

THE MOTHER OF ALL

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70th ANNIVERSARY

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From the President's Desk *Christine Hunt*

**CELEBRATING
OUR 70TH YEAR**



Spring is here! It's a busy time with many fiber arts activities and I've enjoyed seeing so many of you at our monthly meetings. A special welcome to the new guild members who have joined us after meeting us at various guild demonstrations this year. If you have a friend who might like to find out more about our guild, invite them to join us as a guest at an upcoming meeting.

I wanted to mention the Intermountain Weavers Conference (IWC) to everyone. If you are looking to do some fiber related travel this summer, this is a great learning and networking opportunity in the cooler climes of Colorado. IWC is held in odd numbered years, and this year's dates are July 25-28, 2019 at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. I've attended IWC a few times and it's one of my favorite conferences – affordable, relatively close to us with an interesting drive, lovely location, friendly people, a decent sized shopping venue, but not such a large event that it's overwhelming. Affordable housing is provided in the dorms on campus and the classes are conveniently located nearby.

You can go to the website <https://www.intermountainweavers.org/events> to look over the IWC program of workshops with a great lineup of teachers, and register online. Our guild contributes a few raffle baskets to help support this event, so if you have any interesting fiber related items to donate, please bring them to our guild meeting.

We are preparing for 2019-20 guild elections in April and are seeking several volunteers to join our board. If you have not yet taken a turn on our board, we really need your help with one of the following roles:

- Secretary – our Secretary takes minutes at 3 to 4 guild board meetings and our Annual meeting and coordinates the annual elections process.
- Hospitality (two volunteers needed) – our Hospitality co-chairs set up the refreshment table before each monthly meeting.
- Website (two volunteers needed) – this position helps keep our guild website up to date. There will be an opportunity to redesign the website soon and we need your good ideas!

Please contact me or Lisa Takata now to discuss these opportunities, as we need to finalize nominations in a few weeks. Our board can provide lots of support to help you succeed. Thank you to our board members who have indicated they can continue their current roles for another year. We are always looking for assistants to help with specific events or tasks so even if you can volunteer just a few hours to our guild, reach out to us.

From the President's Desk (continued)

Christine Hunt

Finally, you may receive a request from our Membership chair Trish Boone to provide your emergency contact information. This information will only be used if an emergency arises while you are participating in a guild activity, so we will know who you want us to call. It's just a precaution that we hope we will never have to use, and we will not publish or distribute any information you provide. This request has been added to our guild membership form so you will have the opportunity to update it each year when you renew.

Enjoy our beautiful weather, this is the best time of year to call Arizona home!



Christine Hunt

Annual Meeting Notice

Lisa Takata, Secretary

An Annual meeting of the members of the Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild shall be held on the first Saturday of April 6, 2019 commencing at 10 am at the New Northtown Community Center, 2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phoenix Arizona. The purpose of the meeting is to elect trustees of the Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild by written ballot or voice vote for terms of one year. Those persons eligible to vote are members who have paid the dues required for corporate membership. The members may also transact such other business of the Corporation as may properly come before them. Non-members may not vote on any matter coming before the members at the annual meeting. This notice is published in the March 2019 Mother of All as the official notice of this annual meeting to our membership.

Nominations for officers will be accepted from the floor at the March 2, 2019 Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild meeting one month prior to the Annual meeting. The guild Nominations Committee will meet in March and recommend a slate of nominees for election by the guild on April 6. For more information or to submit nominations prior to the March 2 meeting, please contact Lisa Takata, guild Secretary, at secretary@adwsg.org

OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019

President	Christine Hunt
Vice President Programs	Mary Humme
Vice President Workshops	Karen Stromberg
Treasurer	Sue Carneal
Secretary	Lisa Takata

COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2018-2019

Historian	historian@adwsg.org
Librarian	Beki Welsch
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Assistant:	Elaine Rowles
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Hospitality	Mary Conti
Interest Groups	Paula Rudnick
	Mary Conti
Ways & Means	LaVila Churruca
Federation Representative	Paula Rudnick
Newsletter Editor	Ann Ormiston

MOA Submission Deadline

The 15th of each month September through May
editor@adwsg.org

Next Meeting: Saturday March 2, 2019

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

**1 or 2 Volunteers are Needed for Hospitality Chair for
2019-2020**

“New and stirring things are belittled because if they are not belittled the humiliating question arises 'Why then are you not taking part in them?'”
– H.G. Wells

**CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING
FOR THE 2019-2020 GUILD
YEAR !**

ADWSG WEBSITE

<http://www.adwsg.org>

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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

March 2, 2019
April 6, 2019
October 5, 2019
November 2, 2019
December 7, 2019
January 4, 2020
February 1, 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

MARCH PROGRAM:

Finding Out About Fingerloop Braiding

PRESENTED BY *Katie Lewis*

Finger loop braiding was popular from the 15th to the 17th centuries in Europe. It is an interesting and versatile method for making ties, laces, handles, trim, drawstrings and more. The braid produced is both practical and decorative, and best of all it can be made using minimal equipment. This presentation will cover the history of fingerloop braiding, as well as its practical uses.

A hands-on mini-workshop will follow the meeting, in which we will focus on making a simple five element braid and learning the basic moves of fingerloop braiding. A donation of \$5 is requested to cover the cost of materials.



APRIL PROGRAM: Winnie Johnson will be providing a presentation, "my Trip with Helena Hernmarck". Helena Hernmarck is a large-scale tapestry weaver, with weavings in several commercial spaces and art museums.

MAY PROGRAM: Special interest groups present their accomplishments.

DEMONSTRATIONS/PUBLICITY

Sara Jenkins

Demonstrators needed for the Maricopa County Fair from April 10 to April 14 located at the Arizona State Fairgrounds. Signup sheets and dates will be available at the March meeting.

WORKSHOP NEWS

Date March 16 **Time** 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Mary Conti to Teach beginning tapestry wedge weave in a one day workshop.

Place At the home of Karen Stromberg cross streets Cactus Rd and 52nd St.- exact address to be provided

Cost \$30 – checks will be accepted at the February guild meeting and then by mail to Sue Carneal. Maximum 10 people.

After a wonderful presentation on tapestry weave by Mary Conti last month, she agreed to teach a one day weaving workshop on basic tapestry and variations including wedge weave to guild members.

This is going to be a basic to intermediate tapestry weaving class. You will also learn how to warp the loom you will be using, (twig, frame, or cardboard). For more details contact Karen Stromberg, kastromberg@gmail.com

Thank you, Paula Rudnick for your
fascinating Saori presentation!



It was a fun presentation with an
animated audience



SAORI is a contemporary hand weaving program founded by a Japanese lady, Misao Jo about 40 years ago, in which everyone can express oneself freely regardless of age, gender, disability or intellectual aptitude. In SAORI, people can enjoy hand weaving as an art form not only as a hand craft. In the past 40 years, SAORI has been introduced all over Japan, and there are more than 40,000 SAORI weavers in Japan only. SAORI has also been introduced overseas, in more than 40 countries. SAORI is now practiced across Japan, other countries in Asia, Middle East, North America, Central America, South America, Europe, Australia and Africa at nearly one thousand institutions including special education schools, sheltered workshops, high schools, adult education centers, and rehabilitation centers for people with disabilities. Misao Jo has been commended by Japanese government twice for her public contribution made through SAORI hand weaving program. In 1990, she was honored by Minister of Health and Welfare of Japan, and in 1992 again by Prime Minister of Japan. <http://saoriglobal.com/what-is-saori/>

Tapestry Innovations

Presented by Maria Conti

January 2019 Guild Meeting

Tapestry innovation explained by our guild member [Maria Conti](#), January's featured guest speaker. She really thinks out of the box on innovative ways to weave with common household items or found objects from nature. I love how she has designed many of her tapestries to reflect the places and experiences she has had on her travels far and wide. What a great way to create memories of those places. Mary invites everyone to stay and play with their own tapestry projects for a few hours after our monthly guild meetings (which conclude around noon) on the first Saturday of each month. Bring a sack lunch and a project that you are starting or working on completing!

This inspired our March 16th workshop:

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EVENT CALENDAR

- Through – March 24, 2019 “Ultracontemporary” Phoenix Art Museum, Ellman and Lewis galleries www.phxart.org/exhibition/ultracontemporary
- Through April 1, 2019 ARIZONA! by Choi+Shine Architects, a hand-crocheted lace ribbon 8’ wide x 600+ ft. long meanders along the Arizona Canal in the Scottsdale Waterfront. <https://canalconvergence.com/publicart/arizona/>
- May 17, 18, 19 2019 2019 New Mexico Fiber Crawl Facebook.com/NMFiberCrawl Instagram.com/nm.fiber.crawl www.NMFiberCrawl.com

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INTEREST GROUPS

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2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phoenix

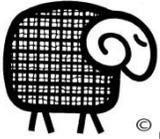
EXPLORING FIBER ARTS GROUP

Previously known as Tapestry and Beyond. Meets after the monthly general ADWSG meeting. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy 2 to 3 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, macrame, basketry, etc...The sky is the limit. For more information, contact [Mary Conti](mailto:MaryConti@mariaconti.com) at mariaconti@cox.net or 425-766-1095. I am looking forward to seeing all the new projects you are working on! All are Welcome!

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 a little meeting at 10am. At noon we break for lunch, after we continue informally until 2 pm. We usually have one field trip a year and a Holiday outing in December. Come and join our group. The group chair is [Paula Rudnick](mailto:PaulaRudnick@paularudnick.com) 814-769-1675.





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