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MOA Deadline
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September - May

From the President's desk...

My tenure as President of the AZ Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild is drawing to a close so I would like to reflect on what that time has meant to me. I volunteered to run for the office during what seems like an annual plea for Guild officers. No one else was stepping forward, and I was not willing to let the Guild cease to exist for lack of a President. Like most if not all of our members, I truly look forward to our monthly meetings. I enjoy visiting with my fiber friends, seeing what they have been up to and sharing what I have done. At our meetings and workshops I am introduced to inspiring speakers who are passionate about their field. Each month I learn something new, whether it is that sheep will follow you anywhere if you have led them to water when they felt they were dying of thirst or that 600 volunteers can create 300 blankets in a wide variety of techniques, lay them out on a vacant lot and create a beautiful field of poppies. Those blankets can then be given to the homeless as treasured possessions and priceless warmth.

In addition to how I have benefited by the continuation of the Guild, I have benefitted from being the President of the Guild. Probably the thing I dreaded most about Guild President responsibilities was needing to write these monthly messages. Topics were hard to come by. I decided to write about things that I was learning that related to the fiber arts. I wanted to relate problems I was encountering in my projects and how I was solving them. I tried to inspire you to shop locally so that you could help your community while following your own dreams. I also used these monthly messages to urge you to volunteer, not only with the Guild, but in your community by telling you about the recent research into the long term health benefits of volunteering. Since we are continually getting new members, one month I gave a brief history of the Guild and its mission. Several times over the past two years members have come to me during the meeting and told me how much they enjoyed the article I had written that month. I am glad I was able to touch you as it meant that it was not only me who was growing during my Presidency.

In all honesty, it is not the President that keeps the Guild together. It is the entire Board. I want to thank each Board member for their continued dedication to our membership. Several of our Board members have been in the same positions for more than a decade! Sue Carneal and Elaine Rowles have been Treasurer / Demonstrations Chair and Membership Chair for more years than I have been in the Guild. LaVila and Anita have both served our Guild in many different capacities. Caroline serves as web mistress not only to ADWSG but also to AZ Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds. Christine is an officer in ADWSG and Telaraña. Collyer and Ruth have done a great job with programs, and Virginia has come up with some terrific workshops. Kathleen has gotten us to be more ecologically friendly with our snacks. Rosemary has kept up with correspondence and also came up with the slate of officers who will be taking charge at the end of May's meeting. Thanks also to Georgian and Mary Conti for keeping the study groups going. That is where the real growth is taking place.

Thanks for a great two years!

Beki Welsch

Next Meeting:
May 3rd at 10 AM
Northtown Community Center
2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phoenix, AZ

May Program:
Daytime Spinners/Workshops Show and Tell

Bring your workshop samples and tell us about what you've learned!
Doors open at 9 AM - come early and mingle!

Potluck Time!!! Everybody pitch in and bring some noshes!

WORKSHOP UPDATES

Backstrap weaving with Laverne Waddington -

Class 1 - Sept. 27-29 - at Virginia's house in Goodyear

Class 2 - 10/2 (half day), 10/3 (all day), 10/4 guild meeting AM, class PM, 10/5 (all day) -at Collyer's house in Scottsdale

There are currently 7 signed up for class 1, and 4 signed up for class 2. 2 people have paid but haven't signed up for either class so they will be assigned to class 2. The max for each class is 8 so you can see that we have some extra spots. Please let me know if you'd like to attend the class. The class will be a backstrap basics class with an introduction to Andean Pebble Weave. If you want more info about Laverne you can go to her blog at http://backstrapweaving.wordpress.com.

The second payment of $75 is due at the May guild meeting. And the final payment will be due just before the class when I get the final amount from Laverne. *Virginia Glenn*

Doubleweave Diversity for 4 & 8 shaft looms with Jennifer Moore - 2015

Class dates Feb. 5 (half day), 2/6 (full day) 2/7 - guild meeting AM, class PM, 2/8 all day. Sign ups will begin at the Oct. guild meeting.

Learn all about the magic of doubleweave! In this workshop participants will weave a 4-shaft sampler that explores weaving two independent layers of cloth, double-width cloth, tubular weaving, color-and-weave effects, pique, quilting and doubleweave pick-up. Graphing designs and working with multiple colors will be introduced. These techniques can then be taken home to create clothing, sculptural pieces, decorative hangings and whatever else the imagination can dream of.

Level- beginning to intermediate. Students will bring a 4 or 8 shaft table or floor loom warped according to instructions. Material fee- $10. Maximum- 20 students I'll have a cost estimate by the fall. *Virginia Glenn*

INTEREST GROUPS

DAYTIME SPINNERS

Third 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.

TAPESTRY STUDY GROUP

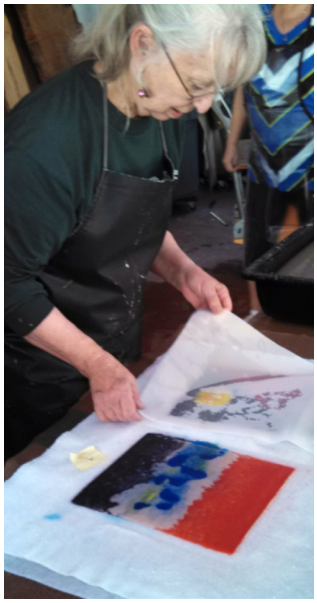
Meets after the monthly general ADWSG meeting at Northtown Community Center, 2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phx, 85022. Bring your luncheon/beverage along with any type of loom with warping yarn and various types of yarn for tapestry weaving. For more information, contact Mary Conti at mariaconti@cox.net or 425-788-5012.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

Daytime Spinners Change Their Meeting Schedule One More Time

The change to the second Wednesday of the month did not work out too well. Too many conflicts. We will now meet on the third Wednesday of the month starting in April. It falls right into the middle of the month, which allows a two-week separation from the general meeting date. This separation prevents those who travel a greater distance than others from attending both spinner's and general meeting in a one-week period. Time and location remain the same. *Georgian Ferrante*

Sheep Shearing at the Dozers

The shearing at the Dozers was a big success! The weather was beautiful and everyone had a great time (maybe even the sheep). Intrepid shearer, traveler and fiber artist Aimee Leon, who was our speaker in February, handled the sheep expertly and several fleeces were sold on the spot. Thank you Cher Whitehead, for the information and photo! *Caroline Wise*



Making Paper with Karla Elling

Karla and the Telarana members were excellent teachers. Karla first demonstrated each step and then we made all types of paper. The pulp vats were natural, red, black, natural with bits of string, ribbon & fabric, and also a thin pulp for sandwiching a photocopied picture or design. The group learned how to paint with pulp, sandwich string between layers to later 'zip out' to create a jagged design in the top layer. Also lace was sandwiched between layers. Some people 1/2 dipped the screen in a second color and then added it to a full color sheet. We made paper for a total of four hours with a one hour 'pot luck' lunch break. The weather was perfect and everyone had a wonderful time learning a new craft. Thank you to Karla and her husband Jim for being such great hosts! *David Kish*

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GUILD PROGRAMS OF 2013/14...

Oct 2013 - Jean Doig - Lace Making

Nov 2013 - Aimee Leon - Sheep Shearer and Fiber Artist

Jan 2014 Lisa Takata - Working with Navajo Weavers

March 2014 - Vicki Johnson - Gourd Artist

April 2014 - Mary Conti - Tapestry

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GUILD RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Our guild has equipment for rental if you are interested in trying out a new technique or looking for equipment for a classs, e.g. for FTT 2014. Several members are storing the various items however you can contact me for rental details.

Sue Garber
602-482-3255 or Sue.garber@cox.net

Guild Rental Equipment List:

Table Looms		Weaving Width
1	8 Harness Leclerc	22" max
1	4 Harness Rasmussen	24"
Floor Looms		
1	4 Harness Baby Wolf	
1	4 Harness Pendleton	36"

Other Types of Looms

1	Inkle Loom	
1	Tapestry	18"

Spinning

1	Louet S10 Spinning Wheel with 2-bobbin Lazy Kate attached
1	Ashford Traditional Wheel
1	4-bobbin Lazy Kate
1	Drumcarder
1	Cotton handcarders
1	Wool handcarders
1	Swift
1	Niddy Noddy
1	30" Navajo Style Spindle

Yarn Donations Requested

I and a group of friends make stocking caps on a round loom for the homeless using any kind of yarn and then we make baby ones for Banner out of baby yarn. If any one would like to donate yarn, they could bring it to the May meeting. Thanks, Joann Cellers

Keep Calm and Knit On at Tempe Yarn & Fiber

A print with this popular saying was in the raffle at our April meeting, but went unsold. The guild donated it to Tempe Yarn and Fiber where it was recently spotted, hanging over a shelf with handspun yarns for sale. *Photo by David Kish*

Fiber Factory is Ready for Summer

With the summer months, light rail construction will return to downtown Mesa. Beginning May 1st, there will be lots of activity on Main Street. By now most of us are using 1st Street and Robson to access the parking lot. There may be some temporary intersection closures when they start to lay the foundation for the track so you can sneak through the hotel parking lot on those days. If you have any concerns about how to get here, call us and we will guide you in and don't forget our Rewards Card:

Yarn-a-holics Anonymous 12 Stamp Rewards Program
Come in and pick up your card. Get a stamp when you purchase $25 or more in a visit. Turn in your filled card (12 stamps), and get $25 off on you next purchase. WOW!

Remember we are part of Metro's Max Rewards program. Sign up for a Metro Max Rewards card on Metro Light Rail's website, then show your card for a yarn discount.
From FF newsletter

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.

Membership Renewal for 2014-2015

We are now taking membership dues for the 2014 - 2015 sesason. Below is the ADWSG membership form. You can print this page and bring it to the next meeting with payment or mail it to Elaine Rowles whose address is included on the form. Don't miss out on all the fun and excitement!

ADWSG Membership Form

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

Elaine Rowles
7262 W. Charter Oak Rd.
Peoria, AZ 85381

The following information is for publication in the membership roster:

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

☐ 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 five):

☐ Bobbin Lace
☐ Basket Weaving
☐ Coiling
☐ Crochet
☐ Demonstrating (Events)
☐ Dolls & Dolls Clothes
☐ Dyeing
☐ Embellishments
☐ Knitting
☐ Felt Making
☐ Garments
☐ Paper Making
☐ Restoration
☐ Raising Sheep
☐ Smocking
☐ Solar Dyeing
☐ Surface Design
☐ Tatting
☐ Teaching (Classes)
☐ Tapestry
☐ Weaving
☐ Bound Weave
☐ Coverlets
☐ Double Weave
☐ Multi-Harness
☐ Name Drafts
☐ Overshot
☐ Rya
☐ Rugs
☐ Navajo Weaving
☐ Card Weaving
☐ Inkle Weaving
☐ Rigid Heddle
☐ Spinning
☐ Spinning Cotton
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☐ Spinning Silk
☐ Spinning Wool

~ Classified Ads ~

For Sale:
(For photos of the looms visit our website http://www.adwsg.org/for-salewanted-ads-2)

The Guild has a used 4 harness, 6 treadle, Leclerc loom.
60 inch weaving width, double back beam, includes reed and 2 shuttles.
Available in Phoenix
We are asking $300 or make an offer
Contact Anita Bellinger 602-679-9526

Fine Gauge Knitting Board - "The Tadpole" in original packaging with tool and instruction book. $10.00
Contact David Kish 602-686-2054

Gilmore Loom
4 shafts, 6 treadles, 36 inch weaving width
Asking $900 – this includes warping board, weaving bench, reeds, shuttles, and some weaving yarn on cones (wool and cotton)
Available for pickup in Scottsdale – near 101 and Indian School
Contact Karen at ksadow@yahoo.com

AVL Home Loom
8 harness 10 treadle,40 inch weaving width
Tie ups on the side – loom can be set up for use with computer
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CALENDAR EVENTS

- **May 1 - 11, 2014** **Spring Butterfly Exhibit** - Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix - http://www.dbg.org
- **May 10 - 11, 2014** **4th Annual Ian MacNessie Highland Gathering** - Prescott - http://prescotthighlandgames.com
- **June 7 - 8, 2014** **Fiber and Wool Festival** - Flagstaff - http://www.fiberandwoolfestivalatflagstaff.com
- **March 26-July 6, 2014** **Hollywood Costume Exhibit** - Phoenix Art Museum - http://www.phxart.org/exhibition/hollywoodcostume

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