



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild

January 2010

January Guild Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 7:00 PM

Outreach Center of the First United Methodist Church

Second Avenue and Center St. Mesa.

It is the free-standing building in the Southeastern corner of the parking lot. There are entrances to the lot from all 4 streets: Center, First Avenue, Second Avenue and Serrine. The room will be open by 6:30.

President's Message

Hi Telarañians,

Here it is: **2010!** Not just a new year – a new decade!! So exciting to think about what lies ahead. I sincerely hope that all of us have many, many great fiber arts experiences in store. Our Guild is doing well, and it is within our power to make it even better. If you have suggestions on what you would like to see happen, please contact me or any other Board member. Our Board meetings are open to any member to attend, and we welcome input on programs, activities or how we manage the Guild business.



Our Holiday Renaissance Dinner was a huge success. Thanks go out to Chuck and Nancy Feuquay of Crofters who graciously stepped in to provide a program when our planned speaker withdrew. Their knowledge, costumes and enthusiasm for reenactment were fascinating.

We especially

enjoyed seeing how the traditional woven plaid was carefully folded and belted into a kilt (Thanks, Jürgen, for being the model). The versatile rectangle of wool was used for a garment, a blanket, a carrying cloth, and protective cloak. The women's version, the ariset, was also interesting, and worn by several of our members who came in their Crofter's costumes. It was such fun to see them all. Thank you also to all who brought food to share – it was delicious – notably the hearty stew and homemade breads.



We even had a chance to taste some authentic Mead, thanks to Jennifer Petersen-Giles' husband. For all of us who appreciate the time-honored crafts of the past, it was a joy to see an earlier time period brought to life again with such vivid insight. We got to see, touch, taste and listen to a piece of history.



Speaking of history, you will not want to miss our January meeting. Carolyn Webb of Tucson will be bringing a wonderful collection of vintage textile items when she presents a history of knitting and crochet. Her parents owned an antique store in Massachusetts, and her mother particularly gathered fiber arts tools and pieces. Carolyn has continued the tradition, adding more to the collection herself. If you have a treasured item, please bring it along to show and tell. We would all like to see it. And there is still time for you to sign up for Carolyn's Felted Vessels workshop on January 15th. Details are inside – I recently saw another beautiful vessel that Carolyn made to show at the workshop. I'm eager to make one of my own!

Nancy Wanek, President

JANUARY PROGRAM

Carolyn Webb of Tucson, AZ will discuss historical knitting and crochet. It will feature a Super Show & Tell of vintage items – and she welcomes all members to bring in something from your own collection. Carolyn is a lifetime collector of fiber arts memorabilia and a fabulous felter. (She will also be presenting a felting workshop later in the week.)

Raffle Notes from Sharie, our Ways & Means Chair: We will have a special Knitter's Basket to go along with our program presentation. We are also having a Bath and Beauty Raffle basket. If you have something to add to the baskets, please see Sharie at the meeting to put it in. We have something from Victoria's Secret and Avon already. Bring your \$\$\$. Tickets are a dollar a piece or 6 for \$5.

Magazines: We will have magazines out to buy, 3 for \$1.

Library: If anyone needs something from our Library, let Sharie know and she can bring it to the meeting.

2009-2010 Programs

February 10: Knit Happens. One of the newest fiber arts stores in our area. Come and see what they have to offer. (confirmed)

March 10: Judith MacKenzie McCuin (confirmed!) A prominent figure in the fiber arts community, Judith will be making a visit to our area to give two presentations, three workshops and a stop at the Renaissance Fair.

April 14: TBD

May 12: Annual Stash Reduction Sale and Summer send-off Potluck

JANUARY DEMO'S

We have some fun stuff coming up in January!! On **Sat. January 16**. Set up by 10:45, closing at 5:00 – an hour later than prior years. We will be demonstrating at the "**Chandler Multi-Cultural Festival**". This happening just outside the Library on Delaware St. in Chandler. It is a very interesting thing to attend, lots of Cultural Booths to visit, as well as fun food from around the World. There are also on-going shows on the stage – which isn't very far from where they usually locate us. We currently have 7 people committed, but there is always room for more. Costume optional. We will be on a cement area, with a shade tent provided. There are enough of us that we will be able to roam around and see things without having to worry about our wheels, etc. being messed with. This will be a non-sales event, as the previous years sales do not justify the \$ 50 fee for a table.

The next one is **Sat. Jan. 23**. Set up by 9:45, closing at 4:00. The event is the **Historic Home Tour**, sponsored by the Mesa Historical museum. We will set up and demonstrate at

the **Sirrine House**, on the corner of 2nd St. and Center in downtown Mesa. They would like it if we were in 1895 Costume, but that is not mandatory. They furnish us with a nice lunch, and therefore they need a head count ASAP.

If you have any questions about either of these, please feel free to contact me:
rbteller@msn.com

Workshop Announcement



FELTED VESSELS WITH

Carolyn Webb
Felt and Fiber Creations

Friday January 15, 2010

9 am-4 pm

Mesa Fire Station

360 E. 1st St., Mesa, AZ

Cost: \$ 40

Maximum 10 students

Sign up by January 8th!

Felt is the oldest textile known; it is a fabric created by wetting and agitating fibers until they form a mat. Carolyn will lead us through the process of creating felted vessels made over a ball.

Carolyn Webb of Tucson, Arizona has been working with fiber and textiles throughout her adult life. She is a master felter and has taught workshops for guilds and conferences throughout the southwest and Mississippi. She also teaches a variety of felting classes at her Tucson home. You can view Carolyn's work at her blog which she shares with her sister and niece: Emma Lulu-Four Generations of Needlewomen <http://emmamyrtle.blogspot.com/>

** A \$25 supply fee will be paid directly to Carolyn. The kit includes hand dyed of silk caps, dyed roving and batts of various wools, merino locks and yarn embellishments.

Please send your check for \$ 40.00 to Telaraña
P.O. Box 41832
Mesa, AZ 85274-1832

Contact Maureen McCarthy mmccarthy46@gmail.com

Workshop Announcement – Telaraña and Arizona Desert Weavers & Spinners

Judith MacKenzie McCuin Workshops

Judith MacKenzie McCuin is a familiar name to readers of SpinOff and Handwoven. A highly acclaimed fiber artist with several books and many articles, Judith will be presenting three workshops. Each day will be a different aspect of fiber work – spinning, dyeing, and weaving.

Monday March 8 – Spinning – Blending Fibers

Tuesday, March 9 – making a Painted Warp

Wednesday, March 10 – weaving with Painted Warp

Workshops will be held at Anita Bellinger's home: 2032 E. Tonopah Drive, Phoenix

Estimated cost of each workshop will be approximately \$50 plus materials for guild members.

To register: Send \$25 deposit for each workshop to reserve space.

Indicate which workshop(s) you want to take.

Indicate that you are a Telaraña member. Members of Telaraña and ADWSG have priority enrollment until December 10th. Afterwards, enrollment will open to non-members at a cost of \$75 per workshop.

Include your contact information (phone and email)

Make check payable to **ADWSG**

Send to: Carol Eggers

15801 N. 10th Street

Phoenix, AZ 85022

For more info: c.egg@cox.net or 602-354-4095

TELARAÑA BOARD

There was no Board meeting in December. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00pm at the Mesa Fire Station, 360 E. 1st St., Mesa, AZ.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership as of 12/31/09 is 61.

Directory changes – New Member:

Danetta (Penny) Wakefield

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Ways & Means Sharie Monsam

Newsletter Bobbie Nash

Publicity Betz Frederick

Library Sharie Monsam

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Website Jürgen Weber

Hospitality Clara Strode

Evening Spinners 2009-2010

Please call the hostess if you are planning to attend. If you are unable to host the group on the assigned date, please make arrangements for someone to replace you and contact Bobbie Nash, 480-588-6893, bobbie.nash@cox.net, so she can make the change in the newsletter.

February 1 Sue Travis 480-874-2858

March 1 Sharon Erb 480-838-0672

April 5 Gloria Traicoff 480-641-0086

May 3 Elly Weinel 480-833-0689

June 7 Rae Sordahl 480-946-4642

July 5 Bonita Nelson 480-921-7784

Newsletter

Telaraña Tidings Publication Classified Ad rates: Three-line ad, \$2.00 for members, \$3.50 for non-members. Commercial Ads: Business Card size-\$5.00; ¼ page ad-\$10.00, ½ page ad-\$15.00. Cut off date for submission of articles and ads is the Friday following each board meeting. Board meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month. Newsletters will be mailed by the first Wed. of the month (except June, July, and August). Please email ad requests and articles to bobbie.nash@cox.net or 1527 W. Posada Ave, Mesa, AZ 85202

WebSite News

For the past several years, our website has been hosted for free by the husband of one of our former members. He has informed us that unfortunately, he will no longer be able to do this. Cindy Reynolds, Jürgen Weber and Nancy Wanek are looking for a low cost website provider. We need to make the change by February 1. If you have any information that will help us, please contact us as soon as possible! Thanks!

Check out our website at www.TELARAÑA.org. It had been out of order for a time, but Jürgen has restored it. More updates will follow. Membership applications and info are there.

Bolivian Highland Weaving Study Group to be formed if enough people are interested. This study group will be based on the book, "The Art of Bolivian Highland Weaving: Unique, Traditional Techniques for the Modern Weaver" by Marjorie Cason and Adele Cahlander. I took a class over 10 years ago by J. Nisbet from Ca. This past summer I started up again weaving with this technique and would like others to encourage me to learn more on the subject. Not sure where we would meet but it could be in my home.

Clara Strode 480-924-0800

TAPESTRY/NAVAJO/Backstrap STUDY GROUP is meeting this year at MCC the first Saturday of the Month. It is in Building 14, Room SC 29. Turn into MCC at the First Entrance NORTH of the 60 Freeway on Dobson Road. We have the room from 9am - 1:30pm. The Tapestry/Navajo group met at MCC on Saturday, January 02, and had 10 people present including members, Paul McLemore, Mary Walker, Liz Munk, Joy Lange and Sharie Monsam. Two people had finished projects and it was inspiring to see them. One was a Navajo style Classic rug, 39 by 70 inches; the other was the sampler suggested in Noel Bennett's book, *Designing with the Wool*. We meet in a classroom and there is plenty of room for spinners or onlookers. Please feel free to join us in Building SC14, Room 29.



Fiber Related Events and Items of Interest

Queen Creek Yarn Yankers - Meeting date is the 2nd Sat of each month. QCYY welcomes all members and others interested in any type of fiber work. It meets the 2nd Saturday of every month from 10:00 am to 1:00 PM at the San Tan Historical Museum in Queen Creek. It is located on Ellsworth Road between Rittenhouse and Queen Creek Road. The building is the Old School House, located on the Middle School Campus. For further information contact Ellen Starbaugh at Lnrosy2000@yahoo.com or Ruth Teller at rbteller@msn.com.

Bisbee Fiber Shop is open: This its second season of offering quality items created by the talented fiber artists of the Bisbee Fiber Arts Guild. The shop hours are 10 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. Our inventory is constantly changing but usually includes rag rugs, hand knit and woven shawls and scarves, gloves and mittens, purses, fine quality fiber tools, unique hand spun and hand painted yarns for knitters, recycled silk yarn, alpaca and wool fiber, lovely hand crafted ornaments, special sweaters and much more. Stop in and browse through our selection - perfect for gift giving or personal use. We look forward to a busy and productive season showcasing the art of our guild members and invite you to include our shop in your next fun visit to Bisbee!

Classes in Bisbee by the Bisbee Fiber Arts Guild 2010:

Feb. 12-15 Tapestry

Feb. 20-22 Cotton Spinning

See their web site for details and registration: www.bisbeefiberarts.com

January 16, 2010

Internationally recognized mixed media artist **Barb Willis of Prescott**, will present a free **program on surface design** at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 16, at the Mountain Spinner's & Weaver's Guild meeting. The meeting will be held at the American Lutheran Church, 1085 Scott Dr., Prescott, AZ. Barbara Willis, exhibits and teaches locally, nationally and internationally. Among the more prominent events Barb has been included in, are the Korean Craft Biennial, Textiles of the 21st Century and Fiberart International. Prior to the program, there will be a business meeting at 9 a.m. The meeting and programs are free and open to all interested individuals.

For more information please contact program chair Barbara Albeck at barbalbeck@msn.com or call 520-831-3242

February 21 & 22, 2010

Arizona Desert Weavers & Spinners Guild presents **"Jumpstart Vest" Workshop with Daryl Lancaster.** Daryl has been a handweaver for over 40 years and is known for the unique garments she creates from her handwoven fabrics. She is as a dynamic teacher and has taught at Convergence and many guilds around the country. A deposit of \$75 will confirm enrollment in the workshop. The final cost (estimated to be \$150 + \$25 materials fee) and location TBA. For info on the content of the workshop, see www.weaversew.com For more info contact ADWSG Workshop Chair, Carol Eggers, c.eggers@cox.net

April 15-18, 2010

Fibers Through Time 2010 Registration is open at www.azfed.org . There are both 1 day and 3 day workshops. All the workshop information and registration forms are at the website. You can pay for the conference via PayPal or by printing the form and mailing it with a check, details and instructions are on the forms. FFT 2010 is being held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Phoenix North Metro Center. If you don't have computer access, please contact Betz Frederick 480-966-2101 for a hard copy of the registration book.

Juror's Choice Exhibit: Fibers through Time 2010 workshop attendees are invited to participate in a juried exhibit hosted by the Conference. Entries from all fiber disciplines, including handspun and/or handwoven clothing, accessories for the home, wall art, tapestries, rugs, baskets, gourds, felted items, and handmade paper designs are welcome. The exhibit is open to all attendees who are participating in a workshop. All items entered will be on display for the duration of the conference.

Entry and Fee: Items must have been completed since Fibers Through Time 2008 (April 2008). Entries are limited to three items per registrant. The exhibit is open to attendees participating in a workshop. All entries must be of original design and personal execution. Please note that sets (e.g., a matching skirt and jacket, placemats and a table runner) are counted as one item. To enter, complete a Juror's Choice entry form for each item and include an entry fee of \$10.00 per item. **All entry forms must be received by March 20, 2010.**

July 18-25, 2010

Convergence 2010, Albuquerque: HGA's Convergence is an outstanding conference for everyone who loves and works in fiber. Convergence features special lectures, workshops and seminars, exhibits, tours, special events, and a commercial vendor hall full of fibers, fiber-related equipment and an artist market. Mark your calendars and start saving your money.

Charlotte Weber is featured in: A-Buncha-Book-Artists at the Phoenix Airport Museum Aug 15, 2009-March 21, 2010

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