



# Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild

March 2010

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## ***March Guild Meeting***

**Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 7:00 PM**

### **Outreach Center of the First United Methodist Church**

First 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 Sistine. The room will be open by 6:30.

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## **President's Message**

Hi Telarañians,

Where did February go? It seems like it just started, and here we are in March already. Saturday, March 6 is the start of the long awaited visit of Judith MacKenzie McCuin. She will be giving two different lectures at the guild meetings, three workshops and spending a day at the Renaissance Faire. Spinners, weavers, all fiber artists, please take advantage of her time with us – we've been working on arranging this for a long while. Information on each of the events is inside.

I recently had a new fiber arts experience – I signed up for Daryl Lancaster's "Jumpstart Vest" workshop with the Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild. Whatever possessed me to do it, I don't know – I literally hadn't sewn a garment (or much of anything else) in 30+ years. The closer the date came, the more nervous I got. Her supply list was so specific and thorough that it made butterflies swarm in my stomach. I just knew I'd be the dunce of the class. And was I? Well, yes, but Daryl was a wonderful instructor – make that fantastic instructor. She sat down at my 38 year old Singer "Flower Power" machine and got it humming along. With a careful eye, and plenty of encouragement, she kept me moving along with the rest of the class. I learned so much – and actually finished my vest! Check out a picture and description of the class on Daryl's Blog at <http://weaversew.com/wordblog/>.

This past Friday, 17 Telaraña members and guests had a fascinating experience at the Phoenix Art Museum. Peter Banko, the guest curator who set up the Southeast Asian Textile exhibit and the new "Sumatra: Textiles from the Collection of Dr. Thomas J. Hudak" show, gave us a personal tour of the two shows. He was so knowledgeable and enthusiastic, and the textiles were stunning. It was especially fun to hear him explain why he selected certain pieces and how he hung them to display specific features. Many thanks to Maureen McCarthy for organizing our trip!

On Saturday, March 13, Telaraña will be participating in the Ancient Technology Day at the Pueblo Grande Museum. Details are inside – come join us for this fun day! Learn to throw an atlatl, taste some horno-roasted agave, and teach a child to weave (no experience needed).

Nancy Wanek, President

## **MARCH PROGRAM**

**Judith MacKenzie McCuin** of Washington will present "**Bison: History, Fiber, Yarn.**" Judith is the author of "The Intentional Spinner: A Holistic Approach to Making Yarn" among other books, videos and articles.

**Raffle Notes** from Sharie, our Ways & Means Chair: We will have two baskets - a Knitter's Basket and a Weaving Basket. Tickets are a dollar a piece or 6 for \$5.

**Refreshments:** Francine K. and Deborah D.; Rae S. and Helen H.

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

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## **2009-2010 Programs \*New program listing\***

**April 14: Joanne Tallarovic** of Flagstaff will present "**Unblocking the Block**" How blocks identify not only weave structure, but codes that identify the units of each A-B-C-D block. This will be an interactive program, using graph paper and pencils.

**May 12: Annual Stash Reduction Sale and Summer send-off Potluck.** We have our annual Silent Auction so it is nearly time for Spring cleaning! Clear out some of your stash and donate it to the guild or have a sale table to sell items and 10% goes to the Guild.

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## **DEMONSTRATION EVENT**

**Saturday, March 13, 10am – 3pm Ancient Technology Day**

**Pueblo Grande Museum**

**4619 E. Washington Street, Phoenix AZ**

Our booth has two aspects: one is a demo and display table of the ancient and highly skilled textile arts of the Hohokam culture, and the other is a hands-on activity in which we teach children how to make their own weaving. Sharie M. developed a quick method of making a portable handloom from a cardboard box - and we get the children (and some adults) weaving within a few minutes. Contact Nancy W. or Sharie M. a to join in the fun.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me:

Ruth T.

demonstrations@telarana.org

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

We have 68 members as of 3/1/2010. Welcome back, Louisa B.!

Gloria T., Membership Chairman

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**Call for help** – Charlotte W. is coordinating the accommodations for the **Intermountain Weaver's Conference Board Meeting** in Mesa September 23 – 26, 2010. She is looking for homes to host a Board member while they are in town. Assistance with transportation will also be appreciated. If you have a guest room and would like to meet an interesting weaver, please contact Charlotte.

Intermountain Weavers represents Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Nevada. It holds a Fiber Arts Conference every two years. The Board is in the planning stages for the July 21 – 24, 2011 IWC. See [www.intermountainweavers.org](http://www.intermountainweavers.org) for more info.

**Telaraña and Arizona Desert Weavers & Spinners Present:**

## Judith MacKenzie McCuin

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 frequently teaches at SOAR and other national meetings. During her visit to Phoenix and Mesa, Judith will be giving guild presentations, workshops and demonstrating at the Renaissance Faire.

### **Saturday, March 6: ADWSG Guild meeting. "Of Sheep and Us"**

10AM at the Northtown Community Center  
2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phoenix, AZ

Directions: Take the Greenway Parkway exit from 51 and go east. Go left onto Greenway Road when it splits off of Greenway Parkway and continue east. Turn north on N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street for 2 blocks where it ends at Waltann Lane. The community center is in front of you, turn right to the entrance of the parking lot.

### **Sunday, March 7: Arizona Renaissance Festival, Crofter's Cottage.**

12601 East Highway 60 - East of Apache Junction

For detailed info regarding the Festival: <http://www.royalfaires.com/arizona/>

### **Monday March 8 – Spinning – Blending Fibers Workshop**

### **Tuesday, March 9 – Making a Painted Warp Workshop**

### **Wednesday, March 10 – Weaving with Painted Warp**

All workshops will be held at the Northtown Community Center (see above) 10am – 5pm.

Estimated cost of each workshop will be approximately \$50 plus materials for guild members. For more info contact Carol E. (*contact information email one of the officers*)

### **Wednesday, March 10: Telaraña Guild meeting: "Bison: History, Yarn, Fiber"**

7PM at the Outreach Center of the First United Methodist Church  
First Avenue and Center St. Mesa.

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**TAPESTRY/NAVAJO/Backstrap STUDY GROUP** is meeting this year at Monroe Community College 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. 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.

### **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011:**

Sharie M. is leading the search for Officer and Board Positions for next year.

President: Nancy W.

Secretary:

Vice-President: Betz F.

Treasurer:

We need to fill the 2 open positions. Are you able to donate some time for the 4-6 Board meetings we have each year? Please contact Sharie M. if you can. Also, Maureen M. has volunteered to remain as the Workshop Chair but needs someone to help her when she is not in Arizona. Would you consider helping her?

Remember that a guild is only as successful as the membership makes it and that is by getting involved. Thank you.

### **TELARAÑA BOARD**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 31 at 7:00pm at the Mesa Fire Station, 360 E. 1st St., Mesa, AZ. Board meetings are open to all Telaraña members.

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**February 24, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

**Old business:** Ruth and Gloria have the centerpieces for Fibers Through Time almost completed and well under control.

### **Reports**

**Website:** Cindy R. brought up several areas of the website that needed clarification in policy. The first concerned sales ad postings on the website. It was decided not to offer these on the website as email ads are free through the Federation and those are sent to all guilds in the state. Advertising in the Newsletter was also discussed. It was decided that donation by a retail store to our raffles will entitle the store to a free business card-sized advertisement in the Newsletter for the 2010-2011 year. Betz will mail a letter to local shops and follow up with a phone call and offer to pick up donations. About 6-8 stores were suggested. Our intention is not to have pages of advertisements in the newsletter, rather a few from businesses our members are likely to frequent and whose donations will enrich our raffles.

The second topic concerned what announcements to show on the website. Most late-breaking announcements are emailed to all members on our list. Announcements pertaining to guild business, such as workshops we are sponsoring or are in our area, will continue to be posted on the website. Other items may be shown as a link or in the Newsletter.

Privacy issues were discussed at length. Presently, our previous newsletters are available on our website to anyone that wishes to see them. It was noted that personal information, such as member address or phone number, is sometimes included in the newsletter. It was proposed that the newsletter would go out as usual to members, but the version posted on the website would be "sanitized". No personal phone numbers, street or email addresses would be included. A vote was taken and the measure passed unanimously.

Cindy would like to have more pictures in the Gallery section of the website. She suggested that pictures be taken at "show and tell". It was generally felt that the September meeting would be an ideal time to take lots of pictures, as many members attend workshops over the summer break and have items they've made. Members can also bring items to be photographed at the September meeting that they've shown at an earlier meeting, or send a photo to Cindy.

**Treasurer:** Becky reports that we have a bank balance of \$3,272.43.

**Ways & Means:** Sharie is putting together a spinning basket for Fibers Through Time. She asks for donation of nice spindles to decorate the handle of the basket. We will include one of our new lap cloths in the basket. Sharie will deliver the basket to Nancy at the March general meeting for her to add some final decorative touches.

Linda prepared a descriptive card to go with the lap cloths. We need to finalize a logo for the cloths before we can move forward. We have six completed cloths, ready to sell (without logo). Linda submitted a request for donation consideration to Jo-Ann Fabrics' Corporate Giving division. She is still pricing measuring-tape ribbon. The ribbon would increase our cost about 30%; we may offer some lap cloths with the ribbon, at a higher price.

**Workshops:** Maureen is already thinking ahead to next year and has several ideas: Lydia Miszuk, papermaking; and Carol Lukacs, making objects from reclaimed fabrics. We have not had a national-caliber workshop in a couple of years. She wonders if the cost for a 2-3 day workshop would be prohibitive for many of the members (probably \$150-\$200). It was suggested that we apply to the Federation for funds to help offset the costs of bringing in a renowned teacher/artist.

**Library:** Sharie will look into possible DVD purchases for the library.

**Membership:** Gloria was happy to report that we now have 68 members!

**Demonstrations:** No one stepped forward to offer help to Gloria at the Gilbert Global Village Festival, so Ruth withdrew from the demonstration. We will still be able to attend next year, without the conflict of FTT. We still need volunteers for Pueblo Grande Ancient Technology Day. It is on Saturday, March 13. Set-up is about 8:30am, the event runs until 3pm. It's a fun, interactive event. If you can help, even for part of the day, contact Ruth or Nancy.

**Hospitality:** Francine K. and Deborah D. are signed up to be our hostesses and Rae S. and Helen H. have also offered to bring goodies.

**Federation:** Fibers Through Time still needs volunteers.

**New Business:** It is time for nominations for next year's board positions. A nomination slate for elective officers will be published in next month's Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda W., Secretary

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### 2009-2010 OFFICERS

President: Nancy Wanek

Vice-President: Mary Snyder

Secretary: Linda Wade

Treasurer: Becky Helm

Board Members

Demonstrations Ruth Teller

Workshops Maureen McCarthy

Membership Gloria Traicoff

Ways & Means Sharie Monsam

Newsletter Bobbie Nash

Publicity Betz Frederick

Library Sharie Monsam

Federation Rep Betz Frederick

Website Cindy Reynolds

Hospitality Clara Strode

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### 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 N., (*contact information email one of the officers*) so she can make the change in the newsletter.

March 1 Sharon E

April 5 Gloria T.

May 3 Elly W.

June 7 Rae S.

July 5 Bonita N.

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### 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 Bobbi N. (*contact information email one of the officers*)

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### WebSite News

We have a whole new look!! Cindy R., our new webmaster, designed an entirely new website for us. Please go take a look at [www.telarana.org](http://www.telarana.org) and see what a great job she did! Membership applications and info are there.

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## Fiber Related Events and Items of Interest

**Queen Creek Yarn Yankers** - Meeting date is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of each month. QCYY welcomes all members and others interested in any type of fiber work. It meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 S. at or Ruth T. (*contact information email one of the officers*)

### February 6 – March 28

**Arizona Renaissance Festival**, 12601 East Highway 60 - East of Apache Junction

We all had a great time with the Crofters at our December meeting. Here's a chance to see them in their "native environment." More than six hundred characters in full Renaissance garb come together to recreate a sixteenth-century marketplace complete with king and court! There

are over 200 vendors of foods and artisan crafts, along with a great variety of features from the outdoor circus to the day-long feast to the continuous live entertainers.  
For detailed info: <http://www.royalfaires.com/arizona/>

### **Now until March 21, 2010**

**Charlotte Weber** is featured in: **A-Buncha-Book-Artists at the Phoenix Airport Museum**

### **January 22 - March 14, 2010**

#### **Mesa Arts Center 31st Annual Contemporary Crafts Exhibition**

Highlighting the finest in contemporary crafts from around the country, Mesa Contemporary Arts' *Annual Contemporary Crafts* exhibition has become a benchmark for innovation and quality. Representative of traditional craft mediums including ceramics, fibers, basketry, metals, wood, glass, jewelry, papermaking and book arts, this exhibition showcases 52 artworks by 42 artists from 18 states. Former Telaraña member, Ann Morton, is a featured artist in this show. Her piece is highlighted on the website and was selected for the promotional brochure. Take a look at <http://www.mesaartscenter.com/index.php/artexhibits/2010springexhibitions1>

### **March 1 – 5; March 5 – 7, 2010**

#### **FORMED OF MATTERS**

People expressing themselves within their own (4"x4") space

An exhibition featuring Elise D., A. Brooke H., Ann M. and

Ellie R. - with support from over 400 community members!

Mar 1 – 5 in Tempe at **ASU's Step Gallery** (Opening Reception: Tues, Mar. 2)

Mar 5 -7 at **Art Detour in Phoenix**

2222 N. 16th Street - North of Westwind Studios Opening Friday, March 5th at 6:00 pm and running through the weekend March 6th and 7th - all day

This Art Detour location will be overrun with fiber art from the ASU program! Included will be a hands-on felting opportunities to support a community project created by our visiting professor, Maggie Leininger, plus an exhibition featuring a variety of works by students in the fiber program and a special "partnership" weaving presentation by graduate student Kelsey W. - all this in addition to the Formed of Matters exhibition. Come out to see what the fiber program at ASU is all about and learn about The FAN Club - ASU's Fiber Arts Network!

#### **The Art of Applied Design**

The DHM Digital Gallery invites designers working with fiber to participate in *The Art of Applied Design*, an international juried competition. Deadline: July 15, 2010. All submitted works must be functional objects commonly used within interior spaces, such as furnishings (hard or soft), utensils, fixtures, or containers. Objects that are purely decorative are not eligible. Evaluation will be based upon uniqueness and creativity, craftsmanship, and quality of the submitted digital image. The online exhibit (from Sept. 15 to Dec. 1, 2010) will include e-mail addresses of accepted artists to facilitate independent sales of work. For a prospectus and entry form, visit <http://ches.okstate.edu/dhm/gallery>. **Deadline: July 15, 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.

#### **MORE THINGS TO DO AND SEE – from Sharie M.:**

MACFEST Every Saturday, 10-4pm Main and MacDonald streets, Mesa  
 Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair and Market, March 6-7, 9:30-5pm  
 Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave. "The Beaded Artworks of Christy Puetz"  
 Phoenix Art Museum, "Sumatra: Textiles from the Collection of Dr. Thomas J. Hudak"  
 San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles: "Navajo weaving in the Present Tense: The art of Lucy and Ellen Begay". Mother and Daughter rugs woven over the past 20 years.

**April 15-18, 2010**

**Fibers Through Time 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Phoenix North Metro Center.**

[www.azfed.org](http://www.azfed.org)

**Donating:** Telaraña is donating a Spinner's Basket. Sharie M. is still looking for fibers (especially cotton) and spindles for it. If you have some to contribute, please contact Sharie.

**Volunteering:** The conference organizers are looking for volunteers who can work in 4 to 6 hour blocks in the following areas:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Registration Table:** We need help at the registration table to greet and check-in attendees and vendors. This desk will be manned throughout the Conference as Control Central. You will need to be able to provide directions and answer questions. Training session will be conducted prior to conference.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Vendors' Marketplace:** On Thursday we need folks to assist vendors in unpacking and help as needed. While the Vendor Marketplace is open, we will provide coverage for breaks and lunches. Training with vendors will be on Thursday, April 15, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Raffle Tables:** On Thursday we need assistance in setting up raffle displays. During the conference, we need folks to provide breaks and lunches. You will sell tickets, make change if necessary, and talk about the great items that can be won for a mere dollar investment!

\_\_\_\_\_ **Juried Show:** On Thursday we need assistance in setting up the juried show. We will also need attendants to man the room during open hours. On Sunday we need assistance in taking down the show, packing up the displays, and loading the van.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Workshop Assistants:** Each workshop instructor will be offered an assistant on the first day of class.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Banquet set-up:** Centerpieces will need to be assembled for the banquet.

When can you help?

		<u>Conference hours</u>
Thursday, April 15, 2010	hours _____ am/pm to _____ am/pm	(10:00 am until 8:00 pm)
Friday, April 16, 2010	hours _____ am/pm to _____ am/pm	( 7:00 am until 6:00 pm)
Saturday, April 17, 2010	hours _____ am/pm to _____ am/pm	( 7:00 am until 6:00 pm)
Sunday, April 18, 2010	hours _____ am/pm to _____ am/pm	( 8:00 am until 1:30 pm)

Mail your name, email address & phone number along with your volunteer time choice to:

Gail Kretz

15021 W. Gentle Breeze Way

Surprise, AZ 85374-8635

For more information contact Gail at:

623-975-9631

woundtightdesigns@cox.net

**Show your stuff:**

**Juror's Choice Exhibit:** Fibers through Time 2010 workshop attendees are invited to participate. 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. 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.**

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*This month's date:*

Friday, March 12, 2010