

THE MOTHER OF ALL

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

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From the President Desk **Merlyn Heck**

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The signs are appearing one by one: pumpkin spice has found its way back into my coffee, I'm sweating slightly less, and Christmas decorations are already on the shelves in Home Depot. It's officially fall in Phoenix, and we're back for another fantastic Guild year!

I hope you all had a nice summer, full of all the things you like to do. I took the break from my usual extracurriculars to try some new things, in the form of rock climbing and glass blowing. I'm not good at either of them (yet), but I'm having fun and have so far managed to avoid injuring myself or anyone else, so I think they're going well! I also took a week this summer to go on my annual fossil dig in New Mexico. This year's major find was an entire sandstone cliff full of fossilized teeth from all kinds of weird sharks and marine reptiles, as well as a rock layer full of 80-million-year-old shrimp burrows. When I wasn't busy pulling teeth out of rocks or mapping our fossil finds, I crocheted some thematically appropriate sea creatures for the crew:



From the President Desk
Merlyn Heck

(From left to right: Great white shark, Stethacanthus shark, shrimp, ichthyosaur, and plesiosaur)
(Without internet access to get a reference picture, the team's shark expert described Stethacanthus to me as "a torpedo with an anvil on its head.")

I can't wait to see you all again and hear how everyone's summer went! See you at the meeting!

Merlyn, *President*

MEMBERSHIP

Trish Boone

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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 since last spring! Welcome to Emily Williams, Gail Peterson, Shawn Barker, Shelley Koss, Kim Harpster, Bella Ward, Doe Daughtrey and Kimberly Moore.

We have a few members who have not yet renewed their dues for this year so please do that by the October 4th meeting. Anyone who has not renewed by that meeting will be marked inactive and removed from the current Member Roster.

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



TREASURER

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Arizona Desert Weavers Spinners Guild, Inc.
Statement of Activity - Cash Basis
For the Year Ended May 31, 2025

	Amount	%
REVENUE		
Dues	\$2,450.00	31.18%
Library Sales	700.00	8.91%
Ways & Means	1,119.00	14.24%
Equipment Rental	75.84	0.97%
Donations	509.51	6.48%
December Fund Raiser	2,804.00	35.68%
Interest Income	200.24	2.55%
Total Revenue	7,858.59	100.00%
EXPENSES		
Awards	\$250.00	3.18%
Demo Expense	12.00	0.15%
Office Supplies	103.60	1.32%
Zoom Account	159.90	2.03%
Rental Expense	2,852.40	36.30%
Program Expense	850.00	10.82%
Facilities & Equipment	1,670.00	21.25%
Hospitality	21.84	0.28%
Dues	624.83	7.95%
Insurance	352.00	4.48%
Website	191.60	2.44%
Miscellaneous Expense	14.00	0.18%
Library	285.00	3.63%
Professional Fees	175.00	2.23%
Total Expenses	7,562.17	96.23%
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$296.42	3.77%

See accompanying accountant's compilation report.

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Arizona Desert Weavers Spinners Guild, Inc.
Statement of Financial Condition- Cash Basis
May 31, 2025

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash in Bank Checking	\$5,019.23
Cash in Bank Savings	9,013.92
Cash in Bank Certificates of Deposit	<u>10,787.89</u>
Total Current Assets	24,821.04
Fixed Assets	
Equipment	\$4,221.17
Library	<u>2,616.72</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>6,837.89</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$31,658.93</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	
Prepaid Dues and Workshop Fees	<u>\$1,568.91</u>
Total Liabilities	1,568.91
Net Assets	
Balance, June 1, 2024	29,793.60
Increase in Net Assets for the Year Ended May 31, 2025	<u>296.42</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>30,090.02</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$31,658.93</u></u>

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WAYS & MEANS

Riley McInnis & Colette Hogue

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Greetings from the 2025 Ways and Means committee, Colette and Riley!

First, a Special Request: In recent months, we've had a number of folks reaching out asking about how to donate their large floor looms. Unfortunately, we don't have a way to store more of these, so if you know of someone who might be interested, please have them reach out to our team! We would love to be able to connect the people who are trying to donate or sell their (or their loved ones') floor looms to those who are searching for one! Thank you! ♥

And now a couple of announcements as we start another great year for our guild:

- We will have a raffle at our first meeting of the year, this October 4th. Looking forward to seeing you and your dollars! Tickets will be \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.
- This December our guild will have its annual fundraiser, a mix of raffle and silent auction. Your donations help support our guild! We're in need of baskets... and of course presents to fill the baskets! We can accept your donations ahead of time, and we'll be ready to receive your donations at our guild meetings. If you have something large or numerous, we'd appreciate a heads up so we can plan accordingly, but it is not required.
- Fiber stored with mothballs cannot be accepted for donation. Thank you for keeping this in mind.
- The rental fee for equipment is \$20/month. The current list for equipment available for rental or sale can be found on our website: <https://adwsg.org/rentals-and-sales>

Excited to see everyone again,

Colette and Riley, The Ways and Means Committee - reach us at adwsg.waysandmeans@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY

Julie Cattaneo

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Please make sure to add a notecard to your food contribution listing the major ingredients for our members that have food allergies. Also consider a beverage contribution is welcome as well.

WORKSHOPS

Roberta Perpich

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I am so excited that our Guild meetings are beginning again and for the opportunity to catch up on what everyone has been doing in their fiber journey.

We will be having a Card Weaving workshop the end of October. We did not advertise over the summer as we already had several people sign up with their interest in this workshop several months ago. We are hoping that we will be able to persuade the instructor to do another workshop for us if there is additional interest.

Also in the planning stage is a rigid heddle workshop focused on using novelty yarns. More information on this will be forthcoming after the first of the year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have a specific fiber interest or are interested in teaching a workshop yourself. I know we have so many talented fiber artists in our Guild.

BEGINNING WEAVING STUDY GROUP

Beki Welsch

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I will be starting a new session of Beginning Weaving classes in Nov. The class is for multishaft weaver wannabes (not rigid heddle). We will start at the very beginning with parts of the loom and how to warp. The first class is extremely important so if you want to join us, you cannot miss that one. We will meet on the weekends about once a month at my house near Northern Ave and 7th Ave. Please let me know if you are interested and what kind of loom you will be using and whether Sat or Sun afternoons are best for you. The class will last about a year, so you will get a good foundation in weaving.

FEDERATION

Helene Hall

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Mark your calendars for April 10, 11 & 12, 2026! AZ FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL, CAMP VERDE AZ

Plans are well underway for the AZ Fiber Arts Festival.

The committee is working through proposals received to pick a diverse schedule in an attempt to appeal to the greatest number of attendees. The offerings should be posted around the end of October, with online sign up shortly thereafter. Sponsors have been contacted, but if you know someone who might be interested in sponsoring the event, please contact Beki. As at the previous festival, raffle baskets will be offered. There are already some great offerings for the raffle baskets. The venue in Camp Verde has expanded to include other locations in the area, including the library and the Verde Valley Archeology Center.

The Fiber Arts Festival committee is asking that member guilds participate in demonstrating, setting up a guild booth, providing items for goodie bags and a raffle basket. ADWSG has agreed to provide something for the goodie bag (volunteers will be needed to make these items) and raffle basket.

Please consider getting involved, help will be needed before the event as well as during the weekend in Camp Verde.

In other news:

Beki is now a representative for the Intermountain Weavers Conference (IWC), she is working with that group to prepare for the next conference in Colorado Springs July 6-10, 2027. Please consider helping her out as needed.

AZ FEDERATION is meeting on Saturday September 27, so there'll be more to report at our October meeting.



LIBRARY

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I bought several new titles for the Guild library this summer. They will be available for checkout at the Oct meeting. In addition, we have the latest issues of **Handwoven**, **Ply**, **Weft** and **Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot** magazines.

The new books are:

Weaving Western Sakiori by Amanda Robinette

The Spinner's Blending Board Bible by Deborah Held

Japanese Paper Yarn: Using Washi and Kami-ito to Knit, Crochet, Weave and More by Aranda F Stanton

Sashiko Threads: Weaving Tradition into Modern Craft by Koichi Nishioka

The Gnomes of Grimblewood by Sarah Schira

Fabric: The Hidden History of the Material World by Victoria Finlay



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Next Meeting:

OCTOBER 4TH 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

ADWSG WEBSITE

<http://www.adwsg.org>

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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 4, 2025

November 1, 2025

December 6, 2025

January 3, 2026

February 7, 2026

March 7, 2026

April 4, 2026

May 2, 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

October 6-12, 2025 HGA Spinning and Weaving Week

October 20-22, 2025 – 30th Annual Weaving History Conference, on ZOOM, Thousand Islands Art Center

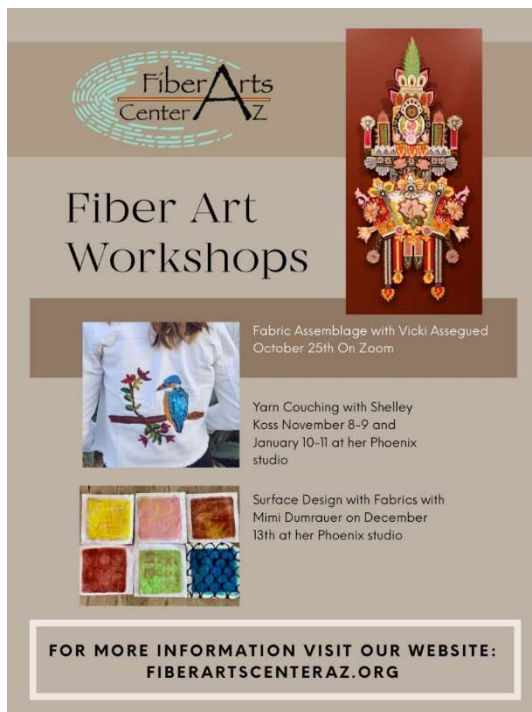
October 25, 2025 - Fiber Art Workshops –on ZOOM

April 10, 11 & 12, 2026 - AZ FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL, CAMP VERDE AZ

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



The poster for Fiber Art Workshops features the Fiber Arts Center AZ logo at the top left. To the right is a vibrant, multi-colored textile artwork. Below the logo, the title "Fiber Art Workshops" is displayed. Three workshop offerings are listed, each with a small image: "Fabric Assemblage with Vicki Assegued" (October 25th On Zoom) with a photo of a person's shirt; "Yarn Couching with Shelley Koss" (November 8-9 and January 10-11 at her Phoenix studio) with a photo of a blue bird on a branch; and "Surface Design with Fabrics with Mimi Dumrauer" (December 13th at her Phoenix studio) with a photo of various fabric swatches. At the bottom, a white box contains the text: "FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE: FIBERARTSCENTERAZ.ORG".

Fiber Arts Center AZ

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