



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild

November 2009

President's Message

Hi Telarañians,

You'll notice a big change in the look of this newsletter. I'm lending a hand to Bobbie Nash, our newsletter editor, who has been given an extra heavy load at work. As the previous editor, I know what a job it is to arrange the format of each page. I decided to simplify things for this newsletter – hence the new look.

Our November meeting will be "Telaraña Tapestry Treasures" - a treat for all of us in the Guild. Those of you who have been members for a while will know our speakers well; and for those of us who joined more recently, it will be a chance to get to know two of the many talented people on whom the foundation of our organization rests. Mary Dieterich of Tempe creates gorgeous tapestries woven in exquisite detail using silk embroidery thread. In contrast, Beverly Hunt uses a large tapestry loom, applying her artistic skills to weave stunning pieces with original images. As a former biologist, Mary learned to be particularly attentive to minute structures. As a former ceramicist and gallery owner Bev uses color, form and space to create her abstract designs. Both weavers have been honored in numerous juried shows, and Telaraña is very proud of them. We've asked them to bring examples of their work, to share with us their memories and to give us their perspectives on fiber arts. We are also hoping for their advice and encouragement on entering competitive art shows.

I'm especially looking forward to looking at Mary and Bev's weavings with my new color perspectives – gained from the presentation and workshop last month by Claire Campbell Park. I learned a lot, as did the others who participated. It would be great to take one of Claire's semester-long classes. While she was here, Claire asked to go to an exhibit at the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art by Nick Cave, "Meet Me at the Center of the Earth." It is an amazing collection of "found" textiles and other objects integrated into whimsical sculptures, some of which are wearable. It is only there until November 29, but I strongly urge you to go see the polar bears made of sweaters; crochet doilies and market bags stitched into huge humanoid suits adorned with buttons and sequins. It is great fun and wildly colorful.

Hard to believe that it is November already, with Thanksgiving and the Holidays coming soon. If you are wondering what to do for gifts this year, consider taking Mary Snyder's "Braided Necklace" workshop on Nov. 14th – there is still time to sign up. And for more ideas, come to the meeting for Show & Tell – there is always something to stimulate your creativity.

Hope to see you at the November meeting,

Nancy Wanek, President

November Guild Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, 7:00 PM
Telaraña's Tapestry Treasures

Our own **Mary Dieterich & Beverly Hunt** are accomplished tapestry weavers (and good friends) who have won many awards. One works large and the other exquisitely small. We've asked them to share with us their memories, their perspectives on fiber arts and their advice on how to get involved in juried shows. Plus 2 Raffle baskets – one will be for Towel Weavers.

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.

HOSTESSES for November:

Barbara Bell

Linda Wade

To volunteer to help or donate goodies, contact Clara Strode.

2009-2010 Programs

December 9: Lady Tess Countess Truehart Fashion Advisor to Nobility (aka Theresa A. Nesser) dresses a model in Elizabethan garb while discussing the social implications of textiles. Enjoy special music and food. Come dressed in your medieval costume and join in the fun.

January 13: Carolyn Webb of Tucson, AZ will discuss historical knitting and crochet. 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.

February 10: Judith MacKenzie McCuin (tentative) A prominent figure in the fiber arts community, Judith may be making a visit to our area to make a stop at the Renaissance Faire. We're hoping to schedule her for a guild presentation and possible workshop.

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

April 14: TBD

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

Workshop Announcement

Braided Necklace — Mary Snyder

November 14, 2009

Duration: Four hours.

Location: Mesa Fire Station Community Room, 360 E. 1st Street, Mesa AZ

Cost: \$45, Payable to: Telaraña, PO Box 41832, Mesa, AZ 85274-1832.

Learn to make beautiful necklaces to match your handmade woven or knitted clothing using a fast, simple braiding technique on a hand-held frame. Bring your own selection of worsted weight yarns or ribbons, or pick from the instructor's stash. Instructor will provide a braiding frame kit from Fiber Goddess (\$36 value), nymo thread for beads, and one strand of natural fresh water pearls per student.

E-mail: bsnyder19@cox.net, if you have questions.

Class size is limited to 11.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING – October 28, 2009

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm

Old business:

Fibers Through Time : At the AZ Federation meeting 10/17, Telaraña requested a table at Fibers Through Time to sell our cards and lap cloths. We are the only guild that has requested a table. After much discussion and a vote, it was decided that we could have a table, but would be treated as a vendor and required to pay a fee; we must have a permit to sell in Phoenix; would be responsible for collecting and reporting sales tax (as a non-profit, this is not necessary); must provide copies of liability insurance and proof of non-profit status. More questions remain. In our discussion, we felt that it would be good to have a "guild night", perhaps on the evening of the reception dinner (Thursday), open to any guilds interested. Betz is going to call for clarity on the amount of the table fee and ask about the possibility of a guild night.

FTT wants to use crocheted hyperbolic coral as centerpieces at the reception table and give them away afterwards. Ruth is determining how much space they need and how to arrange them.

Rowena Tank will be giving a presentation on Friday evening at FTT on marketing your name and product. This could apply to individuals and groups. Ruth and Nancy will attend for Telaraña, hoping to pick up tips useful to our guild.

FTT is requesting a \$25 minimum contribution from all guilds to fund awards for juried show winners. By unanimous vote, we agreed to give \$25.00.

December meeting plans: Discussion continued on plans for the Renaissance Dinner. The Board will organize it, but will request help from members. For fun, members are encouraged to wear period costumes. Some members are active at the Renaissance Faire and will wear their outfits. For those who do not have a costume, a long skirt and shawl are suggested. More info at the November general meeting.

New business:

Next month's board meeting falls at Thanksgiving, so will be handled by email.

Treasurer: Reports a bank balance of \$3,365.21. This is after paying Claire Park for her lecture and workshop.

Ways and means: Sharie reported \$57 in sales at the Southwest Fiber Arts Festival. There will be 2 raffle baskets at the November meeting. Linda will price fabric for making the black/white lap cloths. How many to make initially will depend on whether we secure a table at FTT.

Library: We do not have a permanent space to set up our library and it is too large to lug back and forth to each meeting. Sharie has tried to bring an assortment to general meetings but our library remains under-utilized. Take advantage of this great resource! Browse through our collection on the Telaraña website; we have quite a selection. Let Sharie know any books that you wish to check out; she will bring them to the next general meeting for you.

Publicity: Betz is restocking flyers at local shops. The Prescott Guild uses bookmarks with guild information as handouts. This may be an inexpensive option to pursue.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm. Respectfully submitted, Linda Wade, Secretary

TELARANA BUSINESS

TELARANA BUDGET	2009 - 2010 Proposed	
INCOME	MEMBERSHIP	\$1,200.00
	NEWSLETTER	\$65.00
	WAYS AND MEANS	\$1,000.00
	WORKSHOP	\$1,000.00
	OTHER	\$500.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$3,765.00
EXPENSES	Charity	\$0
	Contingency	\$53.00
	Federation	\$60.00
	Hospitality	\$15.00
	Insurance	\$350.00
	Mail Box	\$44.00
	Membership	\$25.00
	Newsletter	\$212.00
	Publicity	\$150.00
	Rent and fees	\$545.00
	Treasurer	\$24.00
	VP--Programs	\$450.00
Ways and Means	\$24.00	
Workshops	\$1,200.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,152.00	
TOTAL	\$613.00	

BUDGET

Our by-laws require us to put the annual budget into the newsletter each year. If members have any questions, please contact Nancy Wanek, Becky Helm or any other Board member.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership as of 11/1/09 is 60.

Directory changes – New Address:

**Ruth Teller
5735 E. McDowell Rd. #66
Mesa, AZ 85215**

2009-2010 OFFICERS

President: Nancy Wanek
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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 Nash, 480-588-6893, bobbie.nash@cox.net, so she can make the change in the newsletter.

December 7	Elly Weinel	480-833-0689
January 4	Beverly Hunt	480-994-3159
February 8	Sue Travis	480-874-2858
March 8	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

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. We have plenty of room for Spinners and Knitters too! Come join us! For more info, contact Sharie Monsam.

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

WebSite and other Links

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.

Have you checked up on Mary Walker's website to see what she has been up to?
<http://weavinginbeauty.com/>

Don't miss Karen Stromberg's new website. www.woveninspirations.com is now online. Take a moment and feast your eyes!

Lydia Miszuk, papermaker, has a website: www.miszukarts.com

Our new member, Jennifer Pedersen-Giles has a website showing her dying and spinning.
<http://windrosefiberstudio.blogspot.com/>

Fiber Related Events and Items of Interest

Lacey Ladies Present Lace Day, Saturday, November 14, 2009

The 18th Annual Lace Day will be held at the United Presbyterian Church, 139 East Alameda Drive, Tempe, 85282. This is East of Mill, College and West of Broadway.

There will be a special Lace Handkerchief Presentation at 10:30, with lessons starting at 11 a.m. that will be throughout the day with a lunch break and a 2 pm door prize drawing. Be sure to look at the door prizes at the entry way and get your tickets for the drawing.

Please remember to bring your drink and lunch. If you can join us this year, please remember to sign our guest book, this will give me my list for next year.

Lacey Ladies meet the First and Third Tuesday of the month at night at different homes. We also meet on the Second and Fourth Thursdays in the day time at different homes. You can sign up for classes at the Fiber Factor. Lori Smith is one of our members and also works there. If you wish more information on meeting places or lessons email me.

Mary Solano, Co-Chair for Lace Day.

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.

Heard Museum, Saturday, November 7. 2nd Annual Gathering of Weavers' Marketplace. More than 50 Navajo weavers are expected to gather to show and sell their textiles at the Navajo Weavers Marketplace sponsored by the Heard Museum Shops. Meet the weavers and discover the traditions, processes and inspirations behind their work. Special lectures, book signings, demonstrations, films and a raffle are all part of this unique event. Admission to this event is free. 2301 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004. On Central Avenue between McDowell and Thomas roads at Encanto Blvd.

Now through November 29, 2009

"Meet Me at the Center of the Earth," Exhibition by Nick Cage, at the **Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art**. <http://www.smoca.org/> This fanciful exhibit brings new life to heirloom textiles and is featured in the current Fiber Arts Magazine. Give yourself a treat and go see it. The museum has free admission on Thursdays, and a great gift shop as well. 7374 East Second Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Mountain Spinners & Weavers Guild will be hosting **Fiber Expressions Fashion Show, Tea & Gallery**, Saturday, November 14, 2009. Doors open at Noon, Tea at 12:30. New Adult Center, 1280 East Rosser Street, Prescott, AZ. Drawings, Door Prizes, Shopping before and after. For tickets or information call Barbara Gray 928-776-7889; gray7@juno.com or Marilyn Smith 928-775-2909; accmusn@msn.com

"It's Elemental" Fine Craft Exhibition at the Coconino Center for the Arts, November 21-December 19, 2009. 2300 N. Fort Valley Road, Flagstaff. The popular fine crafts exhibition, *It's Elemental*, showcases works by the finest craftspeople in Northern Arizona. The juried show features jewelry, ceramics, glasswork, wood, furniture, fabric, sculpture and more.

Bisbee Fiber Shop Season Opens: On Friday, November 27 the Bisbee Fiber Shop re-opens for 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.

This year's Fiber Shop will have a dedicated space that has been renovated with new paint, carpeting and lighting to complement the incredible array of items offered by local artisans. Knitting, weaving, spinning, surface design, basketry or hand made fiber tools are all represented in a wide array of items awaiting your perusal.

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!

November 14, 2009 – February, 2010

Classes in Bisbee by the Bisbee Fiber Arts Guild:

Nov. 14th, 21st Beginning Spinning
10 a.m - 1p.m.

Nov. 15th Basket Weaving 1-5 p.m

Dec. 12th Christmas Inkle Bookmarks

Coming in 2010

Jan. 15-17 Huck LaceWeave

Feb. 12-15 Tapestry

Feb. 20-22 Cotton Spinning

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

Friday-Sunday, December 4-6, 2009

Judging Handspun Yarn: This is a great workshop for anyone interested in improving their spinning or learning to critique any fiber work. Karen Goodson, the instructor, comes from the Northwest Regional Spinners Association. This group is working very hard to standardize the judging of handspun yarn and articles made from handspun. The workshop is hosted by the Southwest Regional Spinners. It will be held in Tucson at the U of A Ag Bldg at Prince and Campbell from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Cost \$150 (includes a notebook). To register, please send a check made out to Southwest Regional Spinners to Ric Rao, 3902 Lilac Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Contact Jill Holbrook at 520-744-1926 or jillholbrook@earthlink.net for more information.

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.egggers@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. Early-bird registration is until December 14, 2009. Members can save \$50 by registering early. 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.

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
Phoenix Airport Museum
Aug 15. 2009-March 21, 2010**

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