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From the President Desk
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Hello again, Fiber Friends!

We have come once again to the end of a fantastic Guild year! I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing our membership's skills on display these past months. The level of talent and variety of crafts represented by all of you is staggering, and I am so grateful to know and learn from you.

I'm also grateful for the time I've spent serving as President! It was an honor to step up and help keep the Guild running and give back to a fantastic group of people I get so much enjoyment from. I (and my dragons, of course) will continue to come to meetings next year. I know Mary will do a great job as our next President! In the meantime, I'm looking forward to some summer crafting to show you all when we meet again in the fall. I have a quilt kit that's been sitting around for way too long, a table runner to weave for my brother's wedding, and maybe this year I'll actually start on some dragons for the December raffle before the last minute!

See you at the meeting, and have a great summer!

Merlyn, *President*

MAY 2, 2026 Presentation

ADWSG May Program - the final meeting of the 2025-2026 year

The guild Special Interest Groups (SIG) will be our presenters for the May program. Each group will present their work and or their project for the year. We will hear from the Fiber Artists/Spinners, the Wonderful Weavers, the Drop In Spinners and the Beginning Weavers Study Group. It will be exciting to learn what each group has been up to this year. Please take the opportunity to consider joining one of our SIGs!

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Suggestion Box Open!

Over the summer, I am planning on sprucing up the Guild website a little and I could use everyone's help. Is there something you'd love to see on the website? Something that is already there that you find confusing?

Do you reference our website often, or rarely? Please send any feedback/suggestions/requests to rarely? Please send any feedback/suggestions/requests to adwsg.webmaster@gmail.com so that I can incorporate these ideas into my research plan and workflow.

Demonstrations

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Thank you to everyone who volunteered to demonstrate this year. Sharing our love of fibers is a great way for our guild to grow, discover new ideas and is just plain fun. Thank you! I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and gets to explore new ideas and techniques.

HOSPITALITY

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Remember to label any treats donated with the major ingredients, i.e. flour, eggs, nuts, & dairy products, for those guild members that have allergies. Thank you in advance.

LIBRARY

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The end of the Guild year is upon us. That means library items that are checked out are due at the May meeting. If you have items checked out, you will be getting a reminder email listing those items. Please let me know if you would like to keep the items over the summer. Usually that is no problem, but sometimes someone else has let me know they would like the book or magazine. Items checked out in May can be kept over the summer and returned at the October meeting.

I have received the summer issue of Weft Magazine. This issue is all about twill. As usual, it is full of info that beginner AND advanced weavers can learn from. Check out Weft or Ply (for spinners) Magazines over the summer if you would like to increase your fiber knowledge.

FEDERATION

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First a **HUGE** THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped with the AZ FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL.

Because I don't want to miss anyone, I won't list individuals. But I think everyone from the guild contributed to the success of this event! We had an amazing raffle basket, guild display, goodie bag donation, volunteers, participation, some members came up for the day...it was wonderful. I took some pictures, but not nearly enough.

If you didn't get the chance to go to AZ FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL this year, keep early April 2027 open (date exact date and location hasn't been set yet). Again, planning will begin before you know it, so if you have thoughts or suggestions let them be known.

As many of you know, I will be moving in the near future. Emily Williams has agreed to replace me as Federation Representative. Thank you Emily for stepping in.

I've enjoyed these last few years as your representative and appreciate the support you've given me. Hope to see you in May and on Zoom.

Helene, (Former) AZ Federation Rep

I won Ruth Greenspan's basket donation at the fiber festival. Also I think someone took pictures of the basket ADWSG donation, which Caroline Wise won.

HELENE



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Here are a few photos from the past workshop -



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Next Meeting:

MAY 2nd will be in person and on Zoom

At

Northtown Community Center

Meeting starts at 10 am

MOA Submission

Deadline

**The 15th of each month
September through May**

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INTEREST GROUPS

SPINNING/FIBER GROUP ZOOM MEETINGS

Meets the third Wednesday of the month (all year long). FOR THE PRESENT TIME WE ARE MEETING ON ZOOM-(please be sure you are on the group email list so you get the email invite) We love to chat, learn what events are happening online, see what everyone is working on, and exchange ideas and get help with questions or problems we might be having with our projects. Our Zoom starts at 9:30---so join us and start chatting. We love to talk and work while we are still at home so join us for the talk and fun. We also try to have field trips a few time a year.

The group chair is **Paula Rudnick** - adwsg.fibergroup@gmail.com

WONDERFUL WEAVERS STUDY GROUP

Currently Meeting as a ZOOM Group - Meets the Third Sunday of each month, all year long. Currently we are meeting from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm as a Zoom Group. We discuss Hand Weaving structures, ideas, problems, and solutions and enjoy our show and tell. Come and join our group. The group chair is **Ann Ormiston** adwsg.weavinggroup@gmail.com

THE DROP IN SPINNERS GROUP

The Drop In Spinners meet at the North Town Center 2202 E Waltann Ln, Phoenix on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00 to 2:00 pm. If you want an email reminder, contact me and I will add you to the email list. We always leave having fulfilled our laughter quota!! Join us.

From the front door, proceed to the library in the far back left corner. Anyone with an interest in spinning may join in, even if you are currently working on something else. The group chair is Sue Garber adwsg.programs@gmail.com

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Join Us for Our Monthly Meetings:

10 am In Person

Northtown Community Center 2202 E.
Waltann Lane,

Phoenix, AZ

Doors Open at 9 am

Come Early and Mingle!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MAY 2, 2026

October 3, 2026

BRING YOUR OWN CUP

Thank you for bringing your reusable cups,
mugs, and utensils to the meetings.

Let us take care of Our Earth

CALENDAR

September 2025 – September 2026 – Phoenix Art Museum - Flowers of the Punjab

June 12-14, 2026 – Complex Weavers Seminars 2026, Westminster, CO

August 11-17, 2026 – HGA Convergence Fiber Arts Conference, New Orleans, LA

July 6-10, 2027 - Intermountain Weavers Conference (IWC), Colorado Springs, CO

CLASSIFIED

For Sale: Louet Junior Drum Carder \$100,

Ashford Traditional Spinning Wheel, Double Drive, includes 4 bobbins \$200

Clemes & Clemes Hand carders \$25

Hip Spindle Free

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