonmembers: \$150

\*Please note that the cost for THSG members is underwritten by a very generous contribution from the Mae Olden Davison Memorial Fund

Materials Fee: To be determined

Level: All

Maximum Number of Students: 10

Extend the concept of 'recycling' and incorporate pre-loved woolen jumpers and knitwear in your handmade felt. Learn to design and create reversible bags, cushions, throws, and funky hats with a unique textural surface, colourful appearance and striking 3-D effects. A class for those who want to 'reuse, reduce, re-purpose'. Expect to be surprised by the results you can achieve. For examples of her 'Re-Purposed Knitware' see her website [www.martienvanzuilen.com](http://www.martienvanzuilen.com)

To register please download the Workshop Registration Form and send it with your check to the address listed on the Form. Registration for this workshop will be based on your postmark.

For questions, contact [workshops@thsg.org](mailto:workshops@thsg.org)

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## Time for Membership Renewal!

Please be sure to fill in your membership renewal and give it to Elaine Rowles at the general meeting or send it to her address as written below.

# ADWSG Membership Form

Please print or type and send with your check for \$20 made payable to ADWSG to:

Elaine Rowles  
7262 West Charter Oak Road  
Peoria, AZ 85381

**The following information is for publication in the membership roster:**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer that my email address is not published and is used for email notices only.

### Newsletter Delivery:

Regular Mail (USPS)

Email

### Membership Type (Check One):

Individual Membership - \$20

Family Membership - \$25

Student Membership - \$10

### I'd like to help on the day of the meeting:

Set-up     Clean-up     Anything else

### Interests (Check up to 5):

Bobbin Lace

Restoration

Weaving

Card Weaving

Basket Weaving

Raising Sheep

Bound Weave

Inkle Weaving

Coiling

Surface Design

Coverlets

Navajo Weaving

Crochet

Tatting

Double Weave

Rigid Heddle

Dolls & Doll Clothes

Teaching (Classes)

Multi-Harness

Tapestry

Embellishments

### **Dyes -**

Name Drafts

### **Spinning -**

Felt Making

Dyeing

Overshot

Spinning

Garments

Solar Dyeing

Rya

Spinning Cotton

Knitting

Rugs

Spinning Flax

Paper Making

Demonstrating  
(Events)

Spinning Silk

Spinning Wool

## **This Month's Program:** *Judging Handspun Yarn* *Ruth Greenspan*

The Southwest Regional Spinner's Association (SWRSA) has adopted protocols developed by the Northwest Regional Spinner's Association for judging handspun yarn and articles made of handspun yarn. SWRSA has created a Judging and Standards Committee, and thus far has certified 10 judges in Arizona and New Mexico. A number of fairs and fiber arts shows across the Southwest, including Fibers Through Time, have adopted the SWRSA standards. Ruth will be talking about SWRSA's judging philosophy and standards and will give spinners, as well as weavers and knitters who utilize handspun yarn, helpful hints for how to best show and utilize handspun yarn.

Please bring samples of handspun yarn to the meeting, and Ruth will be happy to do an informal judging and give you feedback.

~ Biography ~

*Ruth Greenspan is a self-taught spinner who has been spinning for more than 40 years. She had no idea how little she actually knew about the process of spinning until she took a workshop in judging handspun yarn in 2008. The workshop was in many ways a transformative experience that made her a much more thoughtful and deliberative fiber artist. Ruth is a founding member of the SWRSA Judging and Standards Committee, and is a certified judge of handspun yarn.*

### **ADWSG Candidates Slated for Board Member Election for 2012-13 season ...**

- President - Beki Welsch
- Workshops - Virginia Glenn
- Programs - Ruth Greenspan
- Treasurer- Sue Carneal
- Membership - Elaine Rowles
- Secretary - Terri McCook



### **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.



~ CLASSIFIED ADS ~

**For Sale:**

Local, freshly-sheared Navajo-Churro fleeces for Sale. From my flock of registered sheep. Natural colors in shades of brown & black as well as some white & lightly colored fleeces. \$8 per pound. Average weight about 5 pounds. Possible delivery to the Tucson & Phoenix area, especially the East Valley. Otherwise actual cost of shipping is additional. Ranch visits available by appointment. Also available: Roving at \$24 per pound with a 4 ounce minimum. Single-ply yarn at \$10 per 4-ounce skein in 200 yds & 100 yds per skein. Batting at \$32 per pound with 1 pound minimum. Scoured fleeces at \$15 per pound. Young ewes, ready to breed at \$125-\$150 each. Contact Cathy Gorman, Canyon Wren Ranch (Aravaipa Canyon in eastern Pinal county), 520-357-7501, [cgorman@wildblue.net](mailto:cgorman@wildblue.net)



Memo from Mary Arnold ~

Please say thank you from Deanna for all the Girl Scout donations. It is greatly appreciated.

**Update Mailing Address/Emails**

If you have recently changed your email address and/or forwarding snail mail, please let Elaine and myself know your new address. I have been receiving returned MOA newsletters due to "Resident not at This Address" or "Email Address Unconfirmed".

Thanks, Helene

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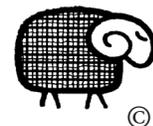
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**ADWSG WEBSITE:**

<http://www.adwsg.org>

## CALENDAR EVENTS

- April 19-22, 2012 - **Fibers Through Time** presented by Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds at the InnPlace Phoenix North, 10220 North Metro Parkway East in Phoenix, AZ. Info link: <http://www.azfed.org/ftt/>
- May 10 - August 12, 2012 - **HGA's Small Expressions 2012** - Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA. Info link: <http://www.weavespindye.org/pages/?p=HGASmallExpressions.html&loc=3-13-00&loc=1-61-00>
- July 15 - 21, 2012 - **HGA's Convergence 2012** - Long Beach, California. Information link: <http://www.weavespindye.org/?loc=8-00-00>
- September 12 - 15, 2012 - **Complex Weavers Seminars DC 2012**, National 4-H Youth Conference Center, Chevy Chase, MD. For more info: [www.complex-weavers.org/seminar.htm](http://www.complex-weavers.org/seminar.htm)
- July 25 - 28, 2013 - **Intermountain Weavers Conference 2013** - Celebrating 30 Years - Durango, CO. For more info: <http://www.intermountainweavers.org/>



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From August to May



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