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*From the President Desk*  
**Merlyn Heck**

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Greetings, Fiber Friends!

I was going to open this with the cliché “can’t believe the Guild year is already over” spiel, but it really doesn’t feel that way. This year has been quite full! I’ve largely spent it learning about the Guild and how it runs and how to serve as its President and am deeply grateful to my fellow Board members and our long-term members for their patience and guidance. These seem to be defining traits of our Guild! The eagerness to share knowledge, help each other, and being open to the new and unfamiliar are what make this such a welcoming space for new and experienced crafters alike.

I’m excited to break for the summer, devote a little more time to learning to weave (and hopefully spin!), and come back refreshed and ready to take on another year with you all! And I can’t wait to see what everyone does with the time, whether you’re trying something new, enjoying something old, or just taking some time to relax after a busy season.

See you at the meeting and have a wonderful summer!

Merlyn, *President*

## **Presentation**

*Our May meeting*

***The Program will be presentations from all of the Special Interest Groups on their creativity for the year. Come see what your colleagues have been exploring and learn what is available through the SIGs.***

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Trish Boone**

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At the May meeting we will continue accepting early dues renewal for the June 1, 2025-May 31, 2026 year. We do this every year before we break for the summer. Your dues help pay ongoing Guild expenses and we will continue to take renewals over the summer.

Your dues renewals are not technically due until the October meeting so if you just joined us you can wait until over the summer to renew.

There are 3 ways to renew: in person at meetings, by mail and online! Watch your emails for details and online renewal links.

## **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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The end of March we had a fabulous workshop on Sakiori Weaving. We learned not just the history of this weaving structure, but how it contributes to reducing waste and keeps clothing and material out of our landfills. Some participants have already shared their first attempt into Sakiori at the April meeting. We are currently looking at bringing a card (tablet) weaving workshop in the fall so keep a lookout for updates over our summer break.

## **Demonstrations**

**Jody Dozer**

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Thank you to everyone who demonstrated this last year. You giving your time and skills is appreciated. Demonstrations is one way we reach out to the public, find new members and help our guild grow. Thank you so much. May everyone have a wonderful and safe summer.

## FEDERATION

Helene Hall

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Preparations are underway for AZ FIBERFEST 2026.

Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success, please consider joining in to help out!

It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new fiber enthusiasts.

Kathleen Orloff is the Steering Committee Chair

Her contact information is [korloff@bkorloff.com](mailto:korloff@bkorloff.com)

A chair is still needed for SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE.

All committees need members. Some committees are active preparing for the event, while others are only during the Festival.

If you think you'd be interested in volunteering please contact Kathleen.

Specific to ADWSG commitment:

we need someone to organize a raffle basket valued at approximately \$200

come up with something for the goodie bags (last year we made to spinning wheel necklace),

organize guild booth and demonstrators.

The 2024 AZ FIBERFEST was a huge success. With the knowledge gained from that event the 2026 AZ FIBERFEST promises to be even better.

Thank you in advance to everyone who will participate and contribute to this!

Helene



## ARIZONA FIBER FESTIVAL

Sponsored by

Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds  
and the Town of Camp Verde  
April 10-12, 2026

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The Arizona Federation of Weaving and Spinning Guilds is excited to announce the second Fiber Festival to be held in Camp Verde, Arizona. The dates are April 1 and 10, 11 and 12, 2026.

The Arizona Fiber Festival ("Festival") will feature an array of fiber and allied arts, ranging from fiber education to finished products. Activities and displays will include topics such as spinning, dyeing, weaving, felting, knitting, crocheting, basketry, beading, braiding, and papermaking. To showcase these skills and products, the Festival will offer workshops, seminars, a vendor market, and scheduled demonstrations. Additionally, member Guilds of The Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds will promote the fiber arts through informational displays and examples of members' work.

The attached document is the call to instructors for Workshop and Seminar proposals. The documents include times, dates, format and compensation along with the application.

We are looking forward to wonderful proposals and if you have questions, contact me at the email address below.

**All proposals are due July 15, 2025.**

**Please forward this to your members and encourage those wishing to be instructors to apply.**

Kathy Ingles, Workshop and Seminar Chair

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## LIBRARY

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By meeting day I should have received the first issue of the brand new **Weft Magazine**. Each issue will cover one topic in depth. This first issue covers plain weave, and includes articles by finishing expert Laura Fry, Kris Bruland of Handweaving.net, color specialist Tien Chiu, master weaver Robyn Spady, online instructor Jane Stafford and many more. Even though the issue is about plain weave, there is a lot of information. There are articles about weaving double wide, deflected doubleweave, color and weave effects, tracking after wet finishing, improving your selvages and more. Weft is published by the same people who bring us the spinning magazine **Ply Magazine**, which is also available in our Guild library.

If you have items checked out of our library at this time, you will have received a reminder email. Please let me know if you still have the item and plan to keep it over the summer. So far no one has asked to check out things that are already out, so you should be OK keeping them over the summer. If you are finished with them, please bring them to the May meeting to turn in. Any items checked out at the May meeting can be kept until our Oct meeting.

As always, I am open to suggestions for purchases for the library.

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### Next Meeting:

**MAY 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 times 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 4th 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. Everyone is welcome to attend. 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](mailto: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**

**MAY 3, 2025**

### **BRING YOUR OWN CUP**

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

Let us take care of Our Earth