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President's Message

By Brenda Kelley

Ask Not What The Guild Can Do For You, BUT, What Can I Do For The Guild. Our guild is only as strong as its' members. The Guild has been blessed with members who have stepped up to fill a need over and over. However, there comes a time when these wonderful volunteers feel like they need a rest. Our Nominating Committee has been working very hard to fill positions for the 2015/2016 season.

Have you ever considered the benefits you gain from volunteering? I have listed just a few reasons to volunteer:

8. It's good for you. (It produces a "Happiness" effect)
7. You gain professional experience. (Leadership skills)
6. Promotes personal growth and self-esteem
5. Strengthens our Guild (Hidden talents that you may not have been aware of)
4. You learn a lot. (You gain knowledge)
3. Brings people together. (You are united with people working for a common goal)
2. A chance to give back to the guild. (Remember the benefits of membership)
1. You make a difference. EVERY PERSON COUNTS.

The Guild cannot exist without YOU.

Brenda Kelley
Co-President

TH&SG Fashion Show
Fall, 2016

Heads up everyone……. We are about to start planning for a Guild Fashion Show, Reception, Raffle and Public Education. This was announced at the meeting on Wednesday. Next month, we will post more information in the newsletter and on the website. Many members are needed to "put on the show". Please give thought to adding your name to our volunteer list.
Lura Moore, Fall 2016 Fashion Show Chair.

Attention Amazon Shoppers

If you are an internet shopper, please consider using the **Amazon banner** found at http://www.thsg.org/about-us to shop for any items you would order from Amazon. By simply clicking on this link, you will be taken to the Amazon site (even to your account, if you have one linked to your computer) to shop as you normally do. The benefit is that the Guild will get a small percentage of every purchase when someone shops the Amazon site through the banner. These extra funds offset the library storage fees. Please encourage friends and family to use our banner. If you have any questions, please contact admin@thsg.org. Thank you for helping the Guild.

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Calendar for THSG Events

Thursday, April 2, 2015

Felting Study Group will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at Spirited Hands Studio, 851 N. Corinth Ave., Tucson. For the April 2nd meeting we will be making prefelts for our own feltmaking stashes. Please bring your felting kit (pool noodle, bubble wrap, 2 or 3 towels--hand towel size works better for the prefelts, ties, bowser, carders if you have them, specialty yarns or ribbons, silk or bamboo fibers, cocoons, odd fabric pieces, bits of lace, etc., base colors of wool roving you'd like to have for carding, complimentary colors of roving, "pop" colors of roving...the sky is the limit for prefelts! We will be using the dryer method. I am excited already! **Goodies and Newcomers are always welcome.** (Ellice and Dawn, thank you for your contributions last month! Yummy!) If you have any questions, contact Sally Hall or Susan Thompson at feltingmagic@gmail.com

Rug Hooking Study Group will meet from 9:30-1:00 at Adrienne's house. All future meetings for the year 2014-2015 will meet here as well. This group will focus on original designs using traditional methods to create rugs meant for the floor, and non-traditional approaches for all other items such as wall-hangings, pillow tops, dimensional objects, wearables and decorative table mats. Contact Coordinator: Adrienne Moore-Mortimer at imhooking@gmail.com

Saturday, April 4, 2015

Basketry Study Group For location & time, contact coordinator Wendy Webster tapweaver@aol.com.

Friday, April 10, 2015

Porrey Cross Study Group will meet this month at 10am on April 10th at the Saddlebrooke home of Elaine Ross. Mary Frances Fiske and Donna Fischer will cohost. All Guild members are welcome to join us. Please RSVP to Elaine at mogoat@wbhsi.net by Tuesday, April 7th if you plan to attend. We will continue our discussion of the "New-to-Me" Twill project. A pot-luck salad lunch will follow the meeting.

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Tapestry Study Group will meet at 9:30 AM at our normal location- U of A AG Center. We will continue our discussion of color, design, and inspiration. Please bring your color sampler, any designs, and thoughts, books, etc. about inspiration. All are welcome. If you are not familiar with Tapestry, join us. For information contact Brenda Kelley at bkkloom2@aol.com

Knitting Study Group. will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Modular Classroom opposite the silos on the U of AZ Agriculture Campus at Roger Rd. west of Campbell. Shirley Dornberg will review the Craftsy Short Row Class. Please do join us if you're interested in learning or furthering your knitting skills. Bring your project and feel free to bring a knitting problem for the group to discuss and help solve. If you are joining the group for the first time, please contact Pat Wood at Purls4Pat@comcast.net.

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Rug Weaving Study Group will meet at 9:30am on April 14 at the home of Janet Davis. April's meeting will include a Potluck. Our purpose is to help us be better rug weavers. We share experiences with rug weaving, warp and weft, finishing, etc. All rug weavers (or those interested in rugs) are welcome to attend. If you have questions, contact Rowie Welch at rowiew@yahoo.com

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

The **THSG Board Meeting** will meet at 9:30 AM. Board meetings are held at the Modular Classroom opposite the silos on the U of A Agriculture Campus on Roger Rd. west of Campbell. The Transitional Board meeting is held in June after elections at the General meeting in May. Guild members who wish to attend should send a message to president@thsg.org to request inclusion on the agenda.

Friday, April 17, 2015

Clothing Study Group will **not** meet in April due to a family emergency for our speaker. We hope she will be available in May. If not, an alternative program will be arranged.

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

THSG General Meeting will meet at St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church, 4440 N. Campbell Ave, on the corner of River Rd and Campbell Ave, beginning at 9:30 AM. Our featured speaker is Margery Langer presenting "The Evolution of a Fiber Arts Business." Margery will take you on the journey of starting an unusual, niche business in the age before the internet! She'll share the mechanics of how she started, promoted, invented, learned and refined the products and processes she still uses. Examples of both successful and failed products will be shown and discussed along with some educational and amusing anecdotes from years in the wedding business. She will also discuss the challenges, learnings, and personal growth that resulted from being a self employed artist for the past 26 years.
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The Spinning Study Group will meet at St. Philips Episcopal Church after the General Meeting at about 12:30 p.m. Our program will be Woolen Spinning – the perfect yarn for lofty soft knitting or other wearables. Bring your spinning wheels, lazy kate, wool and wool carders to learn and practice this technique. Coordinator Jill Holbrook: jillholbrook@earthlink.net

Friday, April 24, 2015

NB: The deadline for Study Group submissions and all other items for next month's Woolgatherer is high noon! Email in Arial, font size 10 to newsletter@thsg.org. If submissions don't arrive or arrive after deadline, the only meeting information that will appear is the name and email of the study group coordinator to contact for information. It is greatly appreciated when submissions come in earlier than deadline!

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Surface Design Study will meet at 9:00 a.m. at U of A Ag Modular Classroom (located on the West side of Campbell Farm at Roger and Campbell). You will be learning on to upcycling a shirt but combining two into one. You need to bring a sewing machine, two button down shirts and trims such a ribbon, lace, etc. For more information on what to bring, refer to the detailed listserv email or contact Merry Warner. As always, all members are invited to join us. If you have questions or comments, please contact Merry Warner at 870-6775 or warnerm@email.arizona.edu

Book Arts Study Group: Contact Melinda Collins Knick at **zooplustwo@gmail.com**

THSG Workshops

Attention Members: One volunteer needed for the 2015-16 Workshop Committee.

Supplies Organizer. This person either provides home storage for workshop supplies or picks up the supplies at the THSG storage facility on the NW side. S/he also maintains an updated list of current supplies and replenishes supplies as needed. This may occasionally include purchasing any novel supplies for a given workshop. The supplies organizer also helps get the supplies to the workshop location or arranges for their transfer with another member of the Committee or a workshop participant. THSG runs between 8 to 10 workshops a year from October through April.All members of the Workshop Committee will meet occasionally. What's the fun of being on a committee if you can't go out to lunch once in a while? Seriously, the biggest thing I care about is that you are willing to communicate regularly, and that you are pretty easy to get ahold of either by phone, text or email. Consider us; it's fun! If interested (and you know you are), contact Maddie Tsurusaki workshops@thsg.org.

PayPal now accepted for THSG workshop registrations: We have added a third way to register for THSG workshops. You will be able to register online using PayPal for any workshop offered in the 2015-2016 season. The online membership form will be attached to the individual workshop listing. Of course, members can register at the monthly meetings or by snail mail as well.

Registration details are in the Handbook. Please remember to include your email address, phone number and the name of the workshop with your check (made out to THSG) when mailing registrations to: Workshops, PO Box 65413, Tucson AZ 85728. For questions contact workshops@thsg.org

April 8 and 9, 2015

The Magic of Boxes

Instructor: Curt Dornberg
Date: Wednesday and Thursday, April 8 and 9, 2015
Location: Mini-Time Museum, Tucson
Time: 9am – 4pm
Cost: Members*: $98; Nonmembers: $143

- Supported by the Esther Hughes Memorial Fund

Materials Fee: $20 payable to Instructor
Level: All
Maximum # of students: 9
Workshop Description: Boxes are so cool; there is magic in them. In Curt Dornberg's upcoming workshop you will experience both. We will create a box from a single, folded sheet, a box with a fitted lid, another with a hinged lid, and finally, one with hidden compartments. Use your decorative fabrics, from quilt squares to handwoven and surface designed, and add even more magic.
Supplies List and Instructions: to be sent shortly after registration

October 19, 20 & 21, 2015

Fearless Color Blending on the Loom

Instructor: Claire Campbell-Park
Dates: Mon, Tues, Wed; October 19, 20, 21 2015
Time: 9 am to 4 pm
Cost: $145 members; $190 nonmembers
Materials Fee: $35
Location: Mini Time Museum
Maximum Number of Students: 11
Fearless Creative Color Blending on Your Loom

In this three day workshop you will be introduced to a myriad of fun color blending techniques for weaving that will enhance your enjoyment of color for all your textile projects and the ease with which you use it. Learn how to move smoothly from one color to the next, use accent colors effectively, and feel confident with color combinations you otherwise wouldn't dream of using. Each participant will weave a series of experimental color blending samples and complete two small creative color compositions.

Registration for THSG members begins Tue., March 24, 2015.

Registration deadline Wed., September 29, 2015.

THSG members can register at the monthly meeting, electronically from the website using PayPal, or by snail mail to THSG Workshops, PO Box 65413, Tucson, AZ 85728.

Register by Mail:
Workshop-Registration-Form

October 29 & 30, 2015

The Felted Body Wrap

Instructor: Catherine O'Leary
Location: Spirited Hands Studio
Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Cost: Members*: $159; Nonmembers: $194
*Supported by a generous grant from the Sonni Wendt Memorial Fund

Materials Fee: Estimated between $107 and $113 to be paid to THSG. The fee includes a kit of working materials with either black or white silk and 4 meters of colored needle felt.
Level: Intermediate
Maximum # of students: 10

Instructor Information: Catherine O'Leary is renowned as one of Australia's leading felt and textile artists. She exhibits and teaches regularly throughout Australia and New Zealand. She has also taught

and exhibited in Korea and Germany. Catherine is the author of **From Felt to Fabric** (2011; Lark Books) and several magazine articles. You can learn more about Catherine at her website: http://www.catherineoleary.com.au

Workshop Description: This felt making workshop explores the different possibilities of felted garment designs. Creating intricate and original surface designs using nuno prefelts, each student will develop a pattern that suits her body shape. The garments are manipulated and molded to adorn the body. The main focus of this workshop will be on surface decoration and the manipulation of garment design.

Materials and Supplies: To be supplied closer to workshop date.

Registration opens to THSG Members: March 24, 2015

Registration opens to Nonmembers: April 23, 2015

Registration Deadline: September 23, 2015

Participants may register at the monthly meeting, electronically from the website using PayPal, or by snail mail to THSG Workshops, PO Box 65413, Tucson, AZ 85728. Direct any questions to Maddie at workshops@thsg.org.

Calendar for Events of Interest

April 16-19, 2015

Interweave Yarn Fest
Loveland, CO
Knitting. Crochet. Spinning. Weaving.

Immerse yourself in the world of specialty fiber and expand your technical abilities at Interweave Yarn Fest—a celebration of the fiber arts. You'll enjoy dozens of expert-taught workshops, a bustling marketplace, and the company of other yarn enthusiasts, all surrounded by the beauty of the Rocky Mountains

June 5-7, 2015

Power Gourd Classes with Bonnie Gibson
Temecula, CA

Below is a link to a webpage where you can see the descriptions of 3 full day classes and information about the location where classes will be held. Lodging is available onsite for a fee on a first come, first served basis. You are under no obligation to stay on site, but it should be a lot of fun! As a bonus, the Welburn gourd farm is a very short distance away and worth a visit.
http://arizonagourds.com/TemeculaClasses.html

I am currently accepting registrations for those who want to take the full 3 day workshop. If you are interested in taking only one or two classes, those registrations will start on Monday,

July 23-26, 2015

Intermountain Weavers Conference
A Conference for Fiber Artists
Durango, CO

Your registration package has arrived!

The 2015 Intermountain Weavers' Conference Board invites you to attend our conference for Fiber Artists in Durango, Colorado July 23-26. The theme this year is "Try Something New!" and we have lots of workshops for you to try!

The registration book has the conference schedule, lists of events, descriptions of the workshops offered and information on lodging, etc. You may access it by clicking here.

Registration for the conference opens February 1, 2015

You may register online at our website, or download the registration form and mail it to me. For the form click here. If you are a current member, you will need your member number to register for the conference. This can be found at the top of this email, along with your membership expiration date. If you have questions about your membership, click here to send a message to our membership chair.

If you have general questions about registration, feel free to contact me by email. Just click here.

I look forward to seeing you in Durango where you can "Try Something New!"

March 10-13, 2016

FIBERS THROUGH TIME 2016

The Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds proudly announces that our 9th biennial workshop conference**, FIBERS THROUGH TIME 2016**, will be held in early March, 2016. Please mark your calendars!

Radisson Hotel Phoenix North
10220 N Metro Parkway East
Phoenix, AZ 85051
March 10th - 13th, 2016

Our committee, chaired by Carma Koester of Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild, is hard at work. More details to follow so stay tuned.

This is a statewide project. The numerous sub-committees will be glad for your help. More details on these needs will follow, as well.

Looking forward to a dynamic conference!

FTT2016 Committee

THSG COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Outreach Opportunity-Pima County Fair It's time to start planning our outreach event at the Pima County Fair again! This year's fair will take place April 16-26 in the usual place at the Pima County Fairgrounds. This is always a lively, interesting event full of food, rides, demonstrations, animals, and people - many of whom are interested in stopping to learn a little more about the fiber arts.

Our goal is to have a spinning/weaving demonstration (and maybe a hands-on activity or two) at the fair each weekend during its 10-day run (could be either Saturday or Sunday, depending on our members' availability). Consider bringing your wheel, spindle, loom, hand cards - you name it - and spending a few hours in the warm spring sunshine sharing the fiber arts with the uninitiated. (Give us time...we'll convert them!)

If you're interested, please contact Stefanie Teller, outreach committee chair, at stefanieteller@cox.net or (520) 991-4301. The fair organizers like to book demonstrations early, so the sooner you can let Stefanie know, the better.

The Tucson Handweavers and Spinners Guild, a fiber arts community, is committed to promoting fiber arts and sharing our expertise with the community. Community Outreach participates in programs at local schools and libraries, demonstrations at the Pima Country Fair and other public venues. Members demonstrate traditional and contemporary fiber art skills to historical, art and school groups across the region, using equipment dedicated to this Outreach Program. The equipment list includes looms, spindles, spinning wheels as well as an array of fibers. This service is free of charge to the community. Contact **Stefanie Teller** if interested in working with the Community Outreach Committee.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

A fund for continuing education was established by the Tucson Handweavers and Spinners Guild to support and encourage members to attend classes/workshops. A secondary purpose of these grants is to expand the knowledge of the entire membership when those who have received these grants share what they have learned, gained or created from the class or workshop. The money for the grants comes from guild fundraisers, donations and memorial funds. Each year the board budgets an amount for continuing education for that year.

Application Guidelines: The 1st Vice President or an appointed delegate receives and reviews applications, maintains the records of grants awarded and the applicant's fulfillment of responsibilities including sharing of the experience. If there is any question regarding the suitability of a grant request, the Board will review the application and respond in writing to the applicant if denying the grant. Applicant must be a member of the Guild for a minimum of one year and may receive a grant no more frequently than every three years. Application forms are on the THSG website: www.thsg.org in the members section under forms. Applications are submitted to THSG, Attn: Continuing Education, P.O. Box 65413, Tucson, AZ 85728.

Notes and News

THSG Library Our "office hours" for the month of April are Thursday, April 2nd from 9:30 to 12:30 and Thursday, April 16th from 12:30 to 3:30. The contact and email address you use for all inquiries, directions to the house, or requests to be filled is Adrienne Moore-Mortimer, dontdodewey@live.com. Those requests made, and books of general interest will still be found at the library table at our monthly meetings.

Membership:
Welcome to new members Mary Jane Henley and Ilene Rae Sorenson. It is requested that members check their information as listed in the Members Area of the THSG website to insure accuracy. Are email addresses up to date? Contact information? Go to http://www.thsg.org/members-area to verify your information. All address and e-mail changes go to membership@thsg.org

Philanthropy: No updates available.

Advertising

The Woolgatherer The Woolgather is published monthly (except in July and August) by the Tucson Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc. Deadlines for submissions to the newsletter are noon on the Friday following regular meetings and noon on the Friday following the last Wednesday of August. Submissions are welcome and may be submitted in email or as a Word attachment, all copy ready in Arial font, 10 pt. All submissions go to newsletter@thsg.org. Members are reminded and encouraged to post items for sale for free in the Arizona Federation Forum forum@lists.azfed.org.

Rates and Sizes

Ad size	Members			Non-members		
Black & white	**1 issue**	**5 issues**	**10 issues**	**1 issue**	**5 issues**	**10 issues**
Business card size ad 2.25” h x 3.75” w	$ 4.50	$ 20.00	$40.00	$ 8.00	$ 38.00	$76.00
¼ page 4.75” h x 3.75” w	$ 5.50	$ 25.00	$50.00	$ 10.00	$ 48.00	$96.00
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