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From the President's desk...

Hello all,

What a wonderful year this has been. I can't believe we are preparing for our last meeting. I am looking forward to seeing each of the projects that will be shown at our May meeting. We each have our own individual talents; bring your creations, large or small, to share. I have been inspired over the years by so many of your pieces that I have seen at our guild.

The list of projects that I want to attempt keeps growing. My file is overfilled. I have realized however that there are similarities in my saved patterns and bookmarked *Handwoven* issues. This revelation is **great** because I can now narrow the field and eliminate some choices. I doubt I will ever complete an overshot coverlet (and what would I do with it anyway?) but I could make a table runner or a border on a towel, or perhaps a second placemat to accompany the one I did many years ago.

My major weaving accomplishment this year was to weave a multicolor shawl, which is a project that I have wanted to do for quite a while. There were several lessons learned. Some I don't even like to remember. For instance, realizing that the rigid heddle loom was not going to work and I needed to transfer the warp to my floor loom, sigh. Should I do another I will be tempted to use a single yarn and color in the warp and make the weft my color variation. Color challenges me but I wanted to have a multicolor piece so I did it. My choices were all based on what colors and fibers I liked from my stash and not from instructive use of a color wheel. I may now go back and study the mix of colors that I used and increase my knowledge of scheme, value, shade etc. There is not one hint of blue or green in this piece which may be a first, and now that I have that out of my system I can work on my blue rug!

I have one more fun project to work before the meeting. I picked up supplies at the Tapestry special interest group after the April meeting and I will see what artistic flair I can apply. Mary Conti, thank you for the challenge.

And thank you again to Char Dennis, Pauline Schultz, Anita Bellinger and Diane Wilson for stepping up to fill open board and committee positions. Next year will be exciting and educational. I am looking forward to another rewarding year.

Sue

Next Meeting:
May 2nd at 10 AM
Northtown Community Center
2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phoenix, AZ

May Program:
Study Groups/Workshops Show And Tell

Potluck!!!
Doors open at 9 AM – Come early and mingle

OUR MAY PROGRAM

The time of year has rolled around again when the Interest Groups are in the spotlight. They will be showing and telling us about their experiences with the projects they have been working on throughout the year. They hope you will join them for both fun and inspiration.

Also invited are the workshop attendees. Please bring your samples from the year's workshops for all of us to admire and show us what you've learned!

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WORKSHOPS

Backstrap Weaving and Advanced Pebble Weave with Laverne Waddington

Laverne will do a one day workshop on basic backstrap weaving on Thursday 11/05/2015. This can be a short class for people who do not want to commit to more, a review for those who feel they learn best with a review first or for those who do not want to attempt advanced pebble weave workshop without some preparation. Laverne assures me that even those who have never done any backstrap weaving will do fine in advanced pebble weave. Cost is estimated at $50 if we fill the class of 8.

Laverne will do a 3-day advanced pebble weave class on Friday 11/06/2015, Sunday 11/08/2015 and Monday 11/09/2015. Cost for this class is estimated at $175 if the class of 8 fills.

Laverne will speak at the guild meeting on Saturday 11/07/2015.

I would like to have a deposit of $50, due by the May meeting so that we can publicize it over the summer to the other guilds. - *Virginia Glenn*

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

'Tis the season! Please bring your membership checks to the next meeting and join us for another fun and fiber-filled year!

INTEREST GROUPS

DAYTIME SPINNERS

Third Wednesdays at 10 AM 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 at 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.

Guild Members at Tonto Park and Maricopa County Fair...

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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.

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...and at Saguaro Ranch Park

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GASALI ADEYEMO DYE WORKSHOP

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GUILD PROGRAMS OF 2014/15...

Oct 2014 - Laverne Waddington, Indigenous Backstrap Weaving

Nov 2014 - Betz Frederick, Textiles of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia

Jan 2015 - Rosemary Isaac, Kumihimo

Feb 2015 - Jennifer Moore, Teaching Double Weave in Latin America

Mar 2015 - Saskia Jorda, Connecting Threads

Apr 2015- Gasali Adeyemo - Adire Eleko and Tie Dye from Nigeria

For Facebook Users:
AZ Fiber Related Resources for Sale

Janet Bonell and Helene Couture-Hall sent a note that there is a Facebook group devoted to local fiber arts enthusiasts, not just the spinning and weaving, but also the sheep or goat raising kind. If you are interested in buying fiber, equipment, livestock or just enjoy looking at photos of various woolly critters, search for Arizona Fiber Related Resources for Sale in Facebook.

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

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For Sale

Loom and Bench for Sale - Gail Baker

4-harness maple Gilmore with 10 end per inch reed. 26" weaving width.
Very sturdy, great for rugs and blankets and equally good for fine wewaving.

New would sell for $1750. Asking $500 to guild members.

Weaving bench, Leclerc, with storage compartment under the seat and two open side compartments. New sells for $500. Asking $200 to guild members

Raddle and temple (for keeping those selvages straight). Both items together new $112. Asking $30 for both.

Everything - $650... obo

Gail Baker 602-909-1508

Great Wheel - Melissa Davis

I am selling my beautiful great wheel. I just don't have room for it (I know that is surprising, but I moved my office into its corner). It has a 'miner's head', circa 1860-1880, pre industrial revolution. I have the needle it came with and one my neighbor made me for spinning a larger quantity. Please call me & let me know if you want to see it - **623-512-9672.** I am listing it for $500., but will do less than that for a guild member who will care & love it.

Felting Machine - Melissa Davis

I am also selling my HuskyStar felting machine. I listed it for $130. It has only been used once. Again - I will give a guild member a better price. Call **623-512-9672.**

Louet Spinning Wheel - Barbara Gronemann

A Louet S10 spinning wheel from Holland is for sale. It is in wonderful working condition. For $250 the wheel includes 3 spools, an Ashford Niddy Noddy and a New Wool Winder. If interested e-mail Barbara Gronemann at **bgronemann@aol.com** or phone at **480-991-0341** in Scottsdale

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- **May 9 - 10, 2015** - **Prescott Highland Games** - Prescott - http://prescotthighlandgames.com

MOA DEADLINE
15th of every month From September to May
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