

*Tucson Handweavers & Spinners Guild, a fiber arts community*



# The Woolgatherer

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## President's Message

By Brenda Kelley

Good Morning Fellow Fiber Enthusiasts

Spring is now just around the corner and we have lots of opportunities to be visible to our community. Starting March 4<sup>th</sup> we have our "MEET-UP" at Bookmans on 3733 W Ina from 1:00 to 3:00. Join us for a fun filled afternoon of demonstrating (bring your spinning, knitting, rigid heddle, tapestry loom, etc) and the opportunity to speak with people who are curious about what we are doing. You don't have to bring anything to work on; you can just come and visit. If you are a new member, this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your fiber family and bring a friend too.

The Book Festival is in March and I know a lot of you attend. Think about wearing something you created or something with the THSG Logo. This is just one way we can advertise to our community.

The Pima County Fair is in April and we'll need volunteers to staff our table. Go to the THSG website and sign up. However, I am hoping some of you have decided to submit your work for display at the Fair. The deadline for entry forms is March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please go to the Pima County Fair website and click on the "premium book" tab for all the information.

"Oh My" weaving, spinning, knitting, embellishing, dyeing and so much more. If you know of an opportunity for THSG to be visible, please contact me, Brenda Kelley at [bkkloom2@aol.com](mailto:bkkloom2@aol.com). Let's be the leader in fiber arts in Tucson.

Brenda

## Membership

Welcome to new members **Debra Egli-Flanagan, Karen Mowinski, and Audrey Smith**. Our membership campaign is finished. If you forgot to renew your membership you can still renew. New members are welcome any time. You can find a membership form on our website under the membership tab, [www.thsg.org](http://www.thsg.org). There is a form that can be completed online and one that can be printed out and mail to the address on the form.

## Standards Committee Jurying

Jurying dates remaining for 2016-2017:

March 13, 2017

April 10, 2017

May 8, 2017

If no one requests jurying by the day before the jurying dates, jurying will be canceled for that month.

## Saturday, March 4, 2017

### Meet Up

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## **Library News**

The library has **finally** found a new home, one usable that will serve our guild members. The search for a workable space has been ongoing since it was placed in storage last Spring. In its new location it will predictably be easier to reach than the remote address at the Moore-Mortimer Residence on Harrison Road (northeastern Tucson). Our new address is 1690 N Stone Avenue, and it is on the first floor. Gratitude and applause here should go to Brenda for her unrelenting search to find a suitable location, this one.

The room itself is larger than the former one. The building, recently renovated, is clean and updated offering THSG a functioning environment in which our members will have safe, easy access to the resources within this extensive and valuable collection.

What does our collection offer?

- circulating books
- reference books
- Access to circulating issues of current subscriptions to fiber related periodicals
- Access to circulating copies of periodicals no longer published
- DVD's covering every (department of fiber art), and our history
- VHS tapes on fiber topics to be borrowed. A VHS player for in-house library viewing

This wonderful library does not come without a financial cost. Making the most use of this collection should be our members' goal. We urge each and every guild member to make the most of our new location and what it contains.

To encourage such usage our plan is to make specific hours available once a week, one of them right after the monthly guild meeting. These hours will be posted on our website in advance, to be determined at a future date. Volunteers will be needed to staff these hours. There are many tasks that should or could make for greater efficiency in several directions once we are operational, BUT FIRST we have a move to plan. To that end we are circulating a sign-up sheet. Hopefully it can be done in one full day. Two are set aside, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> to see which provides for the greatest number of volunteers.

## **TH&SG Supports the Longhouse Weaving Studio in Ajo, Arizona Submitted by Lura Moore**

The last of January, I got an e-mail from a lady, Helen, living in Ajo. She was inquiring about the small Dorsett loom we had posted on the website. I called her back that day. She explained that she and some other ladies were trying to start a weaving studio to teach ladies how to weave. One of the ladies had bought a small church to serve as the studio. The organizers had the knowledge, but very little equipment to use for a growing number of enthusiastic students. I said that we had just sold the Dorsett, but we had other looms at reasonable prices, plus lots of weaving equipment and yarns. I told her our Guild would love to help support their project and when could she come to check out our storage bin? She called back that evening and said she and several other folks would drive over the next day, Sunday, arriving at noon. They would have a truck with a large trailer. I provided her with Ina Road Self Storage address.

They arrived early and grabbed some lunch at Nico's. I met them there -3 very excited ladies and a very helpful gentleman. Such enthusiasm as I opened the units to reveal our Guild's bounty!

We set up tables and dragged things out into the sunshine. It was such a delight to see how much they appreciated the many things we had to offer. They bought the table loom, the 48" Norwood, 2 inkle looms, a warping board, bobbin winders, 2 harness demo looms, shuttles, bobbins and other supplies. I offered them some yarns and they selected 6 bins of assorted fiber. Things got packed up securely and after about 2 hours, they were ready to take off with Guild flyers, workshop info and business cards in hand. We collected about \$1,000.00 and had the great satisfaction of bringing others into our Fiber Arts World.

## Many Benefits of Guild Membership \$40.00 a year ....What a bargain!

### \*FRIENDSHIPS and SENSE OF BELONGING

- \*Getting to know others with similar interests
- \*Opportunities to learn about, appreciate and study a variety of fiber art skills (Study Groups)
- \*Access to an impressive Fiber Arts Library
- \*Significant discounts on workshops presented by local and nationally known fiber artists.
- \*Opportunity to attend programs on skills, techniques and travel presented by local and nationally known fiber artists
- \*Opportunities to host nationally known artists
- \*Support and encouragement when learning new skills
- \*Sharing your work with an enthusiastic audience (show and tell)
- \*Weekly and Monthly postings to inform members about many fiber-related events and activities
- \*Loaner Loom Program – borrow weaving looms/supplies
- \*Opportunity to work side by side with other talented fiber artists to achieve common goals
- \*Opportunity to participate in an Outreach Program to educate others about Fiber Arts.
- \*Monthly Raffles ...great prizes
- \*Opportunity to have your art in a marketplace under the Guild's umbrella.
- \*Educational Field Trips
- \*Fun Potlucks twice a year
- \*Stash Sales- great prices on fiber arts equipment and supplies

### Community Outreach Report

#### Enter Your Fiber Work in the April 20-30, 2017 Pima County Fair

THSG President Brenda Kelley and Outreach Chair Laura Wittman would like to encourage guild members to enter their work in the Pima County Fair. From the Pima County Fair website, "*All the Communities of Pima County, and nearby friends and families are invited to enter their items of interest in competition at The Pima County Fair.*" There are a number of divisions in both the Fine Arts Entries category and the Home Arts Entries category that could encompass the beautiful work done by THSG members. Judging is done by the Danish System, under which each entry is judged on its own merit rather than in competition. Entry fees range from \$1 to \$5 per entry. Entry forms must be postmarked by **March 10** and the actual physical entries will be received on April 14 and 15. For rules, judging categories, applications and fees, go to <http://www.pimacountyfair.com/premium-book> and choose "Home Arts" or "Fine Arts" under "Premium Book/Entries".

#### Share Your Love of Fiber Arts and Inspire Others at the Pima County Fair

As part of our Outreach efforts, Tucson Handweavers and Spinners Guild will demonstrate fiber arts in the Old Pueblo Hall at the Pima County Fair on Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23, 2017. We are looking for volunteers willing to demonstrate the fiber craft of their choice and interact with fair visitors. Demonstrators are welcome to bring either a piece that only they will work on or a project that members of the public can try. If you have an idea for a hands-on craft for fair visitors and need help with materials, please contact Outreach Chair Laura Wittman at MyWitt20@aol.com.

The time slots for both days at the fair are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. People can sign up for a whole day if they wish. Volunteers will have opportunities to explore the other exhibits at the fair and get food during their shift.

Sign up electronically on the THSG website (thsg.org) . To do so, go to the MEMBERS AREA tab and click on the ON-LINE SIGN UP FORM link. **Please include the skill you will be demoing by listing it behind you last name.** If you wish to stay the entire day, put your name in both slots for that day.

## THSG Board Members 2016-2017

### Officers:

<b>President</b>	Brenda Kelley	<b>Standards Chair</b>	Jill Holbrook
<b>Co-President</b>	Open	<b>Members</b>	Donna Andersen
<b>1<sup>st</sup> VP</b>	Mary Alice Wagner		Natalie Furrey
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP</b>	Diana Manning		Karen Herhold
<b>Secretary</b>	Jody Williams		Marcia Molter
	Marcia Fleming		Carol Nelson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Janet Davis		Elaine Ross

## Appointees

<b>Arizona Federation</b>	Brenda Kelly
<b>Community Outreach</b>	Laura Wittman
<b>Historian</b>	Suzy Swann
<b>Hospitality</b>	Linda Fernandez
<b>Librarian</b>	Adrienne Moore-Mortimer
<b>Meet and Greet</b>	Cynthia McDaniel
<b>Membership</b>	Nellie Ziegler
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Mickey Pennington
<b>Philanthropy</b>	Jane Gilbreath
<b>Sales Event Coordinator</b>	Lura Moore
<b>Social Media: Facebook</b>	Lita Doeskin
<b>Ravelry</b>	Diana Manning
<b>Sunshine Committee</b>	Marcia Fleming
<b>Update Editor</b>	Joyce Boyle
<b>Electronic Media</b>	Lita Doeskin
<b>Workshops</b>	Maddie Tsurusaki

## Study Group Coordinators 2016-2017

<b>Business Building</b>	Linda Dewey	<a href="mailto:ldewey2020@gmail.com">ldewey2020@gmail.com</a>
<b>Clothing</b>	Judith Segel	<a href="mailto:jsegel@rain.org">jsegel@rain.org</a>
<b>Dye</b>	Pat Merritt.....	<a href="mailto:santaritarugs@gmail.com">santaritarugs@gmail.com</a>
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<b>Knitting</b>	Marcia Molter	<a href="mailto:m.a.molter@att.net">m.a.molter@att.net</a>
<b>Porrey Cross</b>	Margery Langner	<a href="mailto:margerylangner@comcast.net">margerylangner@comcast.net</a>
<b>Rug Weaving</b>	Rowie Welch	<a href="mailto:rowiew2@gmail.com">rowiew2@gmail.com</a>
<b>Spinning</b>	Jill Holbrook	<a href="mailto:jillholbrook@earthlink.net">jillholbrook@earthlink.net</a>
<b>Surface Design</b>	Vicki France	<a href="mailto:dancin.tucson@gmail.com">dancin.tucson@gmail.com</a>
<b>Tapestry</b>	Maddie Tsurusaki	<a href="mailto:msmarplescat@gmail.com">msmarplescat@gmail.com</a>

## Calendar for THSG Events

There is **no meeting** scheduled for the **Fiber Doll Making and Costuming Study Group**. At this time, there are no Fiber Doll Making and Costuming study group meetings planned. Please contact Benda Kelley at [bkkloom2@aol.com](mailto:bkkloom2@aol.com) for further information.

### Wednesday, March 1, 2017

**Felting Study Group** will meet from 9:30-12:30 at Spirited Hands Studio, 851 N. Corinth Ave, Tucson, AZ. Our meeting will be an exploration into a new area using **mulberry paper** in your felt-work! Susan and Sally will be sharing this surprising technique. Bring your regular felting kit and a few different colors of wool roving. Please plan to contribute \$1.00 for supplies. We will have coffee, tea, and water. Snacks are welcome. Newbies are always welcome to visit. Special...We will have a quick visit from the Phoenix Felt Study Group! They are taking a field trip together and we are one of their stops. So fun to meet other Arizona Felt Fanatics! Looking forward to this meeting. Please RSVP to Sally Hall or Susan Thompson [Feltingmagic@gmail.com](mailto:Feltingmagic@gmail.com) so we may plan.

### Friday, March 3, 2017

**Dye Study Group** will meet at 9:00 a.m. at [Amphi Baptist Church](#) on Prince Road. Remember to enter from King street which is one street north of Prince. We will be in the large meeting room next to the gym. We will have a workshop by Pat Merritt doing immersion dyeing with Pro Chem acid dyes and stock solutions. Protein fibers, 2 and 3 color mixes, record keeping, proper measuring & variegated yarns. Please RSVP if you would like to attend so we can be sure to have enough fiber to distribute to study group members as samples. Please contact Pat at [santaritarugs@gmail.com](mailto:santaritarugs@gmail.com), handouts will be emailed in advance so they can be printed out by attendees. Workshop size limited so please RSVP to Pat at [santaritarugs@gmail.com](mailto:santaritarugs@gmail.com)

### Saturday, March 4, 2017

**Meet Up:** Get together with other THSG members for an informal couple of hours of socializing and working on your fiber craft! Come to the next THSG meet-up from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Bookman's 3733 W Ina Rd.

### Wednesday, March 8, 2017

**Business Building Study Group** will meet at 9:30-11:30 am. We hope to meet in the new conference room where the Library will be located. Watch your email or website for a confirmation of the meeting address. The meeting will focus on talking to customers. Consider these issues: What do you say when someone approaches you at an art show? How do you keep them engaged without being too pushy (or not pushy enough? How do you "ask" for the sale? How do you describe your work and process? How do you respond to criticism? How do you get rid of someone who is taking up too much time? How do you respond to comments that indicate they could get the same thing for less at discount store – or make it easily? Feel free to bring other updates and issues to discuss with the group. The group welcomes all members who market or are considering marketing their creations. Each meeting starts with updates from group members and you're welcome to bring any questions you have about marketing your work to the group. Our goal is to help each other by sharing our knowledge and experience. Contact Linda Dewey for additional information [ldewey2020@gmail.com](mailto:ldewey2020@gmail.com)

### Thursday, March 9, 2017

**Surface Design Study Group** will meet from 10:00-12:00 p.m. at the Amphi Baptist Church, 226 W. Prince Road. Please use entrance off of King Street. Linda Dewey will be leading us in a needle felting project. Here's a list of supplies that group members might want to bring from their stash & supplies for the needle felting. She has extra of everything, so no-one should need to buy anything. If you are new to needle felting just come and we will have plenty of supplies to share: felting needle, dense foam pad, roving, fleece, yarn to needle felt into your piece, and felt or other fabric as the "canvas" (Mine is usually about 6 inches square) Linda usually creates wall hangings and pictures using the needle felting technique. Others have decorated bags, jackets or sweaters, vases, etc. - only limited by the imagination (which this group has plenty of!!) Contact Vicki France at [dancin.tucson@gmail.com](mailto:dancin.tucson@gmail.com) for additional information.

### **Friday, March 10, 2017**

**Porrey Cross Weaving** will meet at 10 AM at the home of Diane Bootes. Co-hosts are Chotard Doll and Donna Fischer. Please RSVP to Diane before Tuesday, March 7th. All Guild members are welcome to join us. Also, please remember to bring your contribution for the pot-luck salad, and your items for show and tell. For information email: [margerylangner@comcast.net](mailto:margerylangner@comcast.net)

### **Saturday, March 11, 2017**

**Tapestry Study Group** will meet at 9:30 a.m. at our regular location of the UofA Ag Center. Let's have a working session this month. Bring your portable looms, supplies and instruction books so we can share ideas and techniques as we all weave together. For information contact Maddie Tsurusaki at [msharplescat@gmail.com](mailto:msharplescat@gmail.com)

**Knitting Study Group** will meet from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Topic is "Swatching," presented by Jill Holbrook. After the presentation will be time for show-n-tell, sharing current projects and accomplishments. Assistance on knitting projects will be available. Location is the UofA Ag Center modular classroom. From Campbell, turn west on Roger road. Just past the first field on the right is a gravel road. Turn right. Silos are directly in front of you and modular classroom is on your right. For more information contact Marcia Molter at [m.a.molter@att.net](mailto:m.a.molter@att.net).

### **Monday, March 13, 2017**

**Crochet Study Group** will meet from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Goodkind. Please RSVP for the March meeting so Sandy can notify the gate attendant to let you through. [sand.goodkind@gmail.com](mailto:sand.goodkind@gmail.com) (please consult Members Roster at <http://www.thsg.org/members-area> for address) and contact Donna Daniel [donna@desertmonastery.org](mailto:donna@desertmonastery.org) for additional information.

### **Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

**Rug Weaving Study** The last meeting of the Rug Weaving group was so much fun and entertaining and educational. We have been having a great Year. Our next meeting will be at 9:30am in the home of Enid Paulk. Consult <http://www.thsg.org/members-area> for address. We will be discussing fiber and other materials needed to weave a rug. If interested please contact Rowie Welch at [rowiew2@gmail.com](mailto:rowiew2@gmail.com)

### **Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

**THSG Board Meeting** will meet at 9:30 AM. Board meetings are held at the modular classroom opposite the silos on the UA Ag farm at Roger and Campbell. Guild members who wish to attend should send a message to [president@thsg.org](mailto:president@thsg.org) to request inclusion on the agenda.

### **Friday, March 17, 2017**

**Clothing Study Group** will meet at 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon Ward III Council Office, 1510 E. Grant Road, Tucson, AZ Diana Manning will do a Sari dressing workshop at Clothing Study. If you want to come and participate, wear a t-shirt and something on the bottom that isn't too bulky. Diana will bring a Sari for each person so you must RSVP so Diana can have a count. Diana has a sari collection and she knows how they are to be worn. This will expand our horizons. Show & Tell and Problem Solving will be on the agenda as usual. Any Guild member interested in making wearables is welcome. RSVP to Judith Segel, [jsegel@rain.org](mailto:jsegel@rain.org)

### **Wednesday, March 22, 2017**

**THSG General Meeting** will meet at 9:30 AM at St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church, 4440 N Campbell Ave on the corner of River and Campbell. Pamela MacGregor will present "Three Dimensional Felt." Snacks are provided and always welcomed!

**Spinning Study Group** will meet after the General Meeting at St. Phillips Episcopal Church at approximately 12:00 p.m. We are continuing our yearlong study of fiber blends. Edith Tanniru will be our presenter at our meeting with luscious fibers of alpaca and wool. Bring your hand carders, a pair of knitting needles and your wheel or spindle. All are welcome to participate or watch. See you there. Coordinator: Jill at [jillholbrook@earthlink.net](mailto:jillholbrook@earthlink.net)

### Friday, March 24, 2017

**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](mailto: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!**

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.thsg.org) in the members section under forms. Applications are submitted to THSG, Attn: Continuing Education, P.O. Box 65413, Tucson, AZ 85728

## THSG Workshops

THSG workshops fulfill a primary mission of our Guild: continuous learning about our arts and crafts. To that end, the Board offers individual grants of up to \$250 for continued education. To receive a grant, you must be a fully paid member for one year, and you may not have had a grant in the past three years. You are not limited to taking our workshops, but if you have your eye on a particular workshop, think about applying for a grant. The only requirement is that you share your experience in some way with the rest of the Guild. Applications are available on the website in the Member Handbook under Forms. If you have additional questions, contact the [Continuing Education Coordinator](#). **NB:** If a workshop fills, a waiting list will be started. Contact Maddie Tsurusaki at [workshops@thsg.org](mailto:workshops@thsg.org)

### Tentative Workshops for 2017-2018

<b>October 26-27</b>	Ric Rao	Natural Dyeing with Cotton
<b>November 6,13, 20</b>	Maggie Lancaster	Braided Wool Rugs
<b>November 16</b>	Galina Khmeleva	Russian Spindles and Plying Techniques
<b>December 7-8</b>	Ric Rao	Natural Dyes
<b>January 25-27</b>	Michael Cook	Six Slick Silks: Reeling & Throwing to Create Fabulous Silk Yarns
<b>February 5-9</b>	Marjolein Dallinga	More 3D Felt Techniques
<b>February 17-19</b>	Rosalie Nielsen	It's in the Warp: Color & Design in Rep Weave
<b>March 25-27</b>	Tom Knisely	Deflected Doubleweave
<b>April 26-27</b>	Robyn Spady	Software Seminar on PCW Weaves

## THSG Speakers 2017-2018 Season

<b>September 27</b>	Handweavers Guild of America representative
<b>October 25</b>	Ric Rao                      Topic TBD
<b>November 15</b>	Galina Khemelva            Oremburg Lace: Then and Now
<b>December 20</b>	Pot Luck & Stash Sale
<b>January 24</b>	Michael Cook                Moth to Cloth
<b>February 28</b>	THSG Treasures
<b>March 28</b>	Tom Knisely                    Taking a Look at Japanese Textiles
<b>April 25</b>	Robyn Spady                 Taming of the Hue
<b>May 23</b>	Pot Luck

Sign-ups should begin in April but watch for current information in the **Weekly Update!**

### Thursday, March 23 – Saturday, March 25, 2017

#### Felted Teapots

**Instructor:** [Pamela MacGregor](#)

**Date:** Thursday, March 23 – Saturday, March 25, 2017 (3 days)

**Location:** Tanque Verde Lutheran Church

**Time:** 9 am – 4 pm

**Cost:** \$246\* for THSG members; \$343 for nonmembers  
Supported by a generous grant from the **Esther Hughes Memorial Fund**

**Materials Fee:** \$45 at time of posting but may change

**Level:** Intermediate. Skill with laying out wool and working with a resist is mandatory.

**Maximum # of students:** 12



**Instructor Information:** Pamela is a retired art teacher,

living on a small farm just outside of scenic Grand Rapids, Ohio. Since her retirement, she has become impassioned with traditional wet felting. She finds traditional felting energizing in its versatility and the medium pushes her into constant and exciting engineering challenges. Pamela has been teaching felting classes in her studio as well as classes nationally and internationally. Her work has been exhibited in international and national invitational art shows and is in private collections.

**Workshop Description:** This Felted Teapot 3 day class will focus on creating a beautiful, although non-functional, felted teapot. You will learn how to make a well-fitting stopper/top, a sturdy handle and discuss additional elements including how to make and add feet. Each teapot will be unique: your teapot could have a double spout or a double spout with a handle to make it a Native American wedding vessel. There will be time for discussion on the many possibilities and combinations for creating any teapot. Many of the discussions and demonstrations will also relate to making vessels though this will not be the focus of the class.

**Materials and Supplies:** Supply and material lists will be sent as class date approaches. Students will be ordering Finnish wool (this is Pam's mandatory preference for this workshop) before the workshop. THSG will help with this ordering process. Students will supply their own merino wool and other items for embellishment on the top layer of the teapot.

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@thsq.org](mailto:workshops@thsq.org).

## Calendar for Events of Interest



**Now through July 9, 2017**

**“Weaving in New Mexico: The Ancestral Puebloan and Rio Grande Traditions” is in the Museum’s Traditions Gallery  
New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum  
Las Cruces, NM**

**For a detailed description please go to the Museum’s website  
<http://www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org/current.php>**

**Currently Through Summer 2017**

***Worn as Art:  
Reversible Capes***  
Phoenix Airport  
Terminal 3



Arizona Fiber Artist Eleanor Bostwick created these capes over the last 30 years.  
[Capes](#)

**January 8-March 28, 2017**

**Spirited Hands Studio’s First Solo Fiber Show**

Join us for refreshments and Grand Opening... 11:30-1:30 Sunday, January 8, 2017 Show will be up through March 28, 2017 Questions: contact Sally Hall or Susan Thompson 873-7388 Location: Sonoran Desert Center For Spiritual Living 2450 Territory Lane, Amado, Az. Take **EXIT 48** off I-19 Go east under highway (From Tucson, turn left) Continue onto Territory Ranch Area on your right. Turn right into the Placita del Sol Ranch. Green trimmed and roofed buildings—the largest building is the Show

**February, 2017**  
**Spirited Hands Studio**  
**Tucson, AZ**

Spirited Hands Studio has an offering of workshops for 2017 starting with Felting 101. Learn the basics of the how's and why's of the ancient art of felt making. Create a sampler plus one additional project. For this class the additional project is Fabulous Felted Flowers. All materials are included. Spirited Hands offers a discount to THSG members. For a complete list of workshops and relevant information go to their website <http://www.spiritedhandsstudio.com/2017workshopsignups.html>

**March 5, 6 & 7, 2017**  
**Catharine Ellis - Woven Shibori Workshop**  
**Northtown Community Center, Phoenix**

Catharine Ellis is the originator of the woven shibori process and has written two books on the subject. She has been a weaver, dyer, and teacher for over 40 years. This workshop is for weavers who are interested in transforming their work through dyeing. Participants will learn to create an indigo dyepot, and use shibori techniques on their own loom in this 3 day workshop. More info about woven shibori here: [http://www.ellistextiles.com/woven\\_shibori/](http://www.ellistextiles.com/woven_shibori/) Contact Jeanne Forrest; [rdjforrest@yahoo.com](mailto:rdjforrest@yahoo.com) or Karen Stromberg; [kastromberg@gmail.com](mailto:kastromberg@gmail.com) for more details. A deposit of \$100 reserves your spot

**March 10-14, 2017**  
**Olds College Master Spinner Program**  
**Level One**

Are you interested in taking your basic knowledge of fiber, textiles, and spinning to the next level? Internationally recognized as one of the best fibre arts programs by weavers, spinners and textile artists everywhere, The Olds College Master Spinner Program Level One course is being offered in Tucson March 10-14, 2017. Please note, **THIS IS NOT A BEGINNING SPINNING COURSE**. Students are required to be comfortable with the basic operation of a spinning wheel. Click here for more information and to register: <https://www.oldscollege.ca/continuing-education/fibre/master-spinner-program/>

If you have additional questions regarding the course in Tucson, contact Jill Holbrook at [jillholbrook@earthlink.net](mailto:jillholbrook@earthlink.net) for more information. More participants are needed to make this a go so please sign up and pass the information onto other interested parties.

**Friday & Saturday, March 10-11, 2017**  
**Texture Galore with a Twist**  
**Spirited Hands Studio**  
**Tucson, AZ**

Spirited Hands Studio presents **TEXTURE GALORE with a TWIST** We will be making fabulous white-on-white vessels and exploring surface design with silks, barks, ruffles, pods—3D fun! We will then play with "watercolor painting" the vessel and let it rest overnight. The next 1/2 day, we'll do those all important finishing techniques and embellishing. You'll go home with an extraordinary vessel and some wonderful new techniques to add to your felting repertoire!

TIME: Day 1 -- 9:00-2:30 Day 2 --9:00-12:00  
 LOCATION: 851 N. Corinth Ave Tucson, AZ 85710  
 CONTACTS: Sally Hall or Susan Thompson 520-873-7388  
 COST: \$150.00 (THSG members receive 10% discount)

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For additional information and to sign up go to [www.spiritedhandsstudio.com](http://www.spiritedhandsstudio.com)

**INTERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS CONFERENCE**  
**A CONFERENCE FOR FIBER ARTISTS**  
**Durango, CO**  
**JULY 27-30, 2017**



This is the year for you to "Fill Your Hearts With Fiber Arts" at our fiber arts conference in Durango, Colorado. We have gathered an exciting group of teachers and vendors for you and I hope you are able to join us. Your registration book and registration form are now available. The registration book has all the conference details: daily schedules, course descriptions, housing, events, contacts, etc. The registration form details fees and methods of payment. [CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION BOOK](#) [CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM](#) *Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. on February 1, 2017.* Many classes fill quickly, so be sure to register as soon as possible. Members receive priority registration and discounted fees. If you are not already a member, you may join IWC at the same time as you register for the conference on the registration form. You may also access the registration book, the registration form and the membership application at [www.intermountainweavers.org](http://www.intermountainweavers.org) Contact [registration@intermountainweavers.org](mailto:registration@intermountainweavers.org) with questions.

**August 3-6, 2017**  
**Making Our Mark**  
**Surface Design Association of America**  
**Portland, OR**

Registration for the 2017 SDA Conference **Making Our Mark: SDA at 40** is now open! Join us August 3-6 in Portland, Oregon for conversation, demonstrations, networking and celebration-and don't forget, it's our birthday!

A wonderful array of speakers and presenters will guide us as we explore contemporary topics and trends in the field of fibers and textile-based media. Keynotes include [Josh Faught](#), [Sheila Pepe](#), [Aram Han Sifuentes](#), and ACC Fiber Fellow [Jane Lackey](#). Breakout sessions and demo presenters will feature [Aaron Macintosh](#), [Pat Courtney Gold](#), [Shelley Socolofsky](#), [Jo Hamilton](#), [Susan Stover](#), [Jorie Johnson](#), and [Wildcraft Studio School](#), among others.

We'll look at cutting edge wearables at the Fashion + Technology panel, in addition to demos in the state-of-the-art FabLab and Weaving studios at OCAC. And we will offer a focused glimpse into 40 years of SDA with *Crossing Generations*, an exhibition glimpsing the past, present and future of fibers curated by Jane Sauer. All set in beautiful downtown Portland, Oregon, on the campuses of [Portland State University](#) and [Oregon College of Art and Craft](#), offering some of the best in Pacific Northwest galleries, museums, and dining.

Check the website for ongoing programming, event, and exhibition updates. Space is limited, so register early! [www surfacedesign.org](http://www surfacedesign.org)



The Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. will present Convergence<sup>®</sup>, our international fiber arts conference, in Reno, Nevada July 6-12, 2018 at the Peppermill Resort. With more than 1,500 participants, HGA's biennial Convergence<sup>®</sup> Conference is a multi-faceted experience with exhibitions, shopping, fashion show, tours, workshops, seminars, lectures, and more. We are excited to share with our members and fellow fiber enthusiasts all that Reno and Northern Nevada has to offer. Nestled at the base of the magnificent Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, Reno's dry, mild climate with more than 250 days of sunshine makes it attractive to visitors year round. The city is accessible by car, train, or the newly renovated airport - just an 8-minute drive with complimentary shuttle provided by the Peppermill Resort. At the Peppermill Resort we will be able to house our entire Convergence<sup>®</sup> conference in one space. The Peppermill offers guests 12 dining options from authentic Chinese and Italian to seafood, steaks, sushi and the convenience of 24-hour room service; free parking; and their rooms have been selected as the "Best Reno Hotel Rooms" year after year.

We hope you will make plans to join us in Reno for Convergence<sup>®</sup> 2018. Stay connected for more updates as they become available by following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

**February 24, 2018 is Federation Day**  
**Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guild**

The Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners is a statewide organization developed to promote and assist in the fiber arts community. One of our on-going projects is to provide a resource list for all the guilds in the state of teachers/lecturers available for the guilds to utilize for programs and workshops throughout the year. We would love to add you to our list of potential programs/lectures/workshops available. If you would be interested in being listed in the directory, please fill out the attached form and either email or mail to Mary Humme (the coordinator of the registry). If you would like to participate, please go to [www.azfed.org](http://www.azfed.org) and fill out the form. This is just one way we can assist the fiber arts in our state.

**THSG COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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 Laura Wittman [mywitt20@aol.com](mailto:mywitt20@aol.com) if interested in working with the Community Outreach Committee.

**Notes and News**

**Diane Bootes, Ribbon Winner!!**

Our very own Diane Bootes was awarded the Speakers Choice ribbon at the recently held Tucson Quilters Guild Fiesta Show at the Tucson Community Center. Her work was titled "Midnight Garden" and, for those of us who saw it up close and personal, it was exquisite and well deserving of this honor. Congratulations, Diane!!!

## "Handweaving.net Subscriptions

We have added a new subscription system to Handweaving.net where a low-cost subscription is needed to view and download full drafts. Much of the site continues to be completely free including basic draft access, the digital archive of weaving documents, and more. For more information, please see:

<https://www.handweaving.net/subscription>

Over the past two years, our site visits have more than doubled, which is great, but donations have not always kept pace with this. We have also added some new features and Internet infrastructure to support, all of which increases the cost to provide the site while creating a better experience for you. We are hoping to exist long-term and to soon be able to expand Handweaving.net significantly with both features and new content. Please consider supporting us with a subscription to help. Without you, this site would not be possible!

Anyone who supported us in any way since the beginning of 2016 already has a free one-year subscription if we could find a Handweaving.net account for you. If you supported us recently but do not see a complimentary annual subscription upon logging in, please contact us to receive this."

### **HoTArt Events News: Changes Coming in 2017**

HoTArt Board members met in December and discussed the option of either putting an end to HoTArt completely or reorganizing in new ways in the coming year. This discussion came out of results from the fall 2016 Open Studios Tour. The website [HeartofTucsonArt.org](http://HeartofTucsonArt.org) will soon undergo changes to reflect participation categories, and to allow artists to register for upcoming events. You heard it here first! Please go to the website for details of changes and upcoming events. Heart of Tucson Artists are ready for the new year!

### **"Sorting Party," a Big Success!**

BIG THANK YOUs to Janet Davis, Mary Alice Wagner, Rowie Welch, Roxanne DeLorme Diane Bootes, Linda Fernandez, Zarah Abbott, Mary Weinzirl, Maddie Tsurasaki and Susan Morse for attending our "party"

We worked for about 3 hours a day on Monday and Thursday of last week to accomplish our goals!

At least 3 dozen bins of fiber, plus equipment was sorted. Acrylic yarns were gathered for our members who represent charitable knitting projects, Assorted yarns and notions were gathered for the Upcycle Store and several loads of "stuff" went into the dumpster.

We found additional weaving supplies and outreach samples in the bins plus at least 2 dozen bins of pristine and colorful yarns and fibers for a Mega Yarn Sale.

The secondary goal ...to clear out the 10 X 10 unit was also accomplished...Yeah!

Now we have (2) 10 X 20 spaces.....one for all our display and event stuff, workshop supplies and our 6 loaner looms, the other for all donated goods!

**Philanthropy:** Each year the Tucson Handweavers and Spinners Guild considers requests for donations to nonprofit organizations whose missions are fiber related. A request for donation must be submitted by a TSHG member in good standing on behalf of such an organization. This year, applications will be accepted through the February General Meeting. Awards will be announced at the May General Meeting. The Philanthropic Donations Application Form can be found on the TH&SG website, Members Area, Forms and Applications section. Instructions are included on the form. Completed forms may be submitted to the Philanthropy Coordinator by mail or at the February General Meeting. Criteria for the organization for which the request is being made: Must be not-for-profit and mission must be fiber related (whole or in part). Preference is given, in order, to: Local organizations (Tucson/Southern Arizona area), Arizona based organizations (including the Four Corners area), and Other organizations.

**The Dye Study Group is seeking donations.** The Dye Study Group could use the following perishable and nonperishable items. Any donations will be helpful. Please bring your items to the study group meetings or the information meetings posted for January. If you have questions or want to just tell us what you have, contact Pat Merritt at [santaritarugs@gmail.com](mailto:santaritarugs@gmail.com).

1. A scale with a fairly large platform (like 6" square say) that will measure items to a 0.1 gram weight.
2. Portable butane stove burners.
3. Heavy gauge stainless steel dye pots.
4. Big stainless steel spoons. We could use a couple of different sizes up to 13" length.
5. Several tri-pour beakers. For example: 250 ml, 1000 ml sizes
6. Weigh boats
7. Graduated cylinders. For example: 100 ml, 250 ml sizes
8. Measuring spoons, glass measuring cups (like the Pyrex ones)
9. Portable spin dryers
10. PH test paper — example: Hydrion
11. Textile detergent — examples: Professional Textile Detergent, Prosapol, Synthrapol
12. Hand cleaner — example: Reduran
13. Latex free gloves

**Publicity** THSG is happy to be listed in the inaugural issue of "Undercover Arts", the new arts and cultural resource directory published by Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance. Look for free copies around town and learn more about our vibrant cultural environment in Southern Arizona! The new magazine features information about artists, arts & crafts festivals, community events, galleries and programs and so much more!

## Advertising

**The Woolgatherer** The Woolgatherer 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](mailto:newsletter@thsg.org). Members are reminded and encouraged to post items for sale for free in the Arizona Federation Forum [forum@lists.azfed.org](mailto:forum@lists.azfed.org).

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## LOOM FOR SALE

The loom is 22 in. Harrisville, 4 harness, 6 treadle. Asking \$450. It is located in the Voyager Resort which is at exit 270 off I-10 in Tucson. If interested please call Sandy at 360-683-6283 or 520-574-5194

