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MOA Deadline
15th
September - May

From the President's desk...

Happy Fall, Fellow Weavers and Spinners!! Another guild year is before us, with yet another reason to love this time of year.

First- an October Meeting note: We will have our business meeting first, from 10:00-10:30. This will give our presenter Laverne Waddington sufficient time to present her program on Backstrap Weaving.

Now my introduction:

Some of you know me better than others and some may not know me at all so I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself and let you know about my fiber background.

My sister taught me how to knit around the age of 8. It is still my go to craft and socks have taken over my needles. My own hand knit sock collection is now more than I need for an Arizona wardrobe so I am expanding to friends who live in places like Seattle, and do not knit! I am also knitting a Guernsey pattern vest for my brother that I am designing myself. I want to use every stitch and have had to limit my choices. The de-selected stitches will just need to go into the next vest right?

My first weaving class was in New Hampshire 36 years ago, which makes me 39 --- I couldn't resist. At the time I was going to weave fabric for pillows and garments. Between using colors that were popular during the decade of the 70's and using heavy weaving yarns as a beginner, I wove yardage for one pillow and yardage for one garment and moved on to table linens. My favorite project was weaving linen placemats for my mom. I love the weight and feel of the fiber and want to work with it again.

I moved to AZ in 1995 and joined ADWSG after that, but I don't remember the exact year. I was always intrigued by the workshops offered and did not register for these for several years thinking I didn't have the expertise or the time. Fortunately that perception changed. I have been describing myself in recent years as a consummate workshop weaver. With a recent job change and a little more time on my hands I will be increasing my weaving time again and making an effort to reduce my stash.

So what is on the loom now? I purchased a heavy jack loom several years ago which came with an inadequate number of heddles, however I have enough for a rag rug project. I found notes on 4 different rug workshops I have taken over the years. Now it is time to complete one. The warp is wound but not on the loom. I elected to wind a multicolor warp and get out of my blue and green box. The weft will be monochromatic blue; alas I did not get too far away from the box. I will report on my progress at our meetings.

I am looking forward to a very exciting year.

Sue Garber

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

OCTOBER PROGRAM:
LAVERNE WADDINGTON / BACKSTRAP WEAVING
Doors open at 9 AM - come early and mingle!

BOARD MEMBERS WILL BRING SNACKS AND TREATS!

Guild Vice President Opportunities

We have openings in VP positions for Workshops to work with Virginia Glen, and Programs to work with Collyer Ekholm. Christine Hunt has offered to move into the Workshop VP position and work with Virginia Glenn, so we would like to have someone offer to work with Gail Baker in the Library Committee.

Doubleweave Diversity for 4 & 8 Shaft Looms with Jennifer Moore - 2015

Time to start thinking about the upcoming Double Weave class with Jennifer Moore. The dates are Feb. 5 (half day PM), 2/6 (all day) 2/7, (AM Guild presentation, PM class). 2/8 (all day).

Jennifer will be teaching the Double Weave Diversity class listed on her website but adapted to include both 4 & 8 shaft looms. (http://www.doubleweaver.com/doubleweave_diversity.html)

There is a possibility that Telaraña will host Jennifer following our class and offer her Round Robin Beyond the Basics, but I don't know if they've confirmed that yet.

We will begin collecting $50 non refundable deposits at the October guild meeting. If we have a full class of 20 participants I estimate that the cost per person will be between $150 - $200.

Jennifer included that she can accommodate a variety of skill levels. Students should know how to follow a draft and set up their loom with the instructions she will send, but they don't need to have any background at all in doubleweave.

Any questions - email Virginia Glenn (vmatglenn@me.com)

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.

DESERT WEAVERS

This beginners group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10am. Doors open 9:30 am to socialize. Northtown Community Center, 2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phx, 85022. Bring your hand held or tabletop loom with materials to weave. You are welcome to bring your bag lunch. Meetings are about three hours long. For more information, contact Dave Kish at davidjetea@yahoo.com or (602) 686-2054.

How to Find a Yarn Store While Traveling...

Have you ever needed craft supplies during a vacation? I sure have! The Internet makes finding a craft/fiber store easy with websites such as NeedleTravel at http://www.needletravel.com. (T*hanks for the tip, David!*)

Guild Members at Maryland Sheep and Wool

Speaking of traveling - guild member Val Hilburgh sent me this write-up and photo from Maryland in the beginning of Summer:

My husband and I braved the 2014 Maryland Sheep and Wool Show. It is enormous and I was on overload within a very short time. So much fiber, yarn and spinning equipment/accessories. Building after building plus buildings of sheep (which we never made it to as we ran out of energy). We did meet up with Ruth Greenspan and members of her family briefly in mid-afternoon.

It is a two-day event, but after Saturday I did not have the energy to return. I purchased some interesting fibers to spin including Hog Island, Gulf Coast, Gotland, Galway, Manz Loughtan, Tunis, Cheviot, and a couple of others. I did not buy a lot (2 - 4 oz) of anything so I can sample and see if there are some I really like and order more later.

We saw only one booth with Turkish spindles (Ashfords in one size) and the other booths with handspindles did not seem to be selling many. There were spinning circles in a number of areas, there were knitting circles too. I have been to Black Sheep Gathering three or four times now and MS&W is probably at least 4 times as large if not more.

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Daytime Spinners Fieldtrip to the AZ Fiber Mill in Prescott

The Daytime Spinners visited the AZ Fiber Mill in May 2014. It was a fun and educational day for everyone! Here is what Georgian wrote about it:

"We had a great time!! The tour was very informative. The staff very friendly. Their operation very professional. I think we're very fortunate to have a Fiber Mill in AZ. They have my full support and I hope my fellow fiber enthusiasts will give this local business their support as well."

If you'd like to schedule your own visit, take a look at their website at http://www.arizonafibermill.com/

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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. Several members are storing the various items however you can contact me for rental details.

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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	

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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CALENDAR EVENTS

- **Oct 10 - Nov 2, 2014** **AZ State Fair** - Fair Grounds, Phoenix - http://www.azstatefair.com
- **Oct 11, 2014 - Mar 15, 2015** **Fashioned in America** - Phoenix Art Museum - http://www.phxart.org/exhibition/fashionedinamerica

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15th of every month From September to May
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