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NEWSLETTER
THE MOUNTAIN SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD
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President's Letter

It has been my pleasure to serve as President of our guild for the past two years. From this vantage point I've become acquainted with our members, and seen first hand their incredible talents. I've seen the help and caring expressed toward members experiencing hardship and loss. I've seen a pattern in volunteerism, and felt gratitude as many stepped up to fill jobs and aid in the many tasks required to keep an organization as ours running smoothly.

I have a fondness not only for our individual members, but for the entity that is the guild.

Now this isn't to say that there haven't been a few snags, a few fires to put out, frustration now and again! But all of you have made it easy for me to keep my sense of humor.

Thank you,

*Anne Marston
Soon to be Past President*

August Membership Meeting
Saturday, August 20, 2011
American Lutheran Church
1085 Scott Dr., Prescott

9:00 AM – Business meeting

10:30 AM – To Be Announced

Special Interest Groups

Mondays – Spinning 10 am -2 pm at Sharlot Hall Museum.

Tuesdays – UFO (UnFinished Objects) 1:00 pm, Annemarie Bellem's or Anne Marston's, call first, 445-5564

Wednesdays – Bead Weaving, Wilda Postel's, call first, 776-4481

Fridays – Sewing Handwovens, on hiatus for the summer

Future Programs

September: Vanessa Martin, "How to Enter Your Items for Competition"

October: "How to Price Your Items for Sale"

November: TBD

Announcements

MSWG established an affiliation with Interweave Press in May. Links to the website are included at <http://mtnspinweave.org/links.htm> The Guild will earn 10% from any purchases made through our Links page. Items you select will not cost you anymore, but by clicking through from the MSWG website, the guild will receive an advertising fee.

Website Addresses

Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild - <http://www.mtnspinweave.org/>

Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/>

MSWG on Facebook - http://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_166391530078322&ap=1

August Fair on the Square

Don't forget! The August Fair on the Square is Saturday, August 13 and Sunday, August 14, 2011.

History, Lore, and Other Arcana

Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa baa,
Black Sheep,
Have you any wool?

Yes sir, yes sir,
Three bags full:

One for my master,
One for my dame,
And one for the little boy
That lives in the lane!

Workshops

Make It Fit by Kristen Hansen. October 8, 2011 (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.

Barbara Albeck is working on a future shibori workshop to be given by Candice Cole. We don't have any details yet, but if interested please let Barbara know, so you can be contacted when this is set to go.

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.

September NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – August 27.

Send articles to Diane Braun, highlander1@highcastlecrafts.com.

Send address corrections/updates to Anne Marston at anne@annemarston.com or info@mtnspinweave.org.

MSW 2011-12 Officers and Staff

President-----	Diane Braun
First VP-----	Janice Masson
Second VP-----	Rebecca Bass
Secretary-----	Donna Meyer
Treasurer-----	Debbie Allen
Workshops-----	Susan Swiggers

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For Sale/Wanted

For Sale: Ashford spinning wheel. Never used. Not sure what model. Comes with Your Handspinning by Elsa Davenport. Asking \$250.00.

Contact Jan at (928) 237-5018.

August Birthdays

August 5 – Debbie Allen
August 8 – Carma Koester
August 23 – Coleen Scott
August 24 – Susan Holle

Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild **Minutes of the General Meeting July 16, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Anne Marston at 9:15 a.m.

We had no visitors or guests today.

Minutes: June's minutes were approved: M/S/V, Jeanne Zinda/Luida Gottlieb/All.

Treasurer: Debbie Allen: The MSWG finances as of: 06/30/2011.

1st VP: Laura Miner: There is no program today, so enjoy the potluck picnic and tailgate sale.

(1) August is tentatively a "Historic Basket" program with Barb Gronemann. Our new 1st VP will take over in September.

2nd VP: Kathy Kelly: Remember there is a 10% commission to the MSWG for today's sale. The Plaza Sale & Demonstration August 13 & 14 will be chaired by Janet Lambert; the County Fair, September 29 – October 2, 2011, will be chaired by Marion Patterson. Kathy will chair the Library Viewerie (display) in November.

Workshop Chair: Barbara Albeck:

We had a wonderful "steek" knitting workshop with Diane Braun.

(1) October 8 - Kristin Hansen will give a 3-hour knitting tutorial class entitled "Make It Fit." (No knitting will be done in this class.) Cost is \$30. The workshop will be at Barb Albeck's home.

(2) Kathy Kelly will do Part II of "Color Blending with a Drum Carder" this fall. Date is TBD.

(3) A Shibori dyeing workshop, with Candiss Cole, is in the early stage of planning.

(4) Our new Workshop Chair will take over in September.

Announcements & Mail: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Anne Marston – (1) The membership recently concluded voting for next year's executive staff. The 2011-2012 Board members are: President – Diane Braun (amended 7/18); 1st VP – Janice Masson; 2nd VP – Rebecca Bass; Secretary – Donna Meyer; Treasurer – Debbie Allen; Workshop Chair - Susan Swiggers. (2) The out-going 2010-2011 members are: President – Anne Marston; 1st VP – Laura Miner; 2nd VP – Kathy Kelly; Secretary – Marion Patterson; Workshop Chair – Barbara Albeck. Debbie Allen, Treasurer, will stay on for a second term. (3) The new president is seeking volunteers for the support staff positions.

New Business: Anne Marston – Nothing to report.

Motion to close meeting: M/S/V, Kathy Kelly/Pat Anna/All.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Secretary: Marion Patterson

Today's program: Our annual potluck picnic and tailgate sale.

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We are getting ready for fall! Hard to believe!

Our new Brown Sheep order has arrived, and the colors are vibrant and beautiful.

The new Schacht niddy noddy is here. We are quite impressed with it. Come in, and take a trial run.

New bamboo yarns have come in, too! We love weaving with them.

Our twill color gamp class, using tencel, is completely full. We will be offering it again, so if you are interested, come in, and get on the waiting list.

As always, we thank you for your support!

Conne and Patti

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