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Tucson Handweavers and Spinners Guild

February 2009

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President's Message

Dear Guild Members,

I want to thank Judith Billings for running the January general meeting for me. I have had many positive remarks about how nicely Judith led the meeting. I am sorry to have missed the January general meeting but I am looking forward to February's meeting.

The Fashion Show is coming together so nicely under Betty Headrick's direction. Many of you are working on garments, educational displays, the boutique, the raffle and other committee projects. I KNOW it will be a wonderful event enjoyed by all. This is our Guild's chance to strut our stuff on the runway. The garments we make are unique. We will dazzle the audience.

On the heels of the Fashion Show in March comes the April Invitational with the recycle theme. This is a tribute to Mae Olden Davison "make-do, yard sales and recycle found items" approach to art. I am looking forward to the pieces that come from our Guild's and Mae Olden's stashes. Your creativity never ceases to amaze me.

Goodbye January. Hello to the next few months and the chances for our Guild to shine.

Eileen Glennon

Calendar of THSG Events

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

Felt Study Group usually meets the first Tuesday of the month at Spirited Hands Studio, 851 N. Corinth (near Speedway/Wilmot intersection). Good-bye to the RUG. This meeting will feature photos of rug, the basket for raffle decoration and staging of table for Fashion show. Everyone welcome, come play. Contact: Susan and Sally, 296-2642 or suthomp@aol.com.

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Rug Study Group will meet at the home of Ellen Germann from 9:30 a.m. to noon. We will talk about the history and techniques of shaft switching and have the opportunity to see Ellen's Harrisville rug loom with the Collingwood shaft switching device. There will be time for Show and Tell as well as our usual "Help Me" session. Coordinator Ellen Germann: ecgermann@earthlink.net 529-0990.

Friday, February 13, 2009

Porrey Cross Study Group will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Rowie Welch's home with co-hosts Maggi Henthorne and Lynn Silberschlag. This is the final opportunity for Fashion Show garment submission. Following the business meeting will be Profile Draft/Block Weave presentations by Sarah Sammons, Judith Segel and Rebecca Fabos. Please RSVP to Rowie at 498-6474 or rowiew@yahoo.com by Tuesday, February 10 and don't forget to bring a component for the pot-luck salad lunch. Coordinator Lois Smolinski: loisweaves2@wbhsi.net

Saturday, February 14, 2009

The Tapestry Study Group will be at Gail Lively's house, 1376 N. Acacia Cliffs Court. Call Gail (300-4922) for directions. Completed life symbol tapestries will be mounted onto the frame. Please bring your piece and email Cindy your name, the title and description for your piece by February 7th for the labels. To submit work in its own frame or work in progress on the loom please bring your piece to the February guild meeting. Coordinator Cindy Brocius brocius@earthlink.net

Saturday, February 14, 2009

The Ranch Visits Murphy-Wilmot Library: The Spinning Study Group's creation, El Rancho de Rocinante – a miniature handspun, knit, crocheted, woven Arizona-style ranch – will be displayed at the Wilmot Library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is your chance if you have not seen this very fun display. THSG members will be there demonstrating. You can join them or just drop by to say hi. Contact Elaine Ross at mogoat@wbhsi.net or 825-3668.

Friday, February 20, 2009

Clothing Study Group will meet at the University Agricultural Center from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Our study this month is stripes and garment construction. Coordinator Rebecca Fabos: aqfabos@ieee.org or 544-3626.

Saturday, February 21, 2009

Spin-In at Kiwi Knitting Company, 2540 E. 6th St. at 1 p.m. or come early and have lunch at the Rincon Market. You won't want to miss this meeting as Amy Singer will be joining us. Amy is the author of *No Sheep for You* and the founder of knitty.com. She may be doing a book signing for Kiwi but she is just one of the spinners for us. This will be fun. She has a delightful sense of humor. Coordinator: jillholbrook@earthlink.net.

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

General Meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. at the Parish Hall of St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church, 3201 East Presidio. The Tapestry Study Group and Porrey Cross will present at Show and Share. Carolyn Webb will present "Vintage Knitting" for the program. Carolyn is a life-long knitter and collector of knitting tools and vintage patterns, books and knitted and crocheted items. The discussion will include knitting in America, from early days through the 1960s, with many examples of knitting and crochet to accompany her talk. There will be many items on display as well. Carolyn encourages members to bring any vintage items or books they may have as well, to be included in the discussion.

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Spinning Study Group will meet after the General Meeting. We will finally get to show, spin and talk about cashmere. Coordinator Jill Holbrook: jillholbrook@earthlink.net or 744-1926.

Friday, February 27, 2009

Surface Design Study Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. at U of A Ag Modular Classroom (located on the west side of Campbell Farm at Roger and Campbell). Coordinator: Merry Warner at 629-9729 warnerm@email.arizona.edu.

Saturday, February 28, 2009

Basketry Study Group will meet 9 a.m. to Noon at the UA AG Campus (Roger just west of Campbell. Bring the basket you are working on and don't forget to bring baskets you have made for Jeanie Wilson who will be overseeing our display at the Fashion Show. Coordinator Fran Belinky fbbsb35@comcast.net or 825-0179.

Friday - Sunday, March 27-29, 2009

Tucson Museum of Art Spring Market; Right on the heels of our fabulous Fashion Show is the TMA Spring Market. As always, volunteers for sales and demonstrations plus seller-participants are needed. There will be sign up sheets at the February meeting. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us there. Questions: contact Lura at 744-1926 or golfweaver@earthlink.net

TH&SG Workshops 2008-2009

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 20 – 22, 2009

Handmade Books and Boxes: Old Crafts/New Interpretations Full

New Workshop Date: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 21 – 22, 2009
Handmade Books and Boxes: Old Crafts/New Interpretations: This workshop will introduce you to the ancient art of hand bookbinding and box making. You will sew and bind several hard-cover books and construct and cover boxes, as you learn to create and use book cloth made from your own fabrics. Extensive manual of instructions, including directions for making projects, sources of information, as well as tools and material relating to the book arts will be provided. No experience needed. Instructor: Curt Dornberg. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Every Voice in Action, 2851 N. Country Club. Cost: \$145 Non-members: \$155. Materials fee: \$20

Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19, 2009

Spinning Workshop – Details coming soon

More workshops are in the works so stay tuned.....

Registration details are in the Handbook on page 20. Please remember to include your email, phone number, the name of the workshop and your check (made out to TH&SG). Mail to: Diane Bootes, 6740 N. Placita Manzanita, Tucson, AZ 85718. Questions? Call Diane at 529-4858 or email laughinggecko@comcast.net or Joyce Boyle sjbboyle@aol.com.

Calendar of Events of Interest

Saturday, February 14, 2009

Fiber-dyeing with Acid-based Dyes: Learn to dye wool and silk fibers with acid-based dyes. Mix and blend primary colors to create your very own hand-dyed fibers and set the dyes using a microwave oven so that you can easily do dyeing at home! Instructor: Donna Kaplan. 10:30-1:30 at Grandma's Spinning Wheel. Cost \$50.00 includes a kit of 5 colors. Please call 290-3738 to sign up.

Saturday, February 14 or March 28, 2009

Felted Bead and Necklace Workshop - Mark your calendar for either 'cause you won't want to miss this chance to learn from an award winning fiber artist! Carolyn Webb is coming to Kiwi to share her felting artistry with you! In this class you'll learn how easy and fun it is to make felted beads and a felted necklace to string them on. Using multiple colors and yarn embellishments you'll make beautiful, one-of-a-kind felted beads. then a felted necklace to string your new beads on, and wear it right out of the store!! Fun and easy to do. No felting experience necessary!!! Kit will be available in class. Cost: \$25 + \$5 for kit. 9 a.m. to noon. Call Kiwi Knitting Company to register: 881-1319.

Amy Singer Classes and Workshops hosted by Old Pueblo Knitters and Purls. Amy Singer is the founder of www.knitty.com and author of *No Sheep for You* – a wonderful book on many non –animal fibers for those who have allergies or just want to play with all the wonderful new fibers that are available now. This book is fun to read - as humorous as it is informative.

Monday, February 16, 2009

Amy Singer Plug-and-Play Shawl Design: In this class, Amy will give you a simple plug-and-play manual that will let you turn sock yarn (or any other fingering-weight yarn) into something gorgeous to wrap around your shoulders. Triangles and rectangular wrap options are offered, and the lace patterns are guaranteed easy-but-beautiful. This workshop provides the basis for designing your own lace shawls and an afternoon's instruction, feedback, and support as you work through your ideas. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (1 hour lunch break, bring a sack lunch) Fee: \$85 per person, or \$79 for OPK members (class maximum 15 people) Supplies: Contact Purls Tucson at (520) 296-6363 for supplies needed.

Thursday, February 19, 2009

Amy Singer No Sheep for You Lecture at St. Philips Episcopal Church, 4440 N. Campbell (at River). Hosted by Old Pueblo Knitters, this lecture will be the program and will follow a short business meeting that will begin at 9:30 a.m. Learn the ins and outs of fibers that aren't wool and never had four legs. We'll learn about cotton, linen, hemp, bamboo, lyocell, rayon, soy, the new synthetics and more, plus the most delicious non-wool of all: silk. Learn about the GeeKY thing [hint: it involves knitting]. It's the tool that will help you to how to substitute non-wool fibers when the pattern calls for wool and get a great result. Here's a secret - its WAY more than matching the gauge. All THSG members are invited.

Thursday, February 19, 2009

Amy Singer Tuscany Shawl Class – Learn to love lace without fear: Amy will introduce us to the joys of knitting lace the easy way. Our project will be the Tuscany shawl, knit from a smooth worsted weight yarn. If you can confidently knit and purl, make yarnovers, cast on and bind off, you're ready for this project! You'll learn all the tricks that make knitting lace a pleasure and the easy way to block your finished shawl when you're done. You'll be proud to show it off, and you'll love wrapping yourself in its shimmery folds. Important: If you are not going to use 100% silk yarn, swatch your yarn before class. Use a needle one to two sizes larger than called for in the ball band. You want a loose and "flowy" stockinette, but there should be no visible holes. Time: 2:30-5:00 p.m. Fee: \$45 per person, or \$39 for OPK members (class maximum 15 people) Supplies: Amy's book *No Sheep for You*, available for purchase at Purls Tucson. Contact Purls Tucson at (520) 296-6363 for yarn, needle, and notions requirements.

Saturday, February 21, 2009

Amy Singer Book Signing and Spin In: Amy will be at Purls from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for a book signing. Then she will join THSG Spinning Study group that afternoon at Kiwi Knitting Company. See this event above under THSG events.

Saturday and Sunday, February 21 and 22, 2009

SOUTHWEST INDIAN ART FAIR: Ann Hedlund and the staff of the Gloria F. Ross Center for Tapestry Studies invite you to volunteer in the LEARN ABOUT WEAVING! tent at the **SOUTHWEST INDIAN ART FAIR**. Contact, Bobbie Gibel, tapestry@email.arizona.edu, 626-8364. There is still available space in each time slot, but Sunday afternoon could use extra volunteers: Volunteer times- Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. - 5:p.m. or Sunday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. or 1 a.m. – 4 p.m.

You will have the opportunity to meet and mingle with four generation of Navajo Weavers: Barbara Ornelas, her son Michael, mother Ruth Teller, sister Lynda Teller Pete, aunt Margaret Yazzie, cousin Ramona Yazzie and 6 year old niece Roxanne Lee.

Our area will be set up for demonstrations on carding, spinning and weaving. Carders, drop spindles, thigh spindles, fleece, roving and a Navajo loom will be available for your use, and of course you are welcome to bring your own equipment.

Admission is \$8.00, but volunteers get in FREE and weekend parking is FREE in the Tyndall Street and Main Gate garages. We supply water and a little thank you gift for our volunteers. Come and join us. Don't miss out of the fun! Your volunteer hours are reported to the guild's Outreach Committee and help the guild fulfill the requirements of the 501(c) 3 status.

General information about SWIAF

Meet 200 of the Southwest's most renowned Native artists. Shop for top-quality artwork including pottery, Hopi kachina dolls, paintings, jewelry, baskets, rugs, blankets, and much more. Enjoy artist demonstrations, Native foods, music, dance performances and a **Great Raffle** of items donated by the Native American Artists. For additional information please visit the Arizona State Museum's website at: <http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu>

Saturday, February 21, 2009

Needlefelting Class with Stacy: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn how to needlefelt a hummingbird. \$35 includes all supplies required for the class. No previous experience is required. Location: the Withers Ranch. Email jmarckathy@aol.com, or call Kathy at 572-3758 to reserve a space.

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Freeform Knitting and Crochet/Scrumbling Workshop: 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Learn how to work outside the traditional knitting and crocheting styles to create unique garments and designs. Basic knowledge of knitting and crochet techniques is required. Cost \$40. 10% discount on fibers purchased on the day of the class. Location: the Withers Ranch. Email jmarckathy@aol.com, or call Kathy at 572-3758 to reserve a space.

Saturday, February 28, 2009

Make Beautiful Fiber Bends by Carding with Donna Kaplan from 10:30 a.m. -1 p.m. at Grandma's Spinning Wheel using hand cards as well as a drum carder. Bring hand cards if you have them. Otherwise we will have them available for use. Cost \$35.00 includes fibers. Other fibers will be available for purchase. Call 290-3738 to register for the class.

Saturday, March 14, 2009

Shearing at the Withers Ranch: Danny Smith from Missouri will be shearing all of the animals including the llamas and alpacas. Open to the public. See the website www.uniquedesignsbykathy.com for details and directions.

Saturday, March 21, 2009

Spring Fiber Festival hosted by The Southwest Fiber Arts Guild: Join us at the Sahuarita Town Hall Center, 375 W. Sahuarita Center Way, Sahuarita, AZ. The Town hall is located approximately 1 mile east of the I-19 Exit #75, Sahuarita Road (turn left off the exit coming from the north or right of the exit coming from the south). The Festival will feature fibers, wearable art, "make & take" classes and demonstrations of weaving, spinning and felting. This is a chance to try your hand at a new technique, ask questions and revel in the fiber arts.

There will be a Sit & Spin, Knit & Crochet area. Bring a chair and spend the day with other fiber enthusiasts in the beautiful, bricked courtyard of Sahuarita Town Hall. Please email questions to Debbi Brunner deborah@deborahbrunner.com or telephone 520-626-8788.

July 30-August 2, 2009

Southwest Regional Spinners Retreat in Cloudcroft, New Mexico will again be at the lovely Sacramento Methodist Church Camp. No details yet on the classes to be offered but mark your calendars and plan to attend. This is a wonderful, fun and low cost retreat. You don't even have to be a spinner. There are always classes for non-spinners or spinner's spouses and friends and classes for wannabe spinners.

July 30-August 2, 2009

IWC 2009: A Conference for Fiber Artists: Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO Intermountain Weavers Conference will have an outstanding array of workshops, nationally-recognized instructors, juried and non-juried exhibits, vendors, a fashion show, fellowship and more. Put July 30-August 2, 2009 on your calendar You can register now at www.intermountainweavers.org.

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. We invite leaders to submit proposals for workshops, studio classes, hands-on seminars, and short lectures. Mark your calendars and start saving your money.

CELEBRATING FABULOUS FIBERS! - FASHION SHOW

The countdown is on!!! March 14, 2009 is 6 weeks away!!

Have you made your reservations!!!

Thank you to all guild members who brought raffle items, turned in their reservations and submitted their garments at the January meeting. The fashion show committee was very busy and pleased with the response. The raffle committee has 187 items – WOW! Members at the guild meeting got a chance to see the WONDERFUL felted rug donated by the felting study group. The raffle baskets will be displayed at the February 25th guild meeting. Maggi Henthorne, Marcia Halligan and their committee will sell raffle tickets at this meeting. Bring lots of money – exact change preferred!

Colette Landeen collected reservation forms for a current total of 79. Please keep sending in your reservations. We hope for 250-300 people at the luncheon.

Remember the deadline for reservations is March 4, 2009. If you do not have a copy of the informational flyer, you may download a reservation form from the website www.THSG.org – then click fashion show and reservation form. We've had some questions regarding special diets. The hotel will accommodate those requests. Please make those requests on your form. If you have submitted your form without requesting a needed special meal, please contact Karen Yackell, paukar@cox.net.

Judith Billings has 24 items for the fashion show. **WE NEED MORE!!** Please deliver your garments to Judith as soon as possible. No garments will be accepted after February 13th. Make sure you attach a completed garment submission form. If you do not have a copy, that is also available on the website. Please contact Judith, 319-9431, judithspins@peoplepc.com, to arrange delivery of your garments. Betty will attend the Porrey Cross study group meeting February 13th and can accept the last garments.

If you need more information flyers to deliver to a business, please contact Betty, mbheadrick@aol.com, to arrange delivery to you.

This year we are adding two new features to the fashion show event.

1. Non-Wearables Table Display to showcase the variety of fiber items that are NOT wearables. We invite you to show a piece at this display. Tapestries, vessels, beaded work, paper, fiber-related jewelry, felted animals, baskets, or other items not associated with a study group. Most study groups will have a table emphasizing the work of their members but there are items that do not fall within those categories. Our idea is to show the visiting public the wide range of creativity within the guild. If you are interested in showing a piece at this table, please contact Carolyn Webb at 743-4901 or cactuscarrie@msn.com.
2. An Informational Table
We will have a table in the hallway near the banquet room where guild members may place flyers or other forms of information regarding classes or other textile events for the people attending the fashion show. If you would like to provide an item for this table, please contact Betty, mbheadrick@aol.com. Individuals will be responsible for delivering and picking up any materials on the day of the show.

If you have questions about the show or ways you can help please contact Betty Headrick, 760-0745, mbheadrick@aol.com, Brenda Kelly, 360-2122, upbeat11@aol.com or Judith Billings, 319-9431, judithspins@peoplepc.com.

TH&SG's CELEBRATING FABULOUS FIBERS fashion show is going to be grand. Join us for the fun and celebration.

Betty Headrick, Fashion Show Coordinator

Help Needed in the Boutique! My thanks to all of you who signed up to help with the Fashion Show Boutique. We are in great shape for Friday night, however, we have only a few helpers to set up Saturday morning, to staff the Boutique, to serve as cashiers and to take down the equipment. Please help! Contact Lura at 744-1926 or via e-mail at golfweaver@earthlink.net

Member Notes and News

THSG "WACCY Rollers" THSG members volunteer at Western Archeological and Conservation Center, a repository and conservation arm of the National Park Service. WACC conserves and stores textile collections from Faraway Ranch to Chiricahua National Monument. At the annual Volunteer Appreciation Day THSG volunteers were treated to a yummy potluck lunch, words of hearty appreciation, certificates for service and recognition gifts. To date, Guild members have donated over 900 hours of service to the project and rolled over 197 individual textiles for storage. We are about half way through the textile collection from the Ranch. We've been trained, had a personalized tour of Faraway Ranch, and had an opportunity to learn from textile conservators about their processes. We volunteer Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. - noon. Our treat for each day is to work with some Navajo rugs from the Center's collection.

There's room for more volunteers. For more information on joining the project, contact Barbara Spelman 546-7526 or e-mail mefibernut@aol.com. Keep those textiles rolling -- Rawhide!!

April Invitational: “Everything Old Is New Again!” This is the theme (chosen by yours truly as the immediate past president) for our celebration of member imagination and creativity on April 22nd. It provides a wonderful opportunity to use things from your stash (or maybe someone else’s). Just don’t go out and buy any materials. This recycle party will be a tribute to our dear Mae Olden Davison, the Queen of Recycle. Questions – contact Lura at 744-1926 of golfweaver@earthlink.net

Loom for Sale: Member Bunnie Rothwell is offering her Nilus/LeClerc “Dorothy” table loom for sale. Weaving width 19 inches. In good condition. 6 dent reed, tools and 1 or 2 lessons included in selling price of \$300 OBO. Call Bunnie at 625-2580 if you are interested.

Websites to Enjoy:

China Silk Road tour: www.FocusedTours.com. The website has photos of past tours and information on the next one in September, 2009.

Member Notes and News

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