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MOA Deadline
15th
September - May

From the President's desk...

The April meeting is the Guild's Annual Meeting. This is the month where new officers are elected and we get the opportunity to discuss more in-depth business than at our regular monthly meetings. One topic that came up at the last Board meeting was workshops, especially their affordability to members. I plan to bring the topic up at our April meeting.

AZ Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild was founded in 1978 to be an educational non-profit corporation. That means our funds must be spent exclusively for educational and charitable purposes. We accomplish this by doing outreach demonstrations, by bringing speakers to our monthly meetings, and by offering workshops to the members. We also offer an educational grant to a member each year to further their personal fiber related studies and then present what they learned at one of our meetings. Congratulations to Rosemary Isaacs for being selected for the 2014 Guild Education Grant! She will be studying kumihimo and presenting what she learned at a Guild meeting next year.

According to the Guild by-laws, charges for major workshops reflect cost only. In other words, the Guild can make no profit from workshop fees. Traditionally workshops have been self supporting. The reasoning for this is that workshops benefit those who are taking it and not the membership at large. Therefore, workshop attendees have paid the workshop leader fee, transportation costs, and room rental if needed. If the workshop leader is also presenting a Guild program (which is almost always the case), transportation costs are at least partially covered by the general Guild funds. If the workshop leader has limited the number of attendees to only a few as is the case with the upcoming Backstrap workshop, attending the workshop can be pricey. I have been wondering if that makes some Guild members not able to afford workshops that they would really like to take.

The Guild currently has several thousand dollars in savings. I would like to have the membership discuss whether we should OCCASIONALLY support a more costly workshop so attending is more affordable. This could allow us to contract with better known national teachers. Currently, the Guild workshop chair seeks to keep down costs by sharing expenses with other area Guilds who want to use the same teacher. These efforts will continue. We might want to set a maximum per attendee after which the Guild would step in with some support. We could also establish a maximum that the Guild would pay. The AZ Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds, which organizes and runs Fibers Through Time every two years is considering not doing this in the future due to financial reasons. That means if you want to study with well-known teachers, they would have to be offered by local guilds or at Intermountain Weavers Conference in Durango.

Please join us at the April 5th Guild meeting to share your opinions on this topic.

See you at the meeting!

Beki Welsch

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

March Program:
Grant Recipient Mary Conti - Tapestry Weaving

Doors open at 9 AM - come early and mingle!

Tapestry Study Group Members Bring the Goodies!

OUR OFFICERS FOR 2014-2015

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Appointed Positions:

Historian: Mel Isaac
Demonstrations: Cher Whitehead
Val Hilburgh

We'll be voting for our officers at the April Meeting!

EDUCATIONAL GRANT

Are you interested in learning a new technique or want to dip your toe into a new fiber art? Are you hesitating to do this because you lack the funds? You may be in luck. Each year the Guild awards a $250 education grant to a member who would like to further their knowledge in weaving, spinning, dyeing or other fiber arts. Applications are now being accepted and can be as simple as a sentence or two about what you would like to study. The money can be used for materials, for attending a workshop or conference such as Fibers Through Time, or for whatever you need for your studies. The only requirement is that you give a program about what you learned to the Guild sometime in the next Guild year.

This year's education grant recipient is Rosemary Isaac. She's taking a Kumihimo workshop in Tucson and we can all look forward to her program next year.

INTEREST GROUPS

DAYTIME SPINNERS

Second 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

Starting April 2014, the Daytime Spinners are meeting every second Wednesday of the month instead of the first. Time and location remain the same. See you there!

Donations for FTT Raffle Basket

We are still looking for donations for our guild's raffle basket for this year's Fibers Through Time. If you have nice spinning fiber,, yarns, books, fiber tools, or other goodies to spare, please bring them to the April Meeting.

Maverick Quilters Need Speaker

The Maverick Quilters of Tempe are in need of a speaker for the April 16th meeting. They are looking for someone to give a short probram on weaving, spinning, or other fiber art. They meet on 15th Street in Tempe. If interested, please call Cynthia Foster at 480-201-4922.

I met an aged man, I asked him
"What is the time?"

"Time," he replied, "is the warp of life.
Tell the young, the gay, to weave it well."

Motto embroidered in Greek by Thankful Barron Taylor (1801-1896)

Taken from Linen Heirlooms: the story and patterns of a collection of 19th century handwoven pieces with directions for reproduction by Constance Dann Gallagher (c 1968)

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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

Complex Weavers Seminar

June 27 - 30, 2014, Hotel Murano, Tacoma, WA

Three fabulous speakers, and 30-two-hour seminars for you to choose from with topics covering a wide range of interests and appealing to all skill levels. Seminars open Friday evening, June 27th, with a reception for Complexity, our juried show. Closing is at 4pm on Monday, June 30th. Optional tours will be offered for Tuesday July 1st.

We encourage you to register online; the online process ensures each will get at least some of their first choices for topics. We will have a fashion show, Off-the-Runway Exhibit, and the CW Silent Auction. Tacoma is a good place to begin a family vacation, too! See our travel link for many opportunities!

http://www.complex-weavers.org/seminars-2014-2/

HGA's Convergence Conference

July 14-19, 2014, Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI

Handweavers Guild of America welcomes you to the ultimate international fiber art experience, HGA's Convergence conference, where you can meet people face to face and touch real cloth, not just exchange texts or look at images. Immerse yourself in the inspiration and stimulation of exhibits, classes, textile tours, and shopping - all in the vibrant arts community of Providence, Rhode Island.

http://www.weavespindye.org/convergence2014

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Sheep Shearing with Aimee Leon

Shearing with Aimee Leon is scheduled for

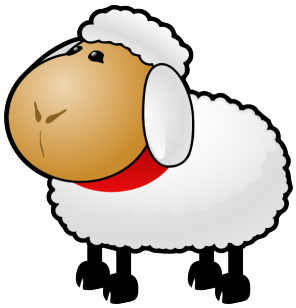
Thursday, April 3, starting at 9:00 am

Location: 1540 W. Frier Dr., Phoenix

We will be shearing about 12 head, followed by a pot luck lunch for those who want to stay after shearing. You may want to bring a folding chair for yourself if you have one.

Anyone interested in coming should confirm with Jody at

602-674-9450 or jody@dozerlane.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 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 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.

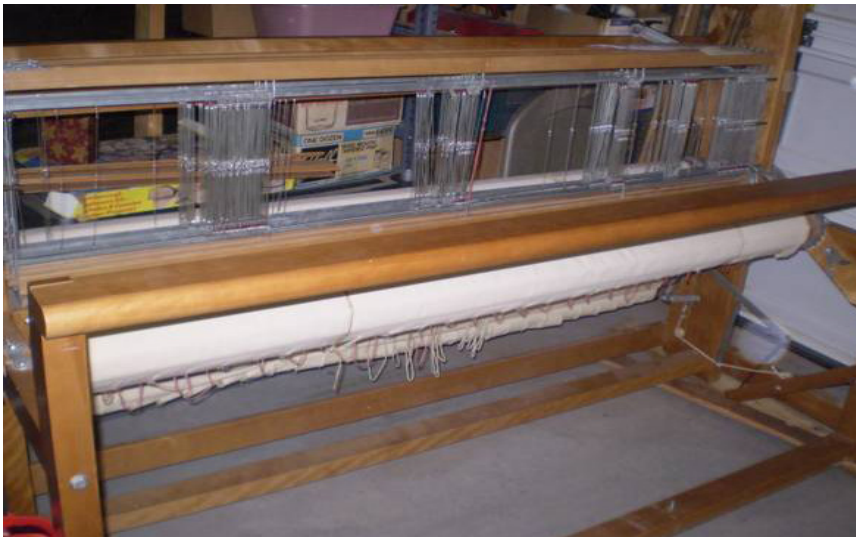
☐ Set-up ☐ Clean-up ☐ Anything else

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
☐ Spinning Flax
☐ Spinning Silk
☐ Spinning Wool

~ Classified Ads ~

For Sale:
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



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CALENDAR EVENTS

- **April 3, 2014** **Shearing Day at the Dozers**- More information in this newsletter
- **April 9 - 13, 2014** **Maricopa County Fair** - State Fairgrounds, Phoenix - http://www.maricopacountyfair.org
- **March 26-July 6, 2014** **Hollywood Costume Exhibit** - Phoenix Art Museum - http://www.phxart.org/exhibition/hollywoodcostume

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Visit our guild's website: http:/www.adwsg.org

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