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MOA Deadline
15th
September - May

From the President's desk...

Many new members have joined the Guild recently and I thought it would be a good idea to let them know what we are all about.

AZ Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild is a 501c(3) Corporation that was incorporated February 22, 1978. That means this past winter we celebrated 35 years as a corporation. However, members had been meeting together monthly since 1947!

The purpose of the Guild is to promote interest and skill in weaving and spinning through workshops, exhibits, public meetings and demonstrations. In order to maintain our non-profit tax-exempt status we are required to sponsor or participate in things like the AZ State Fair, demonstrations, and workshops.

In recent years, the same core group of people has done all the demonstrations. They have become a tight knit group who have benefitted greatly from the camaraderie and sharing of knowledge. However, it would be wonderful if other members would step up and participate. If you are interested in demonstrating spinning or weaving, let our Demonstrations Chair Danny Criswell know.

Another way the Guild lives up to its non-profit status is through offering an Education Grant. This Grant is awarded in March to a member who submits a proposal for expanding their knowledge in weaving or spinning or another fiber related field. The winner of the Grant is given $250 to use toward a workshop or materials or other items that will further the recipient's knowledge. In exchange for the award, the recipient is obliged to give a 45 minute presentation to the Guild on the grant proposal topic within the next calendar year. Start thinking about what you want to study this year and get your applications in! Watch for more info in the January MOA.

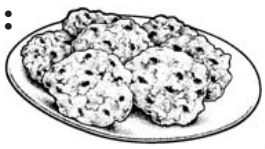
ADWSG also provides prizes for weaving and spinning at the AZ State Fair. These monetary awards go to the best new spinner and best new weaver. Guild members have been demonstrating at the State Fair since 1951, usually on the same day the sheep are shorn. Please consider entering the State Fair each year, as that is another way to promote interest in weaving and spinning.

I hope you will become active members of ADWSG so you can enjoy all the benefits available to you.

Beki Welsch

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

DECEMBER PROGRAM:
HOLIDAY AUCTION



EVERYONE BRINGS HOLIDAY FOODS TO SHARE!

WORKSHOPS

You probably already know that we are having a back strap weaving workshop with Laverne Waddington in fall of 2014. She is a renowned weaver, now living in South America. This is her website: http://backstrapweaving.wordpress.com/about/

Classes will be a total of 3 days, and we have confirmed one class to be held half day 10/2, full day 10/3, guild meeting presentation 10/4 AM and half day class 10/4 PM, and a full day 10/5. She takes only 8 students in a class.

We are trying to decide if we have enough interest to hold a second class the week before, tentatively - Sept 27-29. Price is expected to be $350-500. To secure a place in the workshops we need your $50 nonrefundable deposit due to the Treasurer by the March guild meeting - first come first served, as it were. The following have confirmed their spot in the class:

Shelly Leichter
Laura Kiger
Mary Conti
Caroline Wise
Karia Elling
Nicole Cerveny
Ruth Greenspan
Sara Jenkins
Cher Whitehead
Christine Hunt
Iris Dozer

We've also invited Telaraña to see if we can fill the second class. I know it seems to be far in the future but we have to confirm the second class with Laverne very soon, so if you have interest or thought you had already confirmed and I missed it, please contact me as soon as possible.

Thanks ~
Virginia Glenn
Workshop Chairperson
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CALL FOR ENTRIES

HGA's Convergence 2014 conference offers a broad range of exhibits for a wide variety of fiber arts. We invite you to enter your work in these juried exhibits that will showcase the best in weaving, spinning, dyeing, basketmaking, and related fiber arts. Create a piece that embodies the Convergence 2014 spirit!

HGA's Juried Convergence Exhibits:

- Small Expressions 2014
International juried exhibit of small-scale fiber pieces sponsored annually by the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc.
Juror: Gerhardt Knodel

- Yardage Exhibit - Ebb and Flow
An international juried exhibit featuring lengths of constructed or embellished yardage.
Juror: John Marshall

- All Media Exhibit - A Lively Experiment
International juried exhibit open to work created any fiber arts technique
Juror: Anastasia Azure

- Fashion Show and Exhibit - All That Jazz
International juried exhibit featuring one-of-a-kind fashion that shows understanding of the body and body movement, along with runway presence and overall suitability of the technique and/or materials.
Jurors: Bradon McDonald and TBA

More information about exhibits, entry requirements and deadlines: http://weavespindye.org

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.

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.

Desert Weavers
Holiday Live and Silent Auction
December 7, 2013
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Auction Items by Guild Members and Local Artisans

- Fiber and fiber related tools
- Wearable art
- Special treats
- Yummy goodies

Northtown Community Center
2202 E. Waltann Lane
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Happenings...

Congratulations, State Fair Winners!

Several of our guild members submitted items to the AZ State Fair and won ribbons and awards! So far I have heard from Elaine Rowles and Ann Ormiston, but I think there are more who just haven't shared their success. Ann shared photos of her winning items:

She won 1st place with this green alpaca scarf woven from a pattern of the Strickler 8-shaft book. The warp was lace weight alpaca 2 shades. The weft was alpaca and sparkle thread Sulky Holoshimmer.

Ann also won a 3rd place with this peach cotton lingerie bag. It is a combination of Huck Lace and plain weave, machine embroidered and lined with satin ribbons pulled through the weaving. Ann says, "This was the first project I completed at the weave-in January 2013 - what a fun time it was!"

Elaine Rowles won three ribbons in spinning categories - 1st place for cellulose fiber, another 1st place for plant fiber, and a 2nd place for luxury fiber.

Caroline Wise also won ribbons, all of them in knitting categories, 1st place for knitting with handspun yarn, 1st place knitted item unspecified, and 1st place for knitted lace shawl. For the shawl she also won an award from the Lacey Ladies of Phoenix.

There are probably more guild members who participated and won ribbons out there, thank you all for continuing this wonderful tradition and congratulations on your great work!

Ground Cover Public Art Project Big Blanket Day

On December 6th, Ann Morton's Ground Cover Project will come to fruition. Volunteers will start installing the 300 blankets at 8.30 am in an empty lot in downtown Phoenix on the NW corner of 1st Street and McKinley. The resulting huge blanket will measure approximately 116 gt. x 50 ft. The blankets will be viewable until Saturday December 7th at 2 pm, when volunteers will take the blankets and organize distribution to homeless folks.

More info: http://www.groundcoveraz.com or https://www.facebook.com/GroundCoverPublicArtProject

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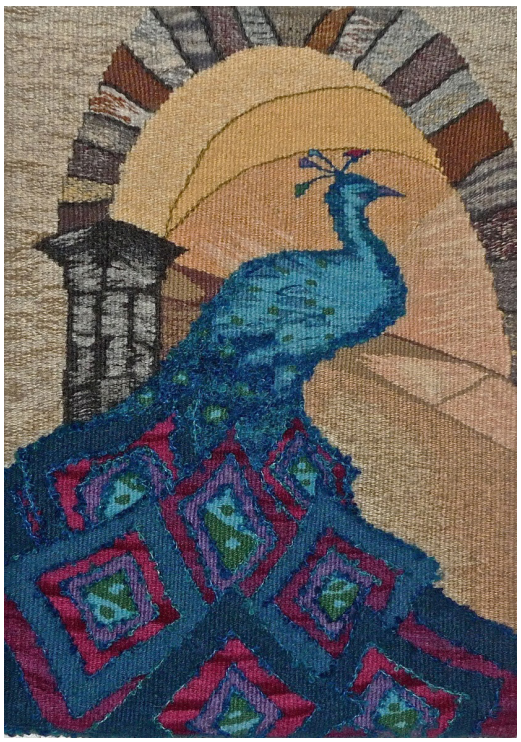
Fibers Through Time 2014 Workshop Registration Open!

By the time this newsletter comes off the presses, online registration for FTT 2014 will be under way. The conference dates are April 24 - 27, 2014. Key note speaker will be Ann Morton from the Ground Cover Project. Check out the workshops on offer at http://www.azfed.org !

Guild Member's Tapestry To Be Exhibited in Florence, Italy!

Word has arrived that Mary Conti's peacock tapestry is on its way to a textile arts exhibit in Italy. I have seen peacock in progress, but for those who haven't had a chance to marvel at this work of art, here is the finished peacock and a postcard for the exhibit, featuring different pieces - including Mary's peacock in the lower left corner. Congratulations, Mary!!!



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.

ADWSG Remembers: Ann Brauchi

Ann Brauchi, 63, of Glendale, Az passed away Sunday, November 3, after an 11-year battle with breast cancer. Ann loved to travel and enjoyed gardening, crafts, snuggling up with her husband to watch a good movie, but her real passion was horses and horseback riding. Ann is survived by her mother, Florence Binderman, 90, and her husband of 25 years, John. As a volunteer with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, she focused upon local high schools' participation. Together with district administrative support, she developed the yearly Peoria Unified District's Purple Day student fundraising activity. Ann has requested that donations be directed to the Glendale Relay in the form of luminary purchases both to honor her and to thank those who shared her efforts these past years. As the sun sets at 6:00 on Saturday April 26, please join the 2014 luminary lighting ceremony by holding hands in a memory line at Ironwood High School's track located at 6051 W. Sweetwater. Visit the website at http://tinyurl.com/annbrauchi. We are given many gifts as we go through life. Each gift has the power to change us, enrich our lives and make us better people. Ann was such a gift. Her energy and joy were contagious and we are all better for having had her in our lives. Her family and friends will always remember her and when they do, they will smile.
From http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/AZCentral/obituary.aspx?n=Ann-Brauchi&pid=167960065

Ann & me...

I met Ann a little less than a year ago at our 'equipment meeting'. She spoke and said something about living all the way out in Glendale. I laughed since I live there too, introduced myself and discovered we only lived a mile apart. We started having weekly visits and outings. But Ann was much more than someone I shared the love of weaving with. We were also both horse women. But there was more. Ann and I had an instant friendship that felt to me like I had known her all my life. Ann had an open heart for life and everyone in it. Her joy and spirit - through all her treatments - was amazing and inspiring. We should all feel such joy for life. Each time Ann and I got together it was filled with laughter. She was an elegant person with great humor.

Along with the other legacies she is leaving - Ann did something I suggest we each consider doing.

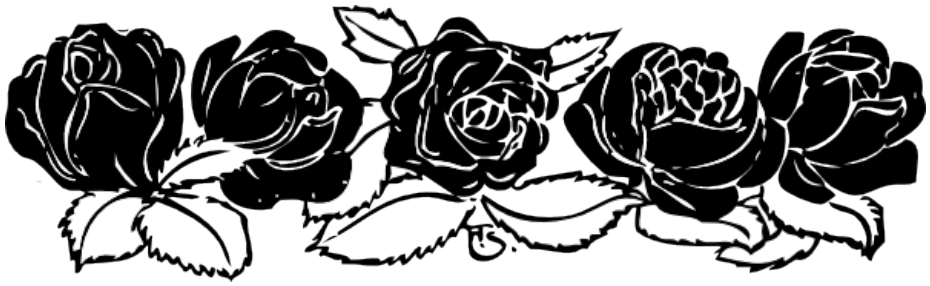
She threw herself a Celebration of Life party. People came from across the country. Ann was able to tell everyone what they meant to her and they were each able to share with everyone how Ann had influenced each of them. And everyone brought a funny story to tell.

Consider - for your next birthday or anniversary or New Year's or family vacation...what ever... - having a celebration of life - and tell those you love how important they are and how they have impacted your life....now, while you have the opportunity. Pass the joy along. Share the love. Support and inspire.

I thank Ann - for believing in me, supporting me and encouraging my dreams....all in just that little while of knowing her.

God Speed Ann, you are dearly missed.

By Melissa Davis



Contact Information for Aimee Leon

After the last meeting, several members asked me to find out and post Aimee Leon's contact info.

Here it is:

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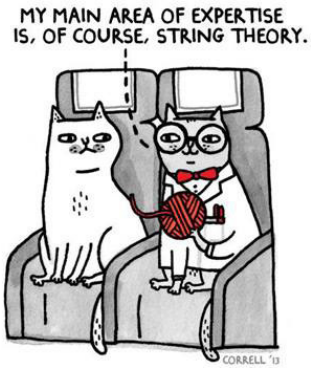
~ Classified Ads ~

For Sale:
Skein Winder Converter for "Legacy" wood swifts. Attaches to top of swift. New $10 - Contact David 602-686-2054

Wanted To Buy:
Used (Wool) Drum Carder. Contact David 602-686-2054

Request for Donation:
Anita Bellinger, Sue Carneal, and Elaine Rowles are volunteers at Pioneer Living History Museum. They are refurbishing an old 2-harness loom and need a reed, so they can demonstrate rug weaving.

The reed should be a 10-dent stainless steel reed, 30 to 36 " long. Please call or email Anita, Sue, or Elaine if you can help us by donating a reed.



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CALENDAR EVENTS

- **December 7th, 2013** - **Local Artists Day** - Tempe Yarn & Fiber, noon - 5pm. For more info: http://www.tempeyarn.com/
- **December 6 - 8th, 2013** - **Tempe Festival of the Arts** - Mill Avenue, 10am - 6pm - Free Admission. For more info: http://www.tempefestivalofthearts.com/
- **Mid-December 2013 - Official Grand Opening of Arizona Yarn & Fiber** - More information to be announced soon. Watch website: http://www.arizonayarn.com

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

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