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From the President's desk...

Hello all!

Thank you to Virginia for leading last month's meeting. I was in Florida at Disney World attending a work conference. I hope you all enjoyed the presentation by Jennifer Moore.

Well, it happened since I last saw you. I was fairly certain it never would, but it has. Nothing traumatic mind you.

Early in my membership in ADWSG I was talking with another member (I do not remember who at this point) and telling her that my fiber crafts were weaving, knitting and crochet. When asked if I was a spinner I replied no and the response was…… "It will only be a matter of time." Do any of you remember telling me that?

I have on a couple occasions been working on a project and wished that I was able to put different fibers together, or put a tighter spin on a yarn. So…enter another technique.

I had the pleasure of attending the Meet and Greet Fiber Retreat event at Arcosanti last month and took the Beginning Hand Spindling workshop given by our own Val Hilburgh, and Susan Swiggers who I think is a member of the Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild in Prescott. I had not been to this event before, and had never been to Arcosanti so it was a real treat. The two days were beautiful; great for the drive and experiencing Arcosanti. The morning temperature was nippy but we were in a room flooded with sunshine, warmth, fiber, tools and wonderful instruction. What could be more pleasurable?

I am now working on training my hands and fingers to get the right action of working the draft. My mind wants to intellectually make it happen -- mind over matter right? However, I know as with learning my violin pieces for this semester's music, that daily practice will build the muscle memory, and I will be able to dangle this top spindle and spin beautiful even yarn.

For the present I am reviewing my notes, practicing and watching online videos for extra tips. There is new terminology: leader, drafting, pre-drafting, winding, staple length, carding, combing and many others. I am currently at the park and draft stage, working on remembering which finger pinch I can release and which I need to NOT release. I seem to have no problem getting twist into the draft fiber.

Val and Susan told us that we should remember how beautiful our thick and thin samples are. Apparently creating thick and thin yarn is a challenge once you learn how to spin consistently even yarn.

Well I have one skill down!

One last item. Contact me and submit your application for the Education Grant for next year. Attend a workshop or conference or explore a new technique and report next year on your experience!

Happy Fiber!

Sue

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

March Program: Connecting Threads with Saskia Jorda

Daytime Spinners bring Snacks & Goodies
Doors open at 9 AM – Come early and mingle

SASKIA JORDA

Our guild member Saskia Jorda is a young Venezuelan-born artist involved with public art projects as well as installations and other projects, many of them utilizing textiles and fibers such as felted materials. She also currently teaches at Community Colleges here in the valley. At our March meeting Saskia will be talking about her creative process, past and current installations, including some public art works and her upcoming social practice piece.

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 Intermountain Weavers 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. The deadline for applications is the end of the March meeting. We usually get only two or three applications so the odds of you being selected are great. Give your application to any Board member.

For more information contact Sue Garber at sue.garber@cox.net or call 602-482-3255.

WORKSHOPS

Indigo Dyeing with Gasali Adeyemo

We will have a 3 day workshop over 4 days. We will do a full day on Friday 04/03/2015, half day on Saturday 04/04/2015 after the meeting, a half day on Sunday (Easter) afternoon 04/05/2015 and a full day on Monday 04/06/2015. I know this is Easter weekend but anyone who would rather come to Easter lunch at my (Collyer's) house and talk to Gasali is more than welcome.

Cost is estimated at $150 if we can fill the class of 15. Cost will be closer to $200 if we have a class of 10. I would like

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.

to set the deadline for deposit of $50 for the March meeting. I know this is short notice but that will give me several weeks to publicize this to the other guilds in town and fill the class.

Since Telerana did Gasali's workshop on wax or batik resist, we will be doing the cassava paste resist which is what he taught 2 years ago at Intermountain Weavers Conference.

Gasali Adeyemo will be our speaker for the April meeting on Saturday 04/04/2015. - *Collyer Ekholm*

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*

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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Meet and Greet Fiber Retreat at Arcosanti

The event was held for two days this year with classes on Friday morning, Saturday morning and afternoon. On Friday afternoon Joanne Tallarovic, master weaver, teacher and author, gave a talk about her journey in fiber arts.Unfortunately the spinning and knitting circles were not as well attended this year but most of the classes were well attended. We had a variety of vendors this year. We are already planning for next year for a two day event once again with new and expanded classes and are hoping for a resurgence of the spinning and knitting circles. Our ADWSG president, Sue Garber attended both classes and hand spindling and appeared to have a lot of fun. *Val Hilburgh Photos: Val H. and Lisa Takata*

Desert Weavers at the Phoenix Zoo

Char Dennis, Val Hilburgh, Christine Hunt, Pauline Schultz, and Mike Williams all turned out to demonstrate at the Phoenix Zoo as part of the "Lunar Year of the Sheep" event. Our demonstration was located in the "farm" area with a view of the two sheep the zoo has; a Churro and a Hampshire/Suffolk cross. We demonstrated from 9:00 AM to a little after 2:00 PM and had a great time talking with the parents and children that came by as well as various Zoo personnel who stopped to see what was going on. The Zoo personnel were very helpful and indicated interest in having us do future demonstrations.

Above is a photo of Char, Val, Pauline and Mike - Christine arrived a little later and as always was very welcome. Mike brought his portable rigid heddle loom and also worked on his hand spindling. All demonstrators agreed we had a good time. We were specifically asked to do this demonstration because someone from the Zoo staff saw us at the AZ State Fair last October. *Val Hilburgh*

Desert Weavers at the Quilt & Sewing Festival

Elaine Rowles, Diane Wilson, Janet Bonnell (?)
Photo: David Kish

Double Weave Workshop with Jennifer Moore

From left: Pat Brandes, Nancy Ryan, Jan Lundstrom, Jeanne Forrest, Jennifer Moore, Caroline Wise, Pauline Schultz, Virginia Glenn, Sue Durling. Photo: John Wise

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

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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CALENDAR EVENTS

- **Mar 4** - **Sheep Shearing** - Farm at the End of the Road, Queen Creek For more info: http://www.aztunis.com/
- **Mar 7 - 8, 2015 - 57th Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair &Market** - Heard Museum, Phoenix For more info http://www.heardguild.org/heard-museum-indian-fair-market/
- **Mar 14, 2015 - 15th Annual Ancient Technology Day** - 9 AM - 3 PM Pueblo Grande Museum, Phoenix

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

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