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MOA Deadline
15th
September - May

From the President's desk...

First of all I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Fundraiser last month. I was a bit worried whether we'd be able to pull off a repeat of the grand display of baskets that was December 2016 and I believe we did! The sheer amount and beauty of the raffle baskets left me speechless. (Not for long, of course.)

Hopefully I'll be able to send out the newsletters in time for the Christmas holiday, because I'm going to spend a week of beach combing and tide pooling in Monterey, California. When I come back I'll be looking at a brand new year. A year that will mark the end of my tenure as your president and MOA editor. Maybe this sounds drastic, but I couldn't come up with a better segway to what happens at the beginning of every year - a heartfelt plea for your participation on our board. I can't stress enough that our guild can only offer the wonderful, educational programs and workshops that you've been enjoying through the work of volunteers. We'll have elections in April for a new board and many slots will need to be filled.

Lisa Takata will soon be rounding up a nominating committee to help come up with the candidates for the next year. Please consider making her task easier and contact Lisa if you are interested in any position on the board. Whoever is currently residing in that slot will be happy to tell you about their tasks and responsibilities. If you are hesitant because you don't have a lot of experience in organizing programs, workshops, being a president, etc, please consider that whoever you see now filling these offices was at some point a novice as well. Part of why I took on the presidency was because I figured I could use some practice speaking in front of a group and writing a monthly column. I had been on many board meetings as MOA editor, but it was still a whole other ball game to preside meetings and I was happy that experienced board members helped and guided me so many times.

To be honest, I still have stage fright before every guild meeting, but I've gotten much better handling it and the experience will have been well worth the efforts for me. The guild could not be a more forgiving audience, so give yourself a nudge and put yourself out there.



See you at the meeting,

Caroline

PS: While we're all enjoying the holiday season I wanted to put out a last reminder about our "Secret Valentine" gift exchange. I hope I won't be the only one with a gift at the February meeting... If you have any questions, please email me. I might also send out a message to the folks who put their name on the tentative list earlier this year.

Next Meeting:
January 6th 10 AM
Northtown Community Center
2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phoenix, AZ

JANUARY PROGRAM: NEEDLE FELTING WITH SUE BUNCH

CELEBRATING IRIS DOZER

AFTER THE PROGRAM CONCLUDES: AN AFTERNOON OF SPINNING

SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY THE BOARD MEMBERS

DOORS OPEN AT 9 AM - COME EARLY AND MINGLE

CELEBRATING IRIS

Iris Dozer recently celebrated her 90th birthday. In recognition of her achievements and efforts over the decades, several guild members would like to take the opportunity and celebrate Iris by recounting the many ways she has touched their lives and sharing experiences or memories they have with the guild.

Since we also have a program, this celebration will take the place of our regular Show-and-Tell.

AN AFTERNOON OF SPINNING

For the curious, come hold a spindle or sit at a wheel and learn a few basics. For the sometime spinner, get out your wheel and bring it along for a few hours of fun. For the explorers, come check out another wheel. For the skilled and seasoned spinner, come help (a bit) and spin and socialize. Bring some fiber.

On January 6, 2018 after the guild meeting concludes, until 3 pm. No charge. Bring your own lunch and wheel/fiber if you have any to share.

WORKSHOP NEWS

THREE-DAY WEAVING WORKSHOP WITH ROSALIE NEILSON WEAVING SUMMER AND WINTER BLOCK WEAVES FEBRUARY 10-12, 2018

Rosalie has been exploring block weave for many years and just released her most recent book, *An Exaltation of Blocks*, with a toolkit of design pages and transparent overlays for exploring symmetric block design. We will be using material from her book to learn to design block weaves specifically applicable to Summer and Winter.

This workshop is full. Please contact Karen Stromberg at kastromberg@gmail.com for more information and to be placed on a waiting list.

DEMONSTRATIONS: SEWING FESTIVAL, JAN. 2018

Our next assignment is the Sewing Festival at the State Fair Grounds. The dates are 25 - 27 January, 2018.

Please contact Sara Jenkins at Jenkins37@aol.com or call 623.935.0514 if you want to join the excitement.

FEDERATION DAY 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).

REMINDER: THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS POSTMARK BY JANUARY 7, RECEIVED BY 1/10/2018.

Classes are filling up but spaces are still available. There is spinning, beading, embroidery, basketry and more. Plus a great luncheon with soup and salad and keynote speaker Rosalie Neilson.

There will also be great line-up of vendors for unique fiber shopping and guild booths where guilds can display and sell their work.

Please download the registration brochure from our website at <http://www.azfed.org>.

RAFFLE DONATIONS

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

GUILD TABLE - DEMONSTRATIONS / SALES

We will have an 8 x 10" table to show off our guild's talents and possibly sell items handmade by our members. We'll need folks to help set up and staff the table. If you can help or are interested in selling things, please contact Sara Jenkins at Jenkins37@aol.com or call 623.935.0514

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.



VOLUNTEER WEAVING TEACHER NEEDED!

I need to retire from my weaving class at the AZ Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Description: warp looms, teach students to weave, check as they weave and fix mistakes, finish projects [twist fringes, sewing, etc.]. The projects are basic tabby weave – placemats, table runners, area rugs, stoles, tote bags. I am available to help a new teacher get adjusted. There are 2 floor looms and 2 table looms.

Time: Tuesday mornings from 10am – 11:30am, but the day and time could be changed. The time needed in addition to the class time to keep the looms warped and projects finished is considerable. Although this is a big time commitment, it is very rewarding. Most of the students have some sight, but even the few who are totally blind are able to feel what they are doing.

Location: 32nd Street and Roosevelt.

I hope someone will have the time required to teach the class. Call or email Sylvia Fitzgerald if you are interested or have any questions. 602-263-5709 sylfitz@cox.net

EDUCATIONAL GRANT

Our guild offers an educational grant to a member who would like to explore a new skill or further develop a skill of a fiber related craft. You may use the grant award for workshop fees or materials. Submit a written application to any board member, outlining your area of study and how you will use the grant.

The only stipulation is that you will share your newly learned or improved skill with the membership at a monthly meeting the following year. This is a great opportunity for the participating member as well as the guild.

The recipient of the educational grant is chosen in February, so you have some time to consider your application.

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.



HAND BLOWN CACTUS SILENT AUCTION

At the December meeting one silent auction item did not make it to the table: A beautiful hand blown flowering cactus, made and donated by Iris Dozer's daughter Jody did not get its share of attention and this is your opportunity to bid on it. Here are some photos to give you an idea. It is about 5" tall and comes with some glass "pebbles" and a terracotta pot and dish.

Since these handmade cacti sell for well over \$100 in galleries we have decided to put a minimum bid of \$80 on it. We will hold a silent auction for the cactus at the January meeting, but if you would like to email me a bid beforehand I'll make note of your name and amount. *Caroline Wise*



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.

FIBER ARTIST GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

This year's luncheon took place at the Rosson House in Phoenix's Heritage Square and involved a special guided tour and finger sandwiches, scones, lemon curd, clotted cream and tea.



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CALENDAR EVENTS

- Thru Jan 7, 2018 **A Tribute to James Galanos** - Phoenix Art Museum - <http://www.phxart.org/exhibition/james-galanos>
- Jan 17-19, 2018 **AZ Fiber Arts Retreat** - Prescott - <https://www.arizonafiberartsretreat.com>
- Thru Jan 21, 2018 **Desert Dweller** - Tucson Museum of Art - <http://tucsonmuseumofart.org/exhibition/desert-dweller>
- Thru Jan 28, 2018 **Sheila Pepe: Hot Mess Formalism** - Phoenix Art Museum - <http://www.phxart.org/exhibition/sheila-pepe>
- Thru Feb, 2018 **Dress Matters: Clothing as Metaphor** - Tucson Museum of Art - <http://tucsonmuseumofart.org/exhibition/dress-matters-clothing-as-metaphor>

MOA DEADLINE

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



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