

# THE MOTHER OF ALL

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

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## *From the President Desk* **Mary Rooney**

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Greetings! Happy NEW FIBER YEAR!

I hope everyone is as excited as I am to get back to seeing each other each month, and that everyone had a nice summer (Hopefully COOLER if you got out of town!).

Looking ahead, this year appears to be shaping up with lots of fun presentations and workshops. We will have a Traveling Teacher in the Spring and she is offering some great fiber exploration! Among the Special Interest groups, we are still hoping to form a "Cotton Club" to learn and discover what we can from fellow members growing and spinning cotton. And another Sewing with Handwovens MAY be in the cards as well.

I, myself, did quite a lot of sewing this summer, stitching up a pair of Palazzo Pants, a dress, and some cute applique pumpkins that I have yet to decide what to do with!

My daughter and I took on a larger project, making a patchwork cover for her AZ Desert Hobbit craft booth. That was a taxing project, but as my daughter said, "at least there were no tears!"

We tested it out a couple of weekends ago in Prescott at a fun fantasy book fair.



## ***From the President Desk***

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I have been hoping to offer writings on a specific theme as the year goes on, but I still have no HOPE of entertaining you all as Merlyn did! So, I will do the best I can! I am very interested in our arts through the ages, so I may bring some history into the posts. Reading books like *The Fabric of Civilization* and *The Golden Thread* have left me curious for more! I am fascinated by how ingenious humans have been throughout the millennia when it comes to spinning, weaving, felting, stitching, dying, etc. Of course, everything I read about, I want to go back in time and learn! I will leave you with this link I just saw recently about a weaving method from Poland:

[You Tube Polish Weaving](#)

It will be so wonderful to see you all in person on Oct 3rd! See you then!

--Mary, *President*

### ***OCTOBER 3, 2026 Presentation***

***Paula Rudnick***

### ***My Journey Through the World of Beads***

Paul Rudnick will tell us about her journey through the world of beads. She will show how she got involved with beading at the age of 6 years old and where it took her. There are many things that you can do with beads and all of them can be fun. Paula will show samples of all the different types of things she does and how everyone can do the same. Beads are colorful and fun and have a long history and she hopes you will all become addicted to beads the way she did.

Following the presentation and meeting, Paula teaches a workshop on how to make a beaded lizard pin. The cost will be \$10 which covers the cost of the kit which has all the supplies that you need to make your own lizard pin. Paula hopes you will join in and have fun. Preregistration is required so she has enough kits. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks Paula 814-769-1675



## TREASURER

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Arizona Desert Weavers Spinners Guild, Inc.  
Statement of Financial Condition- Cash Basis  
May 31, 2026

### ASSETS

|                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Current Assets                       |                           |
| Cash in Bank Checking                | \$6,137.68                |
| Cash in Bank Savings                 | 8,951.52                  |
| Cash in Bank Certificates of Deposit | <u>10,943.05</u>          |
| Total Current Assets                 | 26,032.25                 |
| Fixed Assets                         |                           |
| Equipment                            | \$4,221.17                |
| Library                              | <u>2,616.72</u>           |
| Total Fixed Assets                   | <u>6,837.89</u>           |
| Total Assets                         | <u><u>\$32,870.14</u></u> |

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

|                                                        |                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Current Liabilities                                    |                           |
| Prepaid Dues and Workshop Fees                         | <u>\$1,508.21</u>         |
| Total Liabilities                                      | 1,508.21                  |
| Net Assets                                             |                           |
| Balance, June 1, 2025                                  | 30,090.02                 |
| Increase in Net Assets for the Year Ended May 31, 2026 | <u>1,271.91</u>           |
| Total Net Assets                                       | <u>31,361.93</u>          |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets                       | <u><u>\$32,870.14</u></u> |

See accompanying accountant's compilation report.

Arizona Desert Weavers Spinners Guild, Inc.  
Statement of Activity - Cash Basis  
For the Year Ended May 31, 2026

|                                   | Amount     | %       |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------|
| REVENUE                           |            |         |
| Dues                              | \$2,704.61 | 33.61%  |
| Equipment Sales                   | 70.00      | 0.87%   |
| Jewelry Sales                     | 20.00      | 0.25%   |
| Ways & Means                      | 976.00     | 12.13%  |
| Equipment Rental                  | 140.26     | 1.74%   |
| Donations                         | 1,016.59   | 12.63%  |
| December Fund Raiser              | 2,964.00   | 36.83%  |
| Interest Income                   | 156.06     | 1.94%   |
| Total Revenue                     | 8,047.52   | 100.00% |
| EXPENSES                          |            |         |
| Awards                            | \$500.00   | 6.21%   |
| Bank Fees                         | 4.91       | 0.06%   |
| Donations                         | 200.00     | 2.49%   |
| Office Supplies                   | 103.55     | 1.29%   |
| Zoom Account                      | 159.90     | 1.99%   |
| Rental Expense                    | 2,865.16   | 35.60%  |
| Facilities & Equipment            | 1,420.00   | 17.65%  |
| Hospitality                       | 21.77      | 0.27%   |
| Dues                              | 346.00     | 4.30%   |
| Insurance                         | 373.00     | 4.63%   |
| Website                           | 243.38     | 3.02%   |
| Miscellaneous Expense             | 59.64      | 0.74%   |
| Library                           | 303.30     | 3.77%   |
| Professional Fees                 | 175.00     | 2.17%   |
| Total Expenses                    | 6,775.61   | 84.20%  |
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets | \$1,271.91 | 15.80%  |

See accompanying accountant's compilation report.

## WAYS & MEANS

Velvet Dishon

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**October meeting**  
**Welcome Back Raffle Bonanza!**

**20-30 project minded baskets available for winning**  
**Spinning fibers from linen, wool to alpaca**  
**Hand spun yarns of all sorts**

**These lots are sure to tempt the spinners and hand knitters and crocheters.**

**November's raffle will be full of temptations for weavers with Cone-a-palozza.**



## Demonstrations

Heather Fowler

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Hello and welcome back to a new guild year! Hope you all had a wonderful summer and took some time to play and explore. 🌸

We are jumping right back in with our first demonstrations scheduled for this month at the Arizona State Fair.

Thank you to everyone who already signed up to share your love for spinning, weaving, and fiber craft with the general public. We could still use a few more people for a few of the dates. You don't need to be an expert spinner or weaver – you just need to be willing to share your interests.

We have one date in the barn during the sheep show, which a lot of people are very excited about. We have three dates demonstrating in the Home Arts department in the Coliseum, near where the fiber craft exhibits will be.

Demonstration dates (all are 12-4pm):

Thursday, Oct 8 in Home Arts department- we have 2 volunteers signed up and would love to have a few more

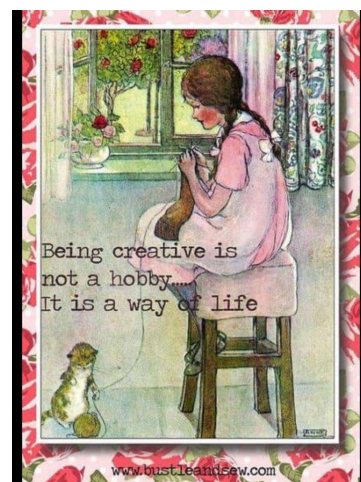
Friday, Oct 16 in Home Arts department - 3 are signed up and we'd love to have 1-2 more

Saturday, Oct 17 in the sheep barn - 7 volunteers are signed up (that date filled super-fast! We will try to make sure we can be in the barn for at least one date at future fairs)

Saturday, Oct 24 in Home Arts department- 3 are signed up and we'd love to have 1-2 more

Demonstrating at events allows us to share our unique skills with others. It is a great way to introduce people to what many thought were dying arts, to help them make the connection between raw fiber and the finished articles they wear and use, and to find solo fiber artist and crafters who would benefit from the friendships and inspiration to be found in our guild. I joined this guild several years ago after meeting Julie Cattaneo and Christine Hunt when they were demonstrating at a quilt expo. I look forward to each guild meeting where I get to learn something new and be buoyed up by the creativity and friendliness of our members. You can be the means of helping someone find our unique community of fiber folk!

If you are interested in demonstrating, please email me at [adwsg.demonstrations@gmail.com](mailto:adwsg.demonstrations@gmail.com)



## **HOSPITALITY**

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Welcome back to another year of food, fun, & friendship! Jill and I will provide coffee, tea, & the fixings. Here are the basic hospitality ground rules:

- 1) Please label any treats you bring with the ingredients. We have several members with allergies.
- 2) Consider bringing a beverage to share as not all our members prefer hot beverages.
- 3) Feel free to bring your own coffee cup and plate as this will cut down the waste we generate.
- 4) At the end of the meeting, fold up the tablecloth and make sure your table has 6 chairs around it.

Thank you for your help!

Julie & Jill

## **LIBRARY**

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We got lots of donated books this summer so there will be new titles to look at on the sale table. Sale books are \$5 minimum, though please give what you think the book is worth to you.

I received the latest issues of PLY, WEFT, Handwoven, and Shuttle Spindle & Dyepot magazines. In addition, the newest fiber arts magazine has published its first issue. We now have PURL. The first issue is all about casting on. Who knew there was so much to learn about that topic, but the magazine is fabulous! In addition to the magazines, I purchased the latest Tom Knisely book, Clapsed Weft. This is the book that the Wonderful Weavers Study Group will be using next. You can check out the book to see if you would like to join the group this year. Remember, the library catalog is on our website so you can see if we have a title you want to check out. Also, I always welcome suggestions for books to purchase for the library.

## **IWC REPRESENTATIVE**

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### **Intermountain Weavers Conference (IWC) - July 6-10, 2027**

The Intermountain Weavers Conference is a regional fiber arts conference held in odd numbered years. The next one will be held this coming summer in Colorado Springs, CO. Workshops have been announced and can be found at <https://www.intermountainweavers.org/>. There will be 3-day workshops and 1-day and 1/2 day seminars. You must be a member of IWC to register for workshops and seminars. Membership is \$25 for two years and can be obtained at the same website. Conference registration begins in January.

This fall IWC is offering several ZOOM workshops. The ones currently available include Joining Panels, Paper Weaving, Edge Finishes, and Creative Closures for Garments. Dates, instructors, and prices vary and can be found on the Register tab of the above website.

IWC is currently taking applications for vendors and scholarships. A scholarship covers tuition for one workshop, but not travel, room or board. Very few people apply for scholarships, so your chances are good for getting one if you apply. Deadline is Dec 7, 2026. Application is at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc\\_Pe4\\_jvEqUWG3EaxetiE4sBS4CpaFoQLZPFTkps-o08te4A/viewform?usp=publish-editor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_Pe4_jvEqUWG3EaxetiE4sBS4CpaFoQLZPFTkps-o08te4A/viewform?usp=publish-editor).

At each conference, I look forward to visiting the vendors and shows. There will be a non-juried member show, a workshop leader and board member show, and a fashion show. I hope you will join us in Colorado Springs July 6-10, 2027. It's a great excuse to get out of the heat and into the mountains. There is plenty to do in the area for spouses who may want to join you.

A big thank you to ADWSG for becoming a sponsor of IWC!

## **MEMBERSHIP**

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Welcome back Guild Members! Hope you had a fun summer and got lots of projects done. Several new members have joined us over the summer! Welcome to Briana Haase, Karen Hartley, Cindy Sawyer and Nicole Hunt.

We have a few members who have not yet renewed their dues for this year. Anyone who has not renewed received emails from me over the summer as a reminder. If you have any questions about renewing, please let me know!

There will be renewal forms at our meetings, and you can also renew your dues online by going to [Adwsg.org/guild-forms](https://Adwsg.org/guild-forms).

## WORKSHOPS

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A new year of getting together to share our fiber journeys is upon us. Exciting is not really an adequate word for describing how meaningful getting together with other fiber lovers, the spinners, weavers, basket, rug and paper makers, knitter and crocheters can be to one's creativity and skill building in our fiber endeavors. It is my goal to bring you even more opportunity to reach your fiber related goals and build your skills in whatever area of fiber craftsmanship you pursue.

We begin the year with a bead-making workshop Paula Rudnick will be hosting a short workshop after the October Guild meeting to teach how to make an adorable lizard key ring. What a fun project and these would make a great gift for the upcoming holidays. Or make a whole lot and use them as Christmas ornaments!

We have scheduled two workshops that focus on sewing with fabric you have woven. Beki Welsh has graciously agreed to again offer her bag making workshop, which will provide the basics of sewing handwoven material, including stabilizing and finishing techniques as well as zipper application. She will also teach a two-day workshop on garment construction sewing a vest with a pattern of your choosing. Beki has decades of experience sewing her handwoven cloth and participants will learn what a good weave structure is for sewing clothing, as well as what to avoid in your weaving pattern, how to choose an appropriate pattern for woven fabric, where and how to stabilize your fabric and various ways of finishing seams and hems. Mark your calendars to save the dates for these workshops. An official sign-up will be sent out to all guild members shortly after the October meeting.

• **Bag It-Intro to Sewing Handwoven Fabric February 27th and February 28th, 2027**

• **Sewing Your Handwoven Fabric (Vest) April 24th and April 28th, 2027**

Additional workshops are being planned but no details have been finalized. I am always looking for workshop ideas and would love to see all the fiber arts represented through a workshop so that we can try new mediums and expand our knowledge. So, if you are interested in teaching contact me, I know we have so many experts in our own guild. Calling all you basket makers, spinners and rug makers, crocheter, knitters, paper makers, think about sharing your knowledge. I will be glad to help you through this process and launch your teaching journey. Also, if you know of a great teacher, please share their information with me and together let's make this a great year!



## FEDERATION

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The 2027 AZ Federation Traveling Teacher is Vicki Assegued. Vicki's work centers on experimental, highly dimensional fiber art, and her teaching is less about following a fixed project and more about giving students a toolbox of techniques that encourages creative freedom, experimentation, and personal expression. Vicki offers a diverse and creative selection of fiber-art classes, ranging from fabric assemblage and sculptural vessels to textured and mixed-media weaving. Her workshops emphasize experimentation, innovation, texture, and personal expression rather than rigidly following a set pattern. The classes are designed for all skill levels and appear especially appealing to anyone interested in exploring new techniques, working dimensionally, and pushing their fiber art in fresh directions.

The 2028 AZ Fiber Arts Festival will be held in Camp Verde, AZ from Friday, March 31 until Sunday, April 2 with a set up day of Thursday, March 30. Once again Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds, Inc. will partner with the Town of Camp Verde. In order to plan this festival, we will need a Festival Committee and we are actively recruiting for the following positions: Social Activities, Documents, Volunteers, Publicity, guild Booths, Festival Gift Bags, Demonstrations, Raffle Baskets, Registration, and Workshops. If you want to play a more active role in the festival please contact Carol Byrne [carolbyrneaz@netscape.net](mailto:carolbyrneaz@netscape.net).

## WONDERFUL WEAVERS STUDY GROUP

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There were some very good seminars and workshops during the summer – I couldn't attend in person, but some are still available to see in a virtual mode. Fees are required for the virtual workshops.

The Flax & Linen Symposium 2026 – subjects include processing, spinning, weaving, natural dye and using Handspun. The in-person event was held at the **National Museum of the American Coverlet** in Bedford,

PA <https://flaxandlinen2026.org/registration> The virtual version will start soon.

My favorite was Complex Weavers Seminars - this is also still available in a virtual mode - these seminars are mostly weaving design and some historical topics. Annual membership in Complex Weavers is required (\$35/yearly). Seminars are extra.

## OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027

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### Next Meeting:

**OCTOBER 3rd will be in person and on Zoom**

**At**

**Northtown Community Center**

Meeting starts at 10 am

### MOA Submission

#### Deadline

The 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Carneal [adwsg.programs@gmail.com](mailto: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

**OCTOBER 3, 2026**

November 7, 2026

December 5, 2026

January 2, 2027

February 6, 2027

March 6, 2027

April 3, 2027

May 1, 2027

### BRING YOUR OWN CUP

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

Let us take care of Our Earth

**October 5-11 2026**

HGA Spinning & Weaving Week [Spinning & Weaving Week | Handweavers Guild of America](#)

**October 23-24 2026**

I am the Publicity Chair for the Tucson Handweavers and Spinners Guild and would like to invite any of your members to our annual Fiber Arts Tucson 2026 show October 23 (10-5) and October 24 (10-3) at the St. Francis in the Foothills at the corner of River Rd. and Swan Rd. Demonstrations and handmade fiber arts will be on display and for sale. Would love to invite your members. Please contact me if you need further information or if you would like me to send bookmarks with all the information. Corinne Babcock - 678-464-1134

**December 20 2026** - Helene Couture-Hall thought you might like this idea

**Mini Sweater Pin Loom Day** <https://www.ullvuna.cl/mini-sweater-day>

December 20 is our day!

Eight years ago, I started Mini Sweater Pin Loom Day with a simple idea: What if pin loom weavers from around the world could make one little sweater and celebrate together? Every December 20, makers create a mini sweater using four 4x4" (10x10 cm) pin loom squares and join a worldwide celebration of weaving, creativity and community. Let's Weave Around the World! This year we want to celebrate the people and places behind the sweaters. So the theme invites you to make a mini sweater inspired by your country, city, region, culture and traditions. There are no prizes and no competition. Every sweater is a celebration of its maker and a little piece of the world they live in. How do I participate? It's easy! Follow these steps:

1. **MAKE YOUR MINI SWEATER** Download the Mini Sweater Pin Loom Day 2026 Participant Guide below and weave your sweater using 4 to 6 squares measuring 4x4" (10x10cm). Make as many as you want!
2. **TAKE A PICTURE** -Place your mini sweater on a white sheet of paper and take a clear picture from directly above. Natural daylight works best.
3. **SUBMIT YOUR PICTURE** - Send your high-quality JPG picture, along with your name, country and a short description of the inspiration behind your design.

Submission deadline is December 18, 2026.

4. **CELEBRATE!** On December 20, we'll celebrate Mini Sweater Pin Loom Day together! A final image featuring all the submitted mini sweaters will be published on our Facebook page, along with an e-book showcasing the creations, their makers, and the inspiration behind them. Your sweater can be part of something BIGGER. One little sweater

may be tiny.. but when hundreds of makers from different places weave one together, something beautiful happens. Different colors, different techniques, different stories, different places. One worldwide celebration!

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

***CLASSIFIED***