

Tucson Handweavers & Spinners Guild, a fiber arts community



The Woolgatherer

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President's Message

The Room of the Messy Weaver

By Rebecca Fabos

I have things scattered, here and there
Started 10 projects, know not where.
The room's a mess, disaster reigns
What can I do to pull in the reins?
To clear this room I call my space
And do what I want with an element of grace?

"Clean it!" you cry, "Organize this mess!"
But I tell you that thought makes me want to confess:
Right now it looks sloppy, a disaster you see
But I tell you everything's where it should be.
The yarns on the table, spilling onto the floor?
Waiting for opportunity to be placed in once more.
The variety of colors? Options! You know.
Many choices are needed through each of my throws.
Pink, orange, red – which goes with that rose?

So the yarns stay put until the project's done.
Just turn your head so you can't see the fun.
I've asked for your help which I choose to ignore
But I thank you for caring enough to implore.

Rebecca Fabos, President, rebecca.fabos@gmail.com

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President: Rebecca Fabos
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From the Nominating Committee: As you know, the Nominating Committee is charged with preparing a slate of candidates for officers of our guild, including members of the standards committee. Before I announce the slate of next year's officers, I would like to acknowledge all the members who have served on the nominating committee. They are Irene Byrd, Betsy Farmer, Mary Frances Fisk, Marcia Fleming, Maggi Henthorne, Janine Hernbrode, Cynthia McDaniel, Elaine Ross, Dawn Savage, Ginny Shapiro, Suzy Swann, and Pat Wood.

The nominees for the 2011-2012 year include:

President: Rebecca Fabos
 Co-president: currently vacant
 First Vice President: Elaine Ross
 Second Vice President: Pinki Nutter
 Secretary: Brenda Kelley
 Treasurer: Janet Davis

Nominated for the Standards Committee are Betty Headrick, as chairman, continuing members, Pauline Doyle, Marcia Fleming and Pat Wood; and new members, Jill Holbrook and Dawn Savage. Report by Marcia Halligan, chairman.

Needed: Committee for the Evening Meeting

This coming year, the co-president's position was not filled. To facilitate the evening meetings, we do need a committee to be formed which would be in charge of the evening meetings. This committee would search for programs (two are already committed) for the months of October through April, help with the selection of an evening meeting site, organize and plan the social part of the evening meetings and facilitate a short meeting and introduce the speaker. If anyone would like to volunteer for this committee, please contact Rebecca Fabos, Rebecca.fabos@gmail.com, or any of the Guild Board members.

Needed: Roving Reporter

For the past two years, the guild has had a Roving Reporter. The job entails writing items of interest about our guild and sending them to various publications. If you think this is something you might be interested in doing, please contact Rebecca Fabos, Rebecca.fabos@gmail.com, or any of the Guild Board members.

Policy for Update, Woolgatherer and Website

The Board of Directors and the editors of the Update, Woolgatherer and Website have worked together to compile policies for use of each of these publications. Please read carefully to familiarize yourself with the content of each policy.

Update: The Update is our weekly email publication, one page in length, used to inform readers of pending guild and other fiber-related events.

Advertisements: A commercial event may be publicized depending upon space availability. This posting will include the name of the event, the date and a link to further information. The item will not be placed in the same area as upcoming THSG Guild events to distinguish it from official Guild events. There is no paid advertising in the Update.

Deadline: Items for the Update are due by Sunday at noon prior to the Tuesday am publication.

How to submit an item: All items for the update are to be submitted through admin@thsg.org with "Update" in the subject line.

Personal announcements: An item submitted about a member's death or illness must have the permission of the member or a family member prior to publication.

Public Information: The only personal information published is the name and email address of the contact person. No phone numbers are published without the member's written permission.

Privacy: The Update editor will not use the Guild email list except for Guild business. There will be no monitoring of individuals and their usage.

Publishing dates: The Update is published once weekly unless there is a time-sensitive event whose date would pass prior to the next Update. During the summer months (June, July and August), the Update may be published and emailed every other week. The Update's publication would be determined by the amount of items submitted for the issue and the time sensitivity of the item's date.

Submissions: Board members, chairpersons or study group leaders may submit Update information. Members who have items of interest for the Update may request that a Board member, committee chairperson or study group leader submit their item for publication in the Update. They are responsible for insuring that the content is accurate and timely. The Update editor may also highlight items of interest found in the Woolgatherer and/or the THSG Website. All submissions to the Update are to be presented in **Word** format, Arial font, 10 pt.

Woolgatherer publication: When the Woolgatherer is published by the Woolgatherer committee, the link to the Woolgatherer will be the first item at the top of the Update page.

Woolgatherer: The Woolgatherer is our Guild newsletter. It is newsy, has commercial advertisements, information about guild and individual events and other fiber-related events.

Advertisements: Commercial advertising is permitted with a paid advertisement to the Woolgatherer. The rates are listed in the Woolgatherer.

Deadline: Items for the Woolgatherer are to be submitted by noon, Friday after the General meeting. During the summer or holidays, the deadline is noon the 4th Friday of the month.

How to submit: Items may be submitted by email to Newsletter@thsg.org.

Public Information: The only personal information published is the name and email address of the contact person. No phone numbers are published without the member's written permission.

Publishing Dates: The Woolgatherer is published monthly. The exception is July and August when no publication occurs.

Submissions: Items can be submitted by anyone. The editor of the Woolgatherer determines Guild relevance. All submissions to the Woolgatherer are to be presented in **Word** format and Arial font, 10 pt.

Woolgatherer publication: The Woolgatherer will be announced on the Public Page of the website (THSG.org) with a link to the Woolgatherer.

THSG Website: The website is our Guild's window to the world. It contains Member Only information such as the Guild by-laws, handbook and roster as well as information about current guild and other fiber related events, study group meetings, workshops, and the Woolgatherer publications.

Advertisements: Only guild or fiber related events are publicized. There is no commercial advertising on the Home page. There is no paid advertising on the website. Publicity for commercially-sponsored events can be listed on the Calendar. If the event is of a commanding interest to the Guild, it could be listed under "Non-THSG Events" under the Events button on the Home page. This inclusion is at the discretion of the webmaster and calendar master.

Deadline: Items to be submitted to the website should be submitted to the webmaster one week prior to posting.

End date for the posting: The person or entity submitting the item to be posted is also responsible for requesting the item be removed from the post.

Home Page Photo Blocks: These photo blocks are used to promote study group meeting information, workshops and other THSG sponsored events.

How to submit: All items for the website are submitted through admin@thsg.org.

Privacy Issue: The webmaster will do no monitoring of individual accounts.

Public Information: Notifications will have only the name and email address of the member. No phone numbers will be listed.

Submissions: Members who have items of interest for the Website may request that either a Board Member, committee chairperson or study group leader submit the item for posting. They are responsible for insuring that the content is accurate and timely.

By-Laws Change

TH&SG By-Law Change Announced at General Meeting on March 23, 2011. Discussed and voted on at the General Meeting on April 27, 2011.

The Current By-Law states:

Article V: Duties of Officers

Standards Committee Chairperson: Shall preside over the Standards Committee meetings; shall attend Board meetings and act as a liaison between the Board and the committee.

Article VI: Committees

Article VI: Committees Standards: Committee shall meet with any person who desires to be included in Guild-related activities of showing or selling work. The person must present a representative body of work to the Committee. The Committee can grant Juried Status to a member if the qualifications are met. The Standards Committee shall inspect and jury all work submitted for exhibition or sales under the Guild auspices, and shall promote a high level of design and craftsmanship

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By-law change:

Standards Committee Chairperson: Presides over the Standards Committee, maintains a current list of the Juried Status of Guild members, and is the committee's liaison to the Board.

Article VI: Committees

By-law change:

Standards: The purpose of the committee is to encourage a high level of craftsmanship in fiber related skills. Members wishing to sell or exhibit items in a Guild-sponsored public event must have juried status. These requirements do not apply to guild "Show & Tell" or education events. Guidelines developed by the Guild's Study Groups provide the standards for evaluation of items.

Calendar for THSG Events

Thursday May 5, 2011

The Felting Group: Thursday, May 5th from 9:30-11:30 at 851 N. Corinth Ave. 873-7388 contacts Susan or Sally. Fleece study—Joahne hosts Jacobs Fleece. Please bring your felting kit. It's the last meeting of the season until October 6. Goodies welcome!

Saturday, May 7, 2011

The Book Arts Study Group: The Book Arts Study Group will meet at 10:30 a.m., May 7, 2011, at the 22nd St Antiques Mall (parking on the Beverly St. side of the building). This will be our final meeting of the 2010-2011 season, our very first and very successful year. We will not meet this summer, but resume again in September.

We will choose our topic for 2011-2012 and plan how best to carry it out. We will review our current meeting time and place, as well. Please come with your good ideas.

Following the business meeting, Lynn Davis will lead a mini-workshop in carving your own printing stamps, which are great for decorating, illustrating, and printing our handmade books. Here is what you will need for Lynn's workshop:

- Rubber blocks available at the workshop for \$3 each, either 4" x 4" or 2.5" x 5". These retail for \$4 - \$6 apiece. Lynn will have enough blocks for each one of us to purchase several.

- A carving blade, either an X-acto (small with fixed blade) or, better yet, a linoleum carving tool with blades, available at Michaels or Sarnoffs or Arizona Art Supply.
- A pencil and a permanent marker for getting your design on to the stamp block
- Stamp pads in a variety of colors (Bring what you have. We will trade colors)
- Paper for printing your stamped, carved blocks
- Your sketches for carving ideas and/or examples of clip art designs. Remember we will be working small—the purchased blocks may be cut into smaller segments.

You will need to RSVP Lynn to let her know you are coming and how many carving blocks you wish her to bring for you to purchase.

Contact Curt Dornberg or Lynn Davis if you have questions.

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

The Rug Study Group: The Rug Study Group will meet Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at the Medicine Man Gallery. We will gather at the east entrance at 9:15 and remember to bring a folding chair. The gallery is located at 7000 E. Tanque Verde Rd. (Tanque Verde and Sabino Canyon Rd.) Jerry Freund will be presenting a program on Navajo rugs. Contact Elaine Ross at mogoat@wbhsi.net or call 825-3668.

Friday, May 13, 2011

Porrey Cross: This month we will meet at Wheeler Taft Abbett Library just off Cortero Farms Rd west of I-10. This will be the last meeting until September, and we will be completing our Double Weave project with an exchange of drafts and samples by the participants. We will also discuss our next project, "Inspiration in a Card". Bring your brownbag lunch and cold drinks. Coffee and water will be supplied. For directions or information contact Lois Smolinski

Saturday, May 14, 2011

The Tapestry Study Group: The Tapestry Study Group is meeting May 14 at Gail Lively's home. This meeting is our final meeting of the year. Both Gail and Karen Yackell will be presenting their Entryway projects to the group. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Please contact Gail Lively, gail.lively@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Saturday, May 14, 2011

Knitting Study Group: Will meet at 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, located on Park between Broadway and Speedway. The meeting's discussion, led by Jill Holbrook will focus on Blocking. 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, 529-8328, Purls4Pat@comcast.net

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

The May Board Meeting: The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. The Board meetings are open to members. If you would like to attend, please contact Rebecca Fabos at rebecca.fabos@gmail.com

Friday, May 20, 2011

The Clothing Study Group: Will meet on Friday, May 20, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. Marilyn Heck will present the May program on the topic of Knit One, Purl One. "Knit One Purl One" is a fabric creation technique developed and taught by Anita Luvera Mayer who was just here teaching for THSG. However Marilyn will show us her results following a workshop with Anita some years ago. Marilyn will also talk about how she did her pieces. Marilyn will also bring tools and supplies so attendees can try out the technique if they wish. The program will start at 10:00 a.m. The Clothing Study Group meets at the UA Ag Center in the modular building at North Campbell and Roger Road. Enter from Roger Road. All Guild

members are welcome. Contact Marilyn Heck Marly299@msn.com (520-299-3918) or Judith Segel jsegel@rain.org (520-204-1370) for more information.

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

THSG General Meeting: Will be at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church Parish Hall, 3201 E. Presidio Road, one block east of Country Club and one block south of Ft. Lowell, starting at 9:30 am.

May is Stash Sale month!!! If you have things lying around the house, fiber related of course, that you would like to sell, bring them to the Stash Sale at the May 25 General Guild Meeting. There will be tables for you to display and set up your items. You are responsible for collecting the money and giving any necessary change to your "customers". The customers are your Guild members. This is not an advertised sale; it is for Guild members and meeting attendees only. The sale begins sharply at 9:30 a.m. and lasts until noon. No sales in the parking lot and no sales prior to the 9:30 a.m. start time. Great time to get rid of all that extra fiber and tools you culled during your spring-cleaning and get extra money for your next fiber purchase. See you there!

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Spinning Study Group: Spinning Study Group will meet Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 1 pm following the General Meeting at St. Francis Cabrini Church. Suzy Swann will show us how to make a batt without a drum carder. Each spinner who brings fiber will get a portion of the batt. To keep the batt from becoming muddy colors, bring any fiber that is any shade of blue. Everyone is welcome. Coordinator Jill Holbrook, jillholbrook@earthlink.net

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Basketry Study Group: Information on the May meeting will be announced in the Weekly Update.

Friday, May 27, 2011

Surface Design Study Group: Meets at 9:30 a.m. at U of A Ag Modular Classroom (located on the West side of Campbell Farm at Roger and Campbell). For May 27th, June 24th and July 22nd, we will be working on any UFOs that you might have in your to do list. Also, Judy has volunteered to re-demo making stamps. If you want to attend any of these months, please feel free to come and play with us. Let me know if you can attend so that I know if anyone is coming! If you have questions or comments, please contact Merry Warner at 870-6775 or email: warnerm@email.arizona.edu.

Notes and News

Philanthropy

Our Guild gives money to philanthropies that are fiber arts-related. We need your ideas! A form called "Philanthropic Donations Application Form" is in the Handbook and available online. If you have an idea but feel that filling out the form at this point is more than you want to do, please just call or email me, Ginny Shapiro, 878-0188, ginnyljs@comcast.net, and we can talk about it.

Education Grants

There are still funds available for more Education Grants. Handbook at www.thsg.org.

Welcome to Our New Members

We have 2 new members who joined in April: Sandra Briney and Jo Anne Moore. For more information on a new member please refer to our roster.

Miscellaneous News from THSG Members and Groups

THSG Study Clothing Report: The Clothing Study Group's "Bra Boutique" was held April 15. It was fun and informative. Janice Cathey of Cathey's Sew and Vac brought multiple suitcases full of every size of bra for members to try. Janice and her helper Linda also brought a mirror and two portable, pop-up dressing rooms. Janice measured under-bust, bust, and above- bust for each group member. Linda with gave us Smiley-faced dots to stick on our shirts to mark nipple locations with our current undergarments. Then we tried on bras in sizes indicated by our measurements. It was really exciting to see the improvement in posture and curves with a "right-sized" bra. Janice discussed how her measurements translated into bra size. Some group members wanted to buy bras from Janice. Others planned to use this Information the next time they needed bras. Laughter and smiles dominated the morning as can be seen as Bobbie Gibel is being measured!



THSG Workshops

Registration details are in the Handbook. Please remember to include your email, phone number, the name of the workshop and your check (made out to TH&SG) when mailing registrations to: Joyce Boyle, 5443 N. Camino Real, Tucson 85718. For questions, call Joyce at 232-1394 or email at workshops@thsg.org

Calendar for Events of Interest

June 4 and 5, 2011: Fiber Festival at Flagstaff -- jointly hosted by the Pioneer Historical Society Museum and Alpacas Breeders of Arizona. There are **three acres of beautiful pine-wooded grounds** for vendors, parking and some building space available for workshops. Your own pop-up or tent, fencing or pens, are advised as the Museum has none available. **Camping** is allowed or Flagstaff has many fine hotels and motels. **Bring your animals** to show off to the public and increase awareness of animals fibers and their usefulness and beauty -- while taking advantage of this **fine retail venue**. There is someone available on the grounds 24 hours a day during the Festival. Sign up for a **workshop** to make felted bath soap mitts or a purse out of alpaca fiber. Watch, participate or volunteer to **teach** a workshop on dog working, shearing, fleece scouring, dyeing, spinning or weaving, whatever suits your fancy. **Meet other like-minded artists, farmers and vendors while educating the public about animals and their fiber.** **We are not charging** for vendors to participate in the Festival this year, but ask that you make a \$50 donation to the Museum for their kind indulgence in the use of their **beautiful grounds** for this event. **Arrive Friday afternoon, June 3, 2011 at 2340 N Fort Valley Rd, Flagstaff, AZ 86001-1200**, phone (928) 774-6272. Google has great directions or I can email them to you as well. The Festival runs 8 am to 4 pm Saturday, June 4th and Sunday, June 5th. Please don't hesitate to call with any questions. My contact information is below. **See you soon!**

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THE MOUNTAIN SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD P. O. BOX 1820 PRESCOTT, AZ 86302 Workshops

May 14, 2011: 2-Color, 2-Handed Knitting by Diane Braun., 1:00 – 4:00. Please bring size 8 or 9, 16" circular knitting needles and two distinct colors of worsted weight yarn (partial skeins are fine). Cost: \$20.00. Please contact Barbara Albeck to sign up.

June 16, 17, and 1/2 day June 18: Color Blending on the Drum Carder will be offered by Kathy Kelly (after the meeting) at Kathy's house. Cost will be \$50.00 plus materials. Contact Barbara Albeck to sign up.

September 17, 2011: Make It Fit by Kristen Hansen. (after the meeting). We won't be doing any knitting during the class, just a lot of measuring and calculating. Kristen provides patterns for a shell, crewneck pullover, and cardigan. Students fill in their personal numbers for each pattern. She will also provide a pattern for each that has "standard" numbers and measurements (although we all know no one is "standard"). Cost: \$35.00.

Please let Barbara Albeck know what workshops you would like to see given in the future. If you have a special talent, perhaps you'd like to offer a workshop. Barbara wants to know what you, as members, would like to learn - or teach. Please e-mail her at Barbalbeck@msn.com or call 520-831-3242. Thank you. If a workshop is \$20.00 or less, you need to pay for it in full when you sign up. If the workshop is over \$20.00, you need to give a 50% deposit to hold your space in that workshop. Please make checks payable to MSWG.

June 25-July 1, 2011

Susan Thompson & Sally Hall of **Spirited Hands Studio** will be hosting an Artist from Australia. Her website is www.Martienvanzuilen.com. A 3 day workshop will cost \$275.00. Let us know if you wish to be on the list for the workshops. For more information contact Sally Hall 520-296-2642, feltingmagic@gmail.com

July 21-24, 2011

Intermountain Weavers Conference: A conference for Fiber Artists at Fort Lewis College in beautiful Durango, CO. Save the date. We look forward to amazing instructors and amazing opportunities to revel in fiber. Workshops will be given by nationally renowned instructors. Come see vendor market exhibits, and Fiber Celebrated 2011. Membership in IWC entitles you to reduced conference rates and early registration notification. Registration begins in January. Join now at www.intermountainweavers.org.

November 11 and 12, 2011

Silver City Fiber Arts Festival: A 2-day celebration of all things fiber at 2011 Grant County Conference Center. For more information scfiberartsfestival@gmail.com

July 15 to July 21, 2012

Long Beach, CA, HGA's Convergence® conference 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. **Instructors:** We invite teachers and workshop leaders to submit proposals for workshops, studio classes, hands-on seminars, and short lectures. For more information click here [Convergence 2012](#)

Advertising

The Woolgatherer

The Woolgatherer is published monthly (except in August) by the Tucson Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc. **Deadlines** for submissions to the newsletter are the Saturday following regular meetings and the Saturday following the 4th Wednesday of June and August. Submissions are welcome and may be submitted in email or as a Word attachment. All copy ready. All submissions go to newsletter@thsg.org

Advertising rate				
Size	Members		Non-members	
	1 issue	6 issues	1 issue	6 issues
Business card	\$4.50	\$22.50	\$8	\$40
¼ page	\$5.50	\$27.50	\$10	\$50
½ page	\$7.50	\$37.50	\$15	\$75

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**GUATEMALA** — *“TEXTILES & TRADITION* OCT. 23-NOV 4, 2011

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