

THE MOTHER OF ALL

Newsletter of the Arizona Desert Weavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.

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From the President's Desk *Christine Hunt*

I hope you've had some opportunities to participate in some of our many guild activities since our 2019-2020 season kicked off in October. Our meetings, workshops, demonstrations and interest group activities offer fun ways to expand your fiber arts knowledge and get to know others who are enthusiastic makers. Our guild events are organized by a board of directors who collaborate year-round on planning and outreach, coming up with new ways to make our guild even better. Many of your fellow guild members volunteer to assist with the implementation of each activity.

As we begin our election cycle for the 2020-21 ADWSG Board, we are seeking nominees for some of these volunteer positions. While we are fortunate to have an active, engaged board, the organization needs the continued involvement of all our members to ensure its future success. Our board works well with a mix of experienced and new board members. We are always in need of new volunteers, as sometimes our longtime board members need to cycle into less active roles due to changing family, work or personal circumstances. The time commitment of a few hours a month is adaptable to your schedule as board members carry out most of their work independently. Our board meetings are usually scheduled as needed, immediately following the first Saturday guild meetings so no extra travel is involved.

There's no better way to get to know a variety of guild members than as a representative of our guild. A list of board members and their contact information is included in every newsletter. Please reach out to a current board member now to explore your areas of interest; we can provide you with details and hopefully involve you as a volunteer assistant if you don't feel quite ready to throw your hat in the ring for a board position. Our guild secretary Mel Cameron is coordinating this year's election process and we will have more details on that soon.

As I serve the last few months of my time as President, I feel so lucky to work with such a wonderful board of supportive individuals; many of whom are staying on in their positions for the next term - to the incoming President's good fortune!

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the February guild meeting and to what all the participants in the Valentine gift exchange have created!

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt



February Program

SPINNING ANGORA FIBER

Julie Drogsvold

Angora rabbits produce one of the softest and warmest fibers on Earth. This luxurious fiber available only from the Angora rabbit can be spun directly from the source or carded and blended. The yarn blooms into a gorgeous halo that is one of a kind. Explore this unique fiber from animal to garment.

The program will present 3 of the 4 recognized Angora rabbits in the U.S.; the French Angora, English Angora and Satin Angora. Live rabbits will be there for hands-on education in fiber production, grooming, grading, texture, sizes, and much more.

Further discussion will speak of the history of the breed, it's development and differences, characteristics of fiber and blending techniques. This is a very tactile demonstration.

Precaution: Angora are lovely, kind and gentle, but are still animals, and independently minded. Risk of injury, albeit small, is possible. On occasion, people have an allergy to Angora fiber, typically dander from the animal, please be mindful.



MEMBERSHIP

Trish Boone

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The Guild communicates with its members primarily through email so please be sure to keep your contact information updated!

Updates can be sent to Trish Boone, adwsg.membership@gmail.com

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 the application form 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. The application form can be downloaded from the Guild website at ADWSG.org. Look under the [LIBRARY](#) tab and scroll down to the Education Grant paragraph.

Applications are due at or before the March guild meeting and should be sent to the Guild president at adwsg.president@gmail.com, or a paper copy may be handed to the president at a guild meeting. This is a great opportunity for the participating member as well as the guild!

DEMONSTRATIONS/PUBLICITY

Sara Jenkins

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The year is half over and from two events we have logged more than 85 hours sharing our talents with others. Thank you so much!

At the Arizona State Fair in October Gaye Cochran, Christine Hunt, Sara Jenkins, Caroline Wise, Dulcy, Caroline Yeromenko, Daniel Yeromenko, Tessa Collinge and her husband spun, wove, and knit while engaging people and sheep.

Seven spinners had a fun day at the northern cabin at Fiber Day at Pioneer History Museum: Elaine Rowles, Sue Carneal, Diane Wilson, Val Hilburgh, Paula Rudnick, Christine Hunt, and Rose Holmes.

In the near future we have the following opportunities to demonstrate:

Sew, Quilt, Needlework, Craft Expo Jan 30 – Feb 1 Arizona State Fairgrounds 1826 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix

Thursday, January 30 from 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **We need 2 more people.**

Friday, January 31 from 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **We need 1 more person.**

Saturday, February 1 from 9:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival Feb 29 – March 1 Saguro Ranch Park 9802 N 59th Ave, Glendale

Saturday February 29 from 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 1, 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Maricopa County Fair April 15 – 19 Demonstration Days TBD

Arizona State Fairgrounds 1826 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, Arizona 85007

SECRET VALENTINE EXCHANGE
Caroline Wise

Back by Popular Demand: 3rd Annual Secret Valentine!!

I am excited to remind you all that our Secret Valentine returns for the third time this coming meeting on February 1st.

There is no need to RSVP in any way, just bring your gift - a "made-by-you" item, lightly wrapped - to the February meeting. We'll set up on a table next to the Show-and-Tell table. After the meeting concludes let's all huddle around the table and raffle off the items. Maybe this time we can go a bit slower with the unwrapping - that way we can all get inspired by the amazing things you all come up with. Non-participating members are welcome to come and hang out - and maybe get some ideas to join next year.

If you have any questions at all, email me at caracolina@gmail.com.

NEWS FROM THE GUILD LIBRARY

Beki Welsch

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New titles for the Guild library

The Guild has acquired the following books this month:

Handwoven Laces by Donna Muller

Ashford Book of Weaving for the Four Shaft Loom: Instruction and Projects for the Four Shaft Loom by Anne Field

Beads and Threads: a New Technique for Fiber Jewelry by Diane Fitzgerald and Helen Banes

75th ANNIVERSARY

Claudia Cocco

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2023 - 75 YEARS OF DESERT WEAVERS!

Call for Pictures of Your Fiber Art



Hello Fellow Fiber Artists!

Do you have any pictures of State Fair ribbons for your fiber work (spinning, knitting, crochet, weaving, surface design, tapestry, etc.)? Or maybe you have a picture of a item that you've created that you are proud to show and share? Start looking and compiling! We are hoping to create an online archive/repository of examples of what our guild has done and can do, to inspire and encourage fellow guild members of all levels of expertise. It will also serve as an inspiration for future guild members and help support our mission to promote interest in and skill in weaving and spinning.

So please start compiling your pictures, and we will make an announcement of how to submit them when we have the online logistics worked out. Claudia Cocco adwsg.anniversary@gmail.com

WORKSHOPS

Ruth Greenspan

adwsg.workshops@gmail.com

Upcoming Workshops

The Guild has two upcoming workshops. Details and registration information for both workshops are on our website: ADWSG.org/workshops

In February felt maker Patti Barker (PattyBarker.com) is teaching a one-day mosaic nuno felting class. The class project will be the shawl shown here. The class will be held at the Northtown Community Center on February 9, 2020.



On March 14-15, 2020 Sarah Saulson (SarahSaulson.com) will be teaching a two-day warp painting workshop. In this workshop the warp is painted after the loom is dressed. The class project will be a scarf.

For some practical details about the warp painting workshop as well as some excellent photos, see this blogpost by a participant in one of Sarah's classes : [Warp Painting Report – Jane Patrick](#)

If you have any questions please contact Ruth Greenspan at adwsg.workshops@gmail.com.



LETTER TO THE GUILD

David Kish

Dear Guild Members,

A short note to explain what has taken place since I left the group to move to New Mexico 4 years ago to be a Designing Director of a Camp to be built for Wounded Veterans. I worked hard for the four years on designing, researching and preparation to start fundraising for the camp. I also took many workshops to learn the trade. Unfortunately, the ranch owner never applied for a business license, nor did any work herself toward this goal. Due to this situation I designed a tiny home to live in and retired on 11/1/19 and I'm very happy creating each day. I miss all the guild meetings and all my friends. I am glad to say that during the four years I have lived in both Albuquerque and Lincoln County and have made many new, artistic friends whom I've learned so much from. So, this has not been a total loss, but an artistic gain.

Sincerely, David Kish

PRIMITIVE AND NARROW BAND WEAVING GROUP

Deanna Ikeya

adwsg.backstrap@gmail.com

The Guild has a brand-new study group - - It has previously been known as the Backstrap Group.

They are meeting to refresh their knowledge and skills in backstrap, tablet, and inkle weaving. If you have taken previous classes in these techniques and would like to practice and explore these, please join us! We are currently working on 2-color warping and 4-revolution bands on backstrap looms. We meet the 3rd Sunday of the month, 9:30am - 1pm in the Northtown "library room". Group Chair - **Deanna Ikeya** adwsg.backstrap@gmail.com **Due to conflicts with weaving workshops in February and March this year, we will meet one week later than usual - Sunday Feb. 23rd, and Sunday, March 22nd at 9:30.**

WONDERFUL WEAVERS STUDY GROUP

Ann Ormiston

adwsg.weavinggroup@gmail.com

We meet the 3rd Sunday of the month, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm in the Northtown "library room". We have recently started a study through Madelyn van der Hoogt's book "The Complete Book of Drafting for Handweavers". Come join us to improve your weaving knowledge and skills. We have an energetic group and we're learning from each other. **PLEASE NOTE: Due to conflicts with weaving workshops in February and March this year, we will meet one week later than usual - Sunday Feb. 23rd, and Sunday, March 22nd at 1:30**

EXPLORING FIBER ART STUDY GROUP

Maria Conti

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"Exploring Fiber Art Study Group" the theme is Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose. Projects need to be done for the show and tell for our May 2020 meeting. I would also like an RSVP if people will be staying after our January meeting, e-mail would be best adwsg.textilegroup@gmail.com .

OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020

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Next Meeting: Saturday February 1, 2020

2202 E. Waltann Lane Phoenix
Doors open at 9 am, Meeting starts at 10 am

MEMBERS WITH LAST NAMES STARTING WITH N-Z

BRING REFRESHMENTS

**MOA Submission
Deadline**

The 15th of each
month September
through May
adwsg.editor@gmail.com
ail.com

INTEREST GROUPS

Meet at Northtown Community Center
2202 E. Waltann Lane
Phoenix, AZ

EXPLORING FIBER ARTS GROUP

Previously known as Tapestry and Beyond. Meets after the monthly general ADWSG meeting. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy 2 hours, working on your favorite fiber art. Bring your lunch/beverage. Our goal is to learn something new, get help finishing an old project or just explore a new activity. It can be spinning, all types of weaving, beading, knitting, crochet, embroidery, hand sewing, reverse appliqué, macramé, basketry, etc....The sky is the limit. For more information, contact **Mary Conti** at adwsg.textilegroup@gmail.com. I am looking forward to seeing all the new projects you are working on! All are Welcome!

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SPINNING/FIBER GROUP

Meets the Third Wed of each month (all year long). Bring your spinning wheels or any project you are working on, i.e. spinning, knitting, weaving, sewing, whatever. We talk about new ideas or problems. It is an informal group. Doors open at 9am, we have to a little meeting at 10am. At noon we break for lunch, after we continue informally until 2 pm. Come and join our group. The group chair is **Paula Rudnick** adwsg.fibergroup@gmail.com.

WONDERFUL WEAVERS STUDY GROUP

Meets the Third Sunday of each month, all year long. We meet from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at Northtown Community Center in the "library room". We discuss Hand Weaving structures, ideas, problems and solutions and our Group weaving project. Bring your show and tell. Come and join our group. The group chair is **Ann Ormiston** adwsg.weavinggroup@gmail.com **Due to conflicts with weaving workshops in February and March this year, we will meet one week later than usual - Sunday Feb. 23rd, and Sunday, March 22nd at 1:30?**

ADWSG WEBSITE

<http://www.adwsg.org>

Follow us on

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Join Us for Our Monthly Meetings:

10 am

Northtown Community Center 2202 E.
Waltann Lane,

Phoenix, AZ

Doors Open at 9 am

Come Early and Mingle!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 1, 2020

March 7, 2020

April 4, 2020

May 2, 2020

October 3, 2020

November 7, 2020

December 5, 2020

BRING YOUR OWN CUP

Thank you for bringing your reusable cups, mugs and utensils to the meetings. Let's take care of Our Earth





Claudia Cocco our 2018-19 Education Grant recipient - Drawloom weaving

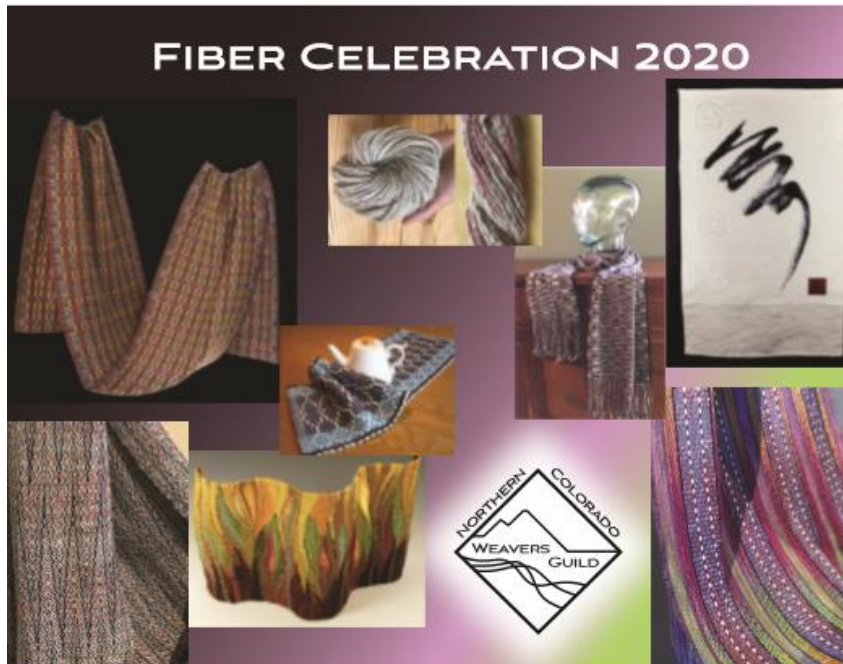


Fiber Demonstration Day at the Pioneer History Museum - Sue Carneal & Elaine Rowles



EVENT CALENDAR

Northern Colorado Weavers Guild



FIBER CELEBRATION - 2020 A JURIED SHOW FOR ALL THINGS FIBER



Carnegie Center for Creativity
Fort Collins, Colorado
June 15th-July 12, 2020

Submission Deadline: April 2, 2020

For the complete prospectus
please go to our website:
www.noroweaversguild.org

- Feb 1, 2020 Secret Valentine Exchange - ADWSG General Meeting
- Feb 9, 2020 9:30 – 4:30 ADWSG Workshop - Stained Glass Shawl taught by Patti Barker
- Feb 29 – June 21, 2020 Phoenix Art Museum India Fashion's Muse Ellman Fashion Design Gallery and Harnett Gallery
- March 7, 2020 Education Grant Applications Due
- March 14-15 2020 Painted Warp Workshop, sponsored by ADWSG
- Through April 5, 2020 Heard Museum David Hockney's Yosemite and Master of California Basketry
- **AUGUST 2020 - TIME TO GET YOUR ARIZONA STATE FAIR ENTRIES ORGANIZED !!!**
- Sept 19, 2020 – Jan 31, 2021 - Phoenix Art Museum - Ann Morton: A Violet Protest

<http://www.violetprotest.com/about.html>

Another public art project by Ann Morton



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The Violet Protest_About the Project

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- Courage • Candor • Compassion • Creativity

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Main beam is sectional, convertible to regular cloth - three reeds - 6, 8, 12 dent - sliding bench
raddle with 2 inch spacing - inserted eye heddles - 4 lease sticks - two side shelves (removable) - adjustable beater bar
tension box counter and guide -
Built in Allegan, MI in 2013, Original price \$4400
Original owner asking \$3,000 Loom is in great shape and can weave just about anything! Local pick-up preferred (North Phoenix AZ)

From front beam to back beam measures 50"; with second beam installed, 58"
Loom width footprint is 49" wide; Folds to 25" (fits through a standard size door)
Original paperwork included. Contact Claudia Cocco at
ccocco@mac.com





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