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MOA Deadline
15th
August - May

From the President's desk...

A new year is underway and our guild is growing. I trust each of you are weaving, spinning or otherwise enjoying this year.

I hope each of you will consider how you can help the guild by serving in one of the elected positions, President, VP of Programs, VP of Workshops, Secretary and Treasurer. It would be good if we had people who would assist the people in these positions so they would be trained to step in should the need arise. Last year we found 2 people who have served as trainees for Programs and Workshops and now they are stepping into those positions, if elected. I am asking the Nominating Committee to find assistants for each position this year; those who will be officers in training.



If you would be willing to be considered for serving or wish to nominate someone please give the information to one of the committee members or board members. Board Members can be identified by the blue name tags or give it to Elaine at the membership desk.

The nominees will be listed in the March MOA and voted on at the April Annual Meeting.

Following some research on my part it has been learned that the guild will not jeopardize our 501 C3 standing by allowing the sale of items at our meetings providing the sale of those items is not our primary activity. We also have to consider the rules of the facility where we are meeting. Northtown Community does not have a problem with our conducting sales at their location.

Anita Bellinger
ADWSG President

Next Meeting:
February 4th at 10 AM
Northtown Community Center
2202 E. Waltann Lane
Phoenix, AZ

February Program:
Marge Coe
Presents
"Laptops & Looms"

Refreshment - Board Members bring Refreshments!

MINI WORKSHOPS

Mini Workshop for March, 2012 *Silk Dyed Easter Eggs*

Upcoming Mini Workshop:

Mini Workshop for March of 2012 Silk Dyed Easter Eggs



When: March 2012 (exact date to be announced).

What: Sylvia Fitzgerald will present the Silk Dyed Easter Egg workshop.

Where: It will be held at Sylvia's home.

Sylvia Fitzgerald will be presenting a Silk Dyed Easter Eggs at her home.

Please contact Sylvia at her email: sylfitz@cox.net to set up a time at her home to do this workshop.

She would like a group of 4 at a time for this workshop.



Thank you,
Bernie Goodrich
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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 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



The Refreshment Corner

February Refreshments

The Board Members will bring this month refreshments to share!



Eastsiders Update

The Eastsiders first study is Network Drafting. Starting February 1, participants will study the topic, and share experiences, successes, and failures. Margaret Coe will lead this study by providing tutorials. Ultimately each participant will present image(s) of a woven sample(s), a WIF file, and a weave description sheet. These will be shared among all participants. Participants in the study consist of Eastsiders who are able to attend meetings and OLE (On-LineEastsiders) who do not attend meetings. Currently there are no dues or fees associated with Eastsiders. To participate, please send an email to info@eastsiders.org



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Workshops and Events -

Jason Collingwood Workshop *4-end Blockweaves + Summer and Winter*

Come and enjoy a 3 day rug weaving workshop with internationally renowned teacher, Jason Collingwood. Jason set up his own fulltime weaving workshop in 1987 after having learned rug weaving in his father's studio, where he has worked since 1982. Jason has exhibited and sold his work in numerous shows in Europe and USA. In 1996 he was chosen to be a member of the British Crafts Council Index of Selected Makers'.

Please visit his website for inspiration: www.rugweaver.co.uk

The workshop is February 24 – 26, 2012 and will be held at First United Methodist Church, 15 E. First Ave., Mesa, AZ.

The workshop is estimated to cost between \$150.00 & \$200.00 for Telaraña Guild members, an additional \$25.00 for non-members. See below for information about the workshop, deposit and registration.

4-end Blockweaves + Summer and Winter

4-end blockweave (taquete), is an extremely versatile structure for rug weaving. Offering many of the design possibilities that are achievable in 3- end blockweave, it is none the less visually very different. The threading allows for plain weave and this means we can explore summer and winter in this class, opening up a whole new range of design options. Shaft switching in relation to this weave structure will be fully explained.

Twining at the beginning and end of the rug, darning in of the loose ends, use of the temple and many other invaluable tips for successful rug weaving. The workshop concludes with a look at rug finishes; a few of the many

finishes will be demonstrated.

A deposit of \$100.00 will reserve your loom's space.

Forward your check (made payable to Telaraña) to Charlotte Weber , 597 E. Parkview Drive, Gilbert, AZ 85295

Fibers Through Time 2012



Fibers Through Time, the biennial fibers art conference presented by the Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds will be held April 19 - 22 in Phoenix near I-17 and Dunlap.

All members of Guilds belonging to the Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds are invited to participate in the Fiber Art Show. Entries from all fiber disciplines are welcome and encouraged and everything entered will be shown. \$100 cash awards are being offered in ten categories. As of January 14, only two items have been entered so you have a great chance to win! Entry fee is \$10 each for up to three entries. The last day to enter your fiber artworks in the show at Fibers Through Time is March 26. You can find entry forms on the Arizona Federation website <http://azfed.org/ftt/fiberartshow.php>.

Registration for those wanting to participate in a 2.5 day workshop ends February 4 and can be done online at azfed.org or through the mail. Twenty eight classes are

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being offered but at present 18 classes either have enough to make a go or are very close to that number. Registrants will be notified of their class in early March.

Even if you won't be taking a class at FTT, plan to come for a half day or more. You can see the Fiber Arts Show, visit the vendors, learn how to judge handspinning, see demonstrations of kumihimo, shirret, flax spinning, bobbin lace, tatting, spinning paper coffee filters, etc. You can also poke your head into the classrooms to see what everyone is working on. All classrooms will be open on Sunday morning, and we expect some instructors to allow visits on Saturday. If you come for a few hours, consider volunteering for a half hour or so to allow gallery sitters or raffle monitors a chance to get lunch or visit the vendors. No need to promise your time ahead for this short term volunteering. If you would like to attend the banquet Saturday evening and hear the keynote address or any other meal on the day you plan to visit the conference, you can register at azfed.org under "conference registration: your guest".

I am still collecting items for the raffle. Please bring your items to the February or March guild meetings and give them to Beki Welsch so they can be organized in raffle baskets. Tools, fibers, yarns, and even non-fiber related items are all appreciated. So far, four looms and two spinning wheels are among the donated items.

Beki Welsch
AZ Federation Representative

Southwest Regional Alpaca Show in Phoenix, AZ

The 2012 show is shaping up to be another great event here in the desert Southwest. We will be at the great venue of the Arizona State Fair Grounds, in Phoenix Arizona on

February 18 & 19, 2012 and we are expecting the continued representation of high quality animals and products that have graced the show's presence in the past.

For 2012, the Alpaca Breeders of Arizona organization will be partnering with the Southern California Alpaca Breeders organization. The two organizations are excited about creating a great show venue for the SouthWest USA;

The alpacas will be judged under the watchful eyes and hands of Polly Michaelis and Jude Anderson. Learn more about our great judges here: <http://www.swras.org/meet-the-judges.html>

You are not going to want to miss SWRAS 2012 so be sure to join us!



CW is not about how many shafts you have, but more about weaving in depth. We offer an extensive list of study groups, the excellent CW Journal, biennial seminars, and a lending library. Please feel free to ask any questions and if I don't have the answer I'll surely get it.

CW Representative for Intermountain West
(Arizona and Nevada)
Margaret Coe
MargCoe@studio5200.com



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 to purchase them.



This Month's Program:

"Laptops & Looms"

by Marg Coe
of "Coe Produced"

Computer Weave design is one of the more recent additions to our weaving tools arsenal. And it is not just for weavers with multishaft or computer assisted looms--computer design is appropriate for 4-shaft looms as well as looms with many more shafts.

Come and find out what all the excitement is about!

In Laptops & Looms the latest weave design programs are demonstrated. Programs that allow us to design our own weaves--weaves that we previously could perhaps only imagine.

This presentation covers new trends in designing, challenges some of our traditional weaving concepts and vocabulary, and provides a way to free ourselves from recipes.

Among the topics and structures demonstrated are: network and parallel threadings, double weave, tied weaves, taquete, and turned taquete.

Time permitting, designing liftplans, suitable for table and doobby driven looms, using Adobe Photoshop or Adobe Photoshop Elements is also included.

Bio:

Margaret's hometown of Bradford, Yorkshire, the center of the UK wool and worsted industries, gave her early exposure to weaving. She has received national awards in knit design and weaving. The teaching of spinning, dyeing, weaving, and related topics for guilds and at conferences, led to a focus on computers and structure. Margaret has completed college studies in graphic design with concentrations in web design and digital approaches to weave design. Margaret is author of *Fit 2 Be Tied - a Digital Approach*, and it currently working on its sequel: *2 Be Tied or Not 2 Be Tied*.

Web site: www.coeproduced.com

ADWSG Website...

Be sure to check the ADWSG website for updates, sale ads, and photo gallery (Nice pictures from Silk Felting Workshop, thanks to Lisa Takata!). Website: <http://www.adwsg.org/>

Text On Textiles

Contributed by Shelly Leichter



Georg Schweinfurth (1936-1925), a botanist, archaeologist, and African explorer, is not a name that comes to mind when thinking about important historical textiles. But this late nineteenth century archaeologist did something that other early discoverers neglected to do—he saved his textile finds as he found them, preserving their cultural-historical context.

Schweinfurth began excavations at Arsinoe (Egypt) at the beginning of the 1880's and within two years found around 450 textile fragments from late antiquity, as well as complete items of clothing and headdresses, blankets and cushions. Most other excavators cut out the ornamental features from the textiles and discarded the remainder, but

Schweinfurth preserved the items as completely as he could.

~ CLASSIFIED ADS ~

For Sale:

PRICE REDUCED..Floor loom & warping mill:
Wonderful 4-harness Newcomb Studio Art Loom, 44 1/2" weaving width, sectional back beam, 4 reeds, (6,10,12,24). Leclerc vertical warping mill (floor model): Rag & boat shuttles, bobbin winder, swift, more! All for \$600 or best offer. Contact Barbara (Tucson) at 520-529-3361 or email: bbrandel@dakotacom.net



For Sale:

12" Mountain Loom Company loom. It is the ideal classroom loom or sample loom. I am asking \$100.00 for this 8 harness loom.



AVL loom. 16 harnesses and only 2 treadles since it is a dobby loom. The dobby takes all the note taking out of the process by using pegs to make the treadling work. You only step on one treadle to raise the harnesses and the other one to lower them and advance the dobby pegs. It has an integral seat, cloth advance, sectional and plain beams and the AVL tension box track. \$4,000 orOBO. Made from rock maple.



Cranbrook loom. 4 harness, 8 treadle loom with a sectional beam, and integral spool rack. Also included is the support track for a tension box to be used when you are sectional beaming. Asking \$2,000 or best offer. Contact Fred Mason at 623-910-8138 if interested in any of these 3 looms.



Wanted:

If anyone is cleaning craft closets, I have a Girl Scout troop in need of usable items. Girls are 5-10 yrs old. Bring to Feb meeting.

Mary Arnold

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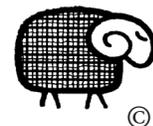
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CALENDAR EVENTS

- 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

MOA DEADLINE

15th of every month

From August to May

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