



Telaraña Tidings

Newsletter of the Telaraña Weavers and Spinners Guild

April 2010

March Guild Meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 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 First Avenue or Second Avenue. The room will be open by 6:30.

President's Message

Dear Telarañians,

Happy Spring! Mother Nature has given us a beautiful display of wildflowers this year. I hope you have all been able to get out and enjoy them. The combinations of colors are inspiring for fiber arts projects. And we have plenty of opportunities in April for planning out projects – Fibers Through Time, Joanne Tallarovic is coming to Telaraña, and the new Weaving Study Group will have their first organizational meeting. So much to do --

At long last, we had the opportunity to meet and learn from Judith MacKenzie McCuin. I wish I had followed her around with a video camera recording her entire visit. She is a walking fiber arts encyclopedia – and a gifted storyteller. In just a few words, she captured the attention of everyone in the room as she told us about her experiences with bison, and sheep at the Arizona Desert Weaver's meeting. She intertwined information about the animals, their history, her own travels and her expertise with their fiber – all the while painting vivid images in our minds with her descriptions. (I will long remember that when she was honored with the gift of the liver from a bison, she had 37 pounds of liver to use – that's a lot of paté.) Her workshops were memorable as well – spinning, dyeing and weaving - I learned a lot!!

Please join us for our April meeting with Joanne Tallarovic. She will present "Unblocking the Block." This will be an interactive program, using graph paper and pencils. Joanne is a nationally recognized weaver with expertise in Rep Weave and design. Do you understand when a weaver talks about 2-block or 3-block patterns? Do you know how blocks are used to design weave patterns? Whether you are a weaver yourself, or if you are an admirer of the weavings of others, this program will forever change how you look at any weaving. I hope to see you there!

Nancy Wanek
President

2009-2010 Programs

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. Spring cleaning, clutter reduction and cleaning out the closets is here! Gather all those yarns, weaving gadgets, and books that you are NEVER going to use and bring them to the SILENT AUCTION. May 12th is the date. See you there with my stash in bags. Bring \$\$ and go home with something you CAN use. Bidding starts at 25 cents for most items.

There will be sale tables for people that have 'high cost' items. 10% of sales goes to the Guild. (The silent auction is donated items.) Potluck begins at 6:30pm.

APRIL RAFFLE: Buy your ticket to win a handwoven rag rug by Fernmarie Russell. Fernmarie has graciously donated one of the handmade rugs woven on her grandmother's loom. I hope I win!

Llama Fleece: Alicia Santiago who is affiliated with the Arizona Llama Rescue will be at the April meeting selling Llama fleece. She will take donations for the fleece. Make checks out to the Arizona Llama Rescue. It is for a great cause AND you get fleece to spin!

MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to announce that we have 72 members of Telarana. Our annual dues run from May to May, so it's time to renew your membership. They remain at \$20 for a single, \$25 for a family. If there aren't any changes to the information in last year's directory, you may just send a check. If there are any changes, please fill out a new membership form. I will have some at the meeting, and you can print one from the Telarana website.

Thank you all for your help. Gloria Traicoff, Membership Chairman

Call for help – Charlotte Weber 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 at charlottes.web@cox.net.

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 for more info.

TAPESTRY/NAVAJO STUDY GROUP is meeting this year at Mesa Community College the first Saturday of the Month. It is in Building 14, Room SC20. Turn into MCC at the First Entrance NORTH of the 60 Freeway on Dobson Road. We have the room from 9am -1:00pm. Please come join us Saturday, May 1st.

4-Harness Weaving Study Group - We will have our initial planning meeting on Monday, April 26, and begin work in the fall. If you are interested in participating and have not already signed up, please see Linda Wade at the general meeting or email her at secretary@telarana.org

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011:

This is our slate of officers for the next year.

President: Nancy Wanek

Secretary: Paul McLemore

Vice-President: Betz Frederick

Treasurer: Karen Stromberg

Thank you all for offering to lead our Guild this next year! We still can take nominations from the floor **with permission of that person.**

TELARAÑA BOARD

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 28 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

March 31, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

In attendance: Nancy Wanek, Becky Helm, Sharie Monsam, Cindy Reynolds, Ruth Teller, Gloria Traicoff, Maureen McCarthy, Bobbie Nash, Betz Frederick, Paul McLemore, Linda Wade

New Business

Name tags: We are low on new name tags and need to reorder. The hard plastic type we use now cost about \$6.00/ea. Discussion took place comparing name tags used by other guilds. There was general interest in the generic tags found at office supply stores, that could be personalized by slipping in hand woven/ knitted/crocheted fabric and either pinned or hung around the neck with a cord. Gloria will check prices and report back. The old tags would be good to keep for demos because they show both our guild name and the member's name.

Tax Forms: Sharie has been working hard to get all the proper forms filled out and filed. She has completed filing with the AZ Corporation commission. We are officially a non-profit corporation in Arizona, as well as federally.

Old Business

President: We have a full slate of officers to present for election at the general meeting: Nancy Wanek, President; Betz Frederick, Vice President; Paul McLemore, Secretary; Karen Stromberg, Treasurer. Other candidates can be nominated prior to voting at the general meeting.

Treasurer: Becky reports our checking account balance is \$3,439.43. The Judith McKenzie-McCuin workshop paid for itself; our only cost was her presentation fee for speaking at our guild meeting. The Crofters donated \$50 to Telaraña towards the transportation costs of bringing Judith to our area.

Workshops: Maureen has learned that Margaret Stowe, a national authority in knitting, especially lace knitting, will be in California in the fall. The Tucson and Bisbee guilds are interested in approaching her to do workshops in Arizona. Maureen will contact Ms. Stowe to find out the possibility and costs of her conducting a two-day workshop for our guild. It was suggested that Maureen contact the Cactus Needles Knitting Guild in Phoenix to see if they might be interested in being involved.

Ways and Means: Our May stash sale and potluck is approaching. Details will be worked out at next month's board meeting. Of the six prototype lap cloths, we have sold 2 and included

one in our FTT basket. Production is on hold until we finalize a logo and how to affix it. Nancy saw a segment with Martha Stewart about an iron-on transfer that might be perfect. She will further investigate and do some sampling.

Library: Sharie is still considering what to purchase.

Membership: Gloria reported that we have 72 members! Membership fees are due in May; we have 4 already paid for next year.

Federation: Our basket for FTT is complete. Volunteers are still needed for Thursday set-up. Access will be available anytime after 8am, but vendors will be arriving and setting up all day.

Publicity: Letters have not gone out yet to potential advertisers for next year.

Miscellaneous: We had 48 attendees at last month's general meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wade, Secretary

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

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, newsletter@telarana.org, so she can make the change in the newsletter.

May 3 Elly Weinel

June 7 Rae Sordahl

July 5 Bonita Nelson

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 newsletter@telarana.org or Telaraña, PO Box 41832, Mesa, AZ 85274-1832

WebSite News

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

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 Ruth Teller at demonstrations@telarana.org

April 14: Joanne Tallarovic of Flagstaff will present "Unblocking the Block". How blocks identify not only weave structure, but codes that identify the unit of each A-B-C-D block. This will be an interactive program, bring 4 x 4 graph paper and a pencil. Joanne has been teaching weaving for 40 years. She is a full-time studio artist and wrote *The Weaver's Studio REP WEAVE and BEYOND*, published by Interweave Press in 2004

April 14-18: MARICOPA COUNTY FAIR at Arizona State Fairgrounds, 1826 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix. Livestock, art displays, agriculture and youth exhibits, midway rides and of course the Carny Food!

April 17 at 10:30 a.m., to learn about "The Ergonomics of Weaving and Spinning" presented by Leslie Loomis, Licensed Massage Therapist. Quad-Cities weavers and hand-spinners will gather Saturday,

The program is presented by Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild which meets 3rd Saturday of every month at the American Lutheran Church, 1085 Scott Dr. in Prescott, Arizona. There will be a business meeting preceding the program at 9 a.m., followed by coffee and social time prior to the program.

The Mountain Spinners & Weavers Guild is an organization to promote interest and skill in weaving, spinning, basketry, and related fiber arts. Workshops are offered throughout the year; both programs and workshops draw upon local and out-of-town talent.

For more information please see the Guild website at <http://www.mtnspinweave.org/index.htm>.

April 16-18: FIBERS THROUGH TIME WEAVING CONFERENCE: Friday-Sunday,, CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL 2532 w. Peoria Ave., Phoenix. EAST of the 17 and NORTH of Peoria Ave. There are VENDORS to see and buy from, as well as the JURIED SHOW open to the public. On Sunday morning, they allow people to visit the workshop rooms to see what people have been doing. It is over at Sunday noon.

Through May 30: DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, just NORTH of the Zoo., the bronze sculptures of Allan Houser will be throughout the garden. April is a great time to go and enjoy the flowers there as well.

Tempe Historical Museum, 809 E. Southern, Tempe has just re-opened after a long remodel. All new displays.

April 17 and 18: ASU POWWOW, at Band Practice Field, 6th St. and Rural, Tempe. It is just North of University and on the EAST side of the road. Competitive dances, Arts and Crafts Booths, Fry Bread booths. Seniors 60 and over get in free. It is a small POWWOW but has been going on annually for 24 years!

April 24-25: The Dobson Sheep Drive. Last month we sent around a video clip about a sheep drive from Mesa to Payson http://www.americasheartland.org/video/502_2_makin_the_move.htm. This month the sheep are on the move. According to the Dobsons, they are walking a little later this year because of

weather conditions in the mountains. The sheep will be walking Signal Butte on April 24 and 25. They start at the south side of Rt. 60 at sunrise and move north to Brown which takes about an hour of walking. They are crossing the river on Bush Highway on the 27 and 28 at sunrise. Get up early to view this amazing site!

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**

"Trading Cloth and Culture", ASU Museum of Anthropology at the School of Human Evolution and Social Change building, April 8-June 30, M-F, 11am-3pm. Exhibit of textiles and complementary ethnographic artifacts from the Dr. Thomas J. Hudak, William W. Sage and Dr. Jane Richardson Hanks collections.

"Connecting Threads: Textiles of Southeast Asia", through April 30 at the Phoenix Art Museum

"Sumatra: Textiles from the Collection of Dr. Thomas J. Hudak", through July 3 at the Phoenix Art Museum.

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.

September 18 Lydia Miszik Papermaking Workshop will hold an all day papermaking workshop for our guild at her studio in Scottsdale. You will make 6 different types of paper. Further details and registration information will be available next month.

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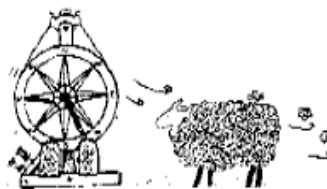
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The Fiber Factory participates in downtown Mesa's Second Friday Night Out. They are open until 9pm on those days and welcome everyone to join them and knit, spin, weave. Join the

