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

I was so inspired by the program given last May by our Daytime Spinners study group. Their challenge to themselves was to recycle or repurpose items and they showed felting made from wool sweaters from a thrift store, shawls made from yarn unraveled from a sweater made by Mom that was too heavy for AZ, paper made from plant materials and spinning dribs and drabs, gift boxes from turning other boxes inside out, etc. The items shown were so creative and so beautifully executed. The whole program made me reflect on the things I do to recycle that may not have occurred to you.

Many of us hate peanut foam, the small Styrofoam pieces that are sometimes included in shipping boxes to fill extra space. They fly around on static electricity and stick to everything making them hard to contain. For the past few years I have been collecting the ones I get and taking them to my local pack and ship store. They are able to reuse them when they pack things. This saves space in the landfill and saves them money. Not a lot of money, but if everyone did it, it could make a difference.

I have a friend who is always embroidering. Each year, she gives small embroidered ornaments as gifts. The ornaments are suitable for hanging on a Christmas tree, but can be used in other ways, too. I have mine hanging from the door pulls on my kitchen cabinets so I can see them often. As you can imagine, she uses a lot of embroidery floss. I have started giving her my thrums to use and she is delighted. She gave me an ornament using my thrums so it is definitely in my colors! If you know someone who embroiders or otherwise uses relatively short pieces of thread, offer them your thrums.

When you sew garments you have small scraps of odd sizes. I have been using these scraps to make small bags for various purposes. Since I am a Scrabble player, I have a lovely handwoven bag to keep my tiles in. Darrel Lancaster teaches a workshop on combining you scraps to make a vest. Great class!

You can make your own sponges by felting wool sweaters from the thrift store. They won't be as lovely as the menagerie that Sue Carneal made last year, but they will last a long time.

Years ago Bernie Goodrich made a rug for her kitchen using old pantyhose as the weft. She says it washes beautifully, and she has reused the same pantyhose several times to remake the rug when the warp wears out.

I hope I have inspired you to think outside the box when it comes to recycling.

See you at the meeting!

Beki Welsch

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

## January Program:
## Lisa Takata will Speak about her work with Navajo Fiber Artists

***Guild Members who are not Study Group Members Bring the Goodies!***

# OUR HOLIDAY AUCTION

Our 2013 Holiday Auction was a big success! Our treasurer Sue Carneal tells me we totalled $2075!

Many thanks to our intrepid auction team:

Helene Dammen
Jeane Forrest
Fata Padgitt
Jane Linville
Collyer Ekholm
Ruth Greenspan

And, of course, many thanks to our gracious donors and shoppers!

# 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.

# DAYTIME SPINNERS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND OUTING

This year, the Daytime Spinners held their Holiday Luncheon at Wildhorse Grille at Talking Stick Golf Club. Santa's helper (Char Dennis) visited the group at the restaurant and distributed gifts to those that were good all year.

Afterwards the Spinners explored the Butterfly Wonderland in Scottsdale. Everyone had a great time and several members are planning a return visit with their spouse or family members.

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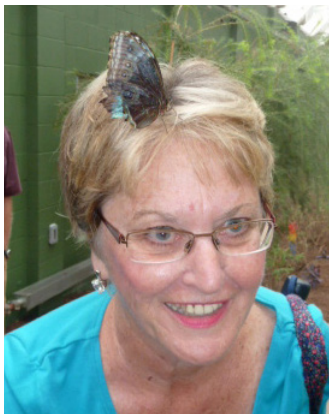
*Daytime Spinners Field Trip continued....*



## Ground Cover Public Art Project
## Big Blanket Day

These are two images taken from an aircraft flying over the Ground Cover Public Art Project on December 6th, 2013. That second photo looks just like the simulated image that Ann Morton used on the Ground Cover website, but I assure you, there really are 300 blankets laid out on the empty lot next to the Public Market.

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The last picture shows you what it looked like from the ground at 9 am.

I wish they had been able to stick around a bit longer, but the blankets were distributed to various initiatives helping the homeless later that day.

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

## Fibers Through Time 2014 Early Registration ends 12/31/2013!

Registering before the end of the year will save you $50!! Fibers through Time will be held April 24 - 27, 2014 at the Arizona Riverpark Inn in Tucson.

Check out the workshops offered at http://www.azfed.org

## Fiber Factory Classes for 2014 have been posted!

Do your New Years resolutions include fond wishes to finally do something with that loom, spinning wheel or other piece of equipment staring at you accusatorily while it sits neglected in some dark corner? Do you secretly admit to needing some inspiration to use that precious yarn stash? Tired of doing the same old stuff over and over?

Then this would be the perfect time to check out the Fiber Factory website. Classes in numerous fiber arts techniques have been posted. Explore new territories and get your creative mojo back!

More info: http://www.fiberfactory.com/classes.php

## Arizona Yarn & Fiber "Official Grand Opening" Announced for January

Also beginning in January, AZ Yarn will offer classes. Watch for details at http://www.arizonayarn.com Also starting January 2014, both Arizona and Tempe Yarn & Fiber will be working with the Foundation for Blind Children to raise special needs handmade items.

## 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.

# MEET & GREET FIBER RETREAT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2014,

9 am - 4 pm at Arcosanti

~ Free and open to the public ~

Join us for a day of spinning, weaving, knitting, felting, crocheting and more!

10 am - 11:30 am Workshops for beginners
12 pm - 1 pm Lunch in the Arcosanti Cafe ($9 pp)
1 pm Presentation by special guest Ann Morton, Ground Cover Project, Phoenix

To register or for further information contact Kimberly Hatch, kimberlyahatch@gmail.com or go to https://arcosanti.org/node/12677

Overnight accommodations are available at Arcosanti. Call 928.632.7135 for prices and reservations.

# INTRODUCTION TO EXPLORATION OF TEXTILE MEDIA CLASS

TEXTILES I - ART 277

INSTRUCTOR: SASKIA JORDA

The course will introduce students to traditional and new methods in fiber arts and how they relate to the contemporary art context. The class will explore fibers, thread drawing, embroidery, fabric dyeing, felt-making, printing, as well as varied interlacing techniques and construction methods of woven and non-woven processes.

Students will experiment with and explore themes that integrate concept and technical proficiency in the fiber medium. The class will be structured with informal slide lectures and discussions, in-class demonstrations, critiques, and possible field trips.

Pre-requisite: ART 112 or instructor approval (pre-requisited will be waived).

The course is being offered at:

PHOENIX COLLEGE - SPRING 2014
Mondays 6pm-10pm
From 1/13/2014 - 5/5/2014 (16 weeks)
Section 38601 Room ART 102
Instructor Saskia Jorda http://www.saskiajorda.com
Contact 602.285.7555 for enrollment

PARADISE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPRING 2014 (LATE START)
Wednesdays 5:30pm - 9:30pm
From 1/29/2014 - 5/7/2014 (14 weeks)
Section 37451 Room K 108
Instructor Saskia Jorda http://www.saskiajorda.com

# QUILT, CRAFT & SEWING FESTIVAL

It's that time of the year again! Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us with your friends.

The dates for The Phoenix Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival at the Arizona State Fairgrounds are rapidly approaching and we want to give you a "Special" heads up. This show is the BIGGEST, BEST & Most Exciting show of its kind anywhere.

When: January 30-February 1, 2014 Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

What: The Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival featuring an Interactive Vendor mall, Make & Take it Projects, Seminars, Fashion Shows, On-going Demonstrations and Quilt exhibits to inspire you.

Where: Arizona State Fairgrounds, 1826 West McDowell, Phoenix AZ 85005

Parking: $7.00 per car

Children under the age of 12 are FREE

More information (including Discount Coupon): http://quiltcraftsew.com

## ~ 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

- **January 4th, 2014** **Jerome Art Walk** - Jerome, 5pm - 8pm -For more info: http://jeromeartwalk.com
- **January 15th, 2014** **Gilbert Art Walk** - Water Tower Park, Gilbert, 9am - 1pm - For more info: http://gilbertartwalk.com
- **January 25th, 2014** **Meet & Greet Fiber Retreat** - Arcosanti For more info: http://arcosanti.org/note/12677
- **January 30th - February 1, 2014** - **Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival** - AZ State Fairgrounds, 10am - 5pm - For more info: http://www.quiltcraftsew.com/

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15th of every month From September to May
Visit our guild's website: http:/www.adwsg.org

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