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MOA Deadline
15th
September - May

From the President's desk...

As some of you may know, I'm not only your president and newsletter editor, I'm also on the board of the Arizona Federation of Spinners and Weavers Guilds.

The Federation used to organize a biennial multi-day fiber arts conference called "Fibers Through Time" or FTT. For various reasons (too long for this page) we no longer do the conference. In 2016, we organized Federation Day instead, a day for guild members to come together, mingle and participate in seminars or make-and-take workshops, have lunch (with keynote speaker) and do a little shopping. Federation Day 2016 was a success, so we thought about what to do next.

Instead of a conference with multiple 2.5-day workshops we decided to bring in one nationally renowned "traveling teacher" to Arizona in February 2018. The Federation would cover their air fare and all of the member guilds would have an opportunity to host the teacher for a 2- or 3-day workshop. Our first traveling teacher is Rosalie Neilson and she is also going to be the keynote speaker at Federation Day 2018.

Federation Day 2018 is going to be different than the last one in 2016. Back then, attendees were offered a single package - one price included the luncheon with keynote speaker and one seminar or make-and-take workshop, which were about only about one hour long. The "teachers" were volunteers.

In 2018 we'll offer half-day and full-day workshops, but they are not included with the luncheon. Instead the offering is "a la carte": attendees can decide whether they would like to attend the luncheon only or the luncheon and workshops - they are all priced separately (and this time the teachers are paid as well). Alternatively, one could attend Federation Day and just mingle without paying for anything. Guild exhibits, vendors, and raffle are open to the public. However, if you are interested in the luncheon and workshops, registration is expected to open late October or beginning of November.

My heartfelt thanks go to our guild members who are volunteering for Federation Day. Michelle Mattingly is working on the registration brochure and Deanna Ikeya is the hospitality chair, Christine Hunt will be running the raffle, and Sara Jenkins is going to organize our guild table. Michelle Mattingly and Ruth Greenspan are both teaching classes. You all are making me proud! I am hoping that a few more guild members will step up to volunteer on the event day itself, to help with hospitality, and staffing the the raffle as well as our guild table. Also, we're hoping to present some nice raffle prizes in the name of our guild. Please let Christine or me know if you are interested in volunteering or donating.

Thank you,
Caroline



WANTED!

We are still looking for a **Workshops Assistant**. Please consider stepping up to help continue our tradition of diverse and interesting fiber arts education. Just take a look at what is in the works already! These workshops don't pick and schedule themselves... Contact Karen Stromberg for more details.

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

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: COLOR BLENDING ON YOUR LOOM WITH CLAIRE CAMPBELL PARK

SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY THE FIBER ARTISTS GROUP
DOORS OPEN AT 9 AM - COME EARLY AND MINGLE

DECEMBER IS FUND RAISING MONTH!

Our December meeting is our fundraiser event. This is what pays our rent and the good programs we have been enjoying all these years. Similarly to last year, we are asking guild members to make their own baskets, or to partner with other guild members. However, we'll also take single items and will arrange them into baskets as needed. If possible, please give your items to Programs chair Michelle Mattingly at the November meeting or you can bring them to the December meeting.

If you have a larger item or something that might require special displays, please let Michelle know soon. Also, we are planning to have a silent auction of select items, so if you have a preference in regards to your donation, Michelle will take note of your wish. If you have questions, Michelle's number is 602.717.3296 or email michelle-calimattingly@gmail.com.

WORKSHOP NEWS

FEARLESS CREATIVE COLOR BLENDING ON YOUR LOOM WITH CLAIRE CAMPBELL PARK NOVEMBER 2017

Participants will be introduced to a myriad of fun color blending techniques for weaving, that will enhance the enjoyment of color for textile projects. Each participant will weave a series of experimental color blending techniques.

Deposit - \$100. This is a great workshop for all weaving levels of experience. We are filling up but space is still available. Please contact Karen Stromberg at kastromberg@gmail.com as soon as possible.

SUMMER AND WINTER WEAVING WORKSHOP WITH ROSALIE NEILSON FEBRUARY 10-12, 2018

Participants will use material from Rosalie's new book on block weaves to learn about the summer and winter. This workshop is filling up rapidly and there are only a few spots left. Please contact Karen if interested at kastromberg@gmail.com. Deposits will be taken first at the October guild meeting and also by mail.

FEDERATION DAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

Federation Day 2018, Connecting Threads, will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 9-4:30 at the Radisson North Phoenix (soon to be a Hilton Doubletree Hotel).

This year, we will feature both half-day and full day classes on a variety of fiber arts and a wonderful soup and salad luncheon, with keynote speaker Rosalie Neilson. We also have a great line-up of vendors for unique fiber shopping. There will be guild booths where guilds can display and sell their work.

We expect both the classes and the luncheon to fill quickly, so be sure to get your registration in early. Registration opens mid to late October, with a deadline of postmark by January 7, received by 1/10/2017.

We are seeking donations for the raffle. Items may be brought to guild meetings, or contact Christine Hunt for pick up at 623.853.6081 or email hunt.christine@rocketmail.com

BRING YOUR OWN CUP

Thank you for bringing your own reusable cups or mugs and utensils to the meetings. The styrofoam cups are bad for the environment and the guild has to pay for them. Same goes for plastic forks.

INTEREST GROUPS

TAPESTRY AND BEYOND

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, or other projects. For more information, contact Mary Conti at mariaconti@cox.net or 425-788-5012. All are welcome.

FIBER ARTISTS GROUP

The Fiber Artists meet on the **second** Wednesday of the month at Northtown Community Center, 2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phx 85022 at 10:00 am. Members bring lunch and beverage.

The Fiber Artists were born when the Weaving Study Group merged with the Daytime Spinners Group. From now on, spinners, weavers, and all fiber artists are welcome. The group's co-chairs are Judy Lukas (602-361-7339) for the months October - May and Paula Rudnick (814-769-1675) for the summer months.



CONGRATULATIONS, IRIS DOZER!

90TH BIRTHDAY
LIFE TIME GUILD MEMBER SINCE 1986
JOINED IN 1968



We members who have been associated with the ADWSG realize what a treasure we have in Iris. Iris has held many offices in the guild over the years and has given countless hours of her time helping the guild with her expertise of spinning wool.

Over the years Iris has shared her love of sheep by sharing her knowledge of taking the wool after it has been sheared to the most beautiful wool to weave.

Iris' family would like to share the appreciation they feel for their mother:

As children we took for granted Mom's spinning and weaving; pursuing these endeavors was just a natural progression for having wool from our flock. Iris's interest in fibers continued beyond the basics. During her fiber career Iris popularized wool combing for worsted threads, the impregnating of gold threads and the spinning of paper to mention just a few of her accomplishments. Her family is extremely proud of what she has taught us and her achievements in the fiber community.

Jody Dozer & Bernadine Goodrich



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.



DEMONSTRATING AT THE AZ STATE FAIR 2017...

Thank you for the photos, Lisa Takata!



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MAC FAMILY FARM DAY

For questions regarding MAC Family
Farm Day, Please call **520-374-6204**

WHEN

**November 18, 2017
10:00-2:00 PM**

WHERE

**37860 W. Smith-Enke Rd.
Maricopa, AZ 85138**

FEATURING: Insect Entomology Displays-Face Painting-
Wildcat Water Lab Educational Station-The MAC Farm Ag-
Village-Corn Maze Walk-The Maricopa Radio Control Club-
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Cotton Picker Display-Cricket Spitting-AND MUCH MORE

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CALENDAR EVENTS

- **Nov 18, 2017 MAC Family Farm Day** - Maricopa Agricultural Center - <http://cals-mac.arizona.edu/events/mac-family-farm-day-2017>
- **Thru Jan 7, 2018 A Tribute to James Galanos** - Phoenix Art Museum - <http://www.phxart.org/exhibition/james-galanos>

MOA DEADLINE

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

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