

**THE MOUNTAIN SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD**  
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### **President's Message**

Last month's program by Diane Wolf was inspiring on many levels. First, of course, many people suddenly developed an interest in learning tapestry weaving. Additionally, the extraordinary colors and patterns she shared in her slide shows would motivate any fiber artist. Such a combination makes an ideal program. Remember what you saw, heard, and felt, and use those incentives to spur your ideas and your work.

--- Diane Braun

**February Membership Meeting**  
**Saturday, February 18, 2012**  
**9:00 a.m. meeting 10:30 program**  
**American Lutheran Church**  
**1085 Scott Dr. Prescott AZ**

### **Programs:**

February - Nancy Wilson, "Llamas, What You Didn't Know"

March - Silent Auction

April - (TBA)

May - Debbie Essen - "Certificate of Excellence in Handweaving"

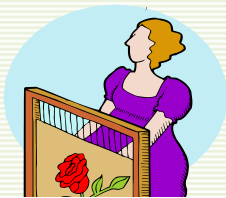
June - Panel Discussion - "Successful Dyeing Techniques"


### MSW 2011-2012 Officers and Staff

President---Diane Braun  
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February 1 – Kitty Martenis  
February 10 – Nancy Ricketts  
February 11 – Helene Charles  
February 25 – Cindy Faulkner  
February 26 – Margaret Espinoza

### February 21-23, 2012 **Jason Collingwood presents 3 - end block weave.**

This workshop will be an exploration of three end block weaves the same structure Jason uses to weave all his rugs. Reserve a spot for \$100. Tentative price is \$200 but that may fall if we can enroll more than 15 people.

**Sleeveless Garment Competition.** Announced on p. 9 of the Jan/Feb 2012 *Handwoven*. See the Weaving Today newsletter at <http://www.weavingtoday.com>. Deadline for submission of photos is April 1, 2012. The

submissions will be juried and the top 10 will be featured in the Sept/Oct 2012 *Handwoven*.

### MSWG 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 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month**

If you have any interest in designing and constructing items from your handwoven fabric, please join us, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Wilda Postel's home. Bring project & pattern ideas, fabrics you would like to transform to garments, questions on how-to's, sewing tips, and new resources to share. No experience required, just come with your ideas to share and enthusiasm to try new things. Please call 776-4481 to let Wilda know you are coming.

**Alternate Fridays – Prescott Crazy Knitters** Contact Anne or Anne-Marie.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Send articles or address corrections/updates to [info@mtnsinweave.org](mailto:info@mtnsinweave.org)



### **2011 VA Project**

Sharon Taub, Gisela Gminder, Edith Dodgers (Gisela's sister), Gretchen Mummert, Nancy Wilson, Wilda Postel, Jeanne Zinda, Marilyn Smith, Brenda Behrens, Barbara Albeck, Mary Bricker, Shelly Leichter, Kathy Kelly, Joan Kriz, Yvonne Johnson, Kathy Robbins, Sharon Travis, Mary Kelly (also a tote bag for the arm of a wheetchair), and Donna Meyer.

Many, many thanks to these 19 wonderful ladies for their many beautiful knit, woven, or crocheted lap robes.

The 58 lap robes were put in the VA's Christmas packages to the veterans, and I'm sure they'll value them forever. It was a wonderful way to thank these vets for their service to our safe country. We can't give them a monument, but we can give them a big THANK YOU. – Jeanne Zinda

[VA Thank You Letter](#)

### **Outreach Project 2012 – Chemo Caps**

- 1) Please use soft yarns like cotton, baby yarn, soft worsted like 'Caron Simply Soft' or 'Lion Brand Pound of Love' because they are more comfortable to wear, and cotton is really nice for summer.
- 2) Thinner, seamless (crochet or knit in the round), non-lumpy caps for sleeping provide increased comfort on recipients heads.
- 3) Please do not use WOOL content.
- 4) Please wash and machine dry hats before sending, as this will often soften them.
- 5) Do not use scented fabric softeners as many people are allergic to them.
- 6) Recipients usually prefer solid caps and hats. A shell stitch or a V-stitch or a granny-square cap shows the scalp.

Links to patterns at <http://www.mtnspinweave.org/outreach.htm>

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## Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild

Minutes of the General Meeting January 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order by: President, Diane Braun at 9:06 a.m.

Secretary: Minutes for the November, 2011 meeting approved. Gretchen Mummert/Anne Marston/All. No minutes for December 2011.

Treasurer: Debbie Allen:

The 10% receipts from the July Silent Auction will be transferred to the General Fund. Debbie Allen/Barbara Kiger/All

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Janice Masson:

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2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Rebecca Bass:

March – Silent Auction – Participants should arrive early to display items.

Mountain Artists Guild Show – May 12 & 13<sup>th</sup> – Plaza Booths – Chair Janet Lambert.

June – Folk Arts Fair

Workshop Chair: Susan Swiggers:

Jason Collingwood rug weaving workshop February 21-23, 2012 will be held at Stepping Stones in Prescott Valley. Fifteen participants are needed. The Guild will be responsible for expenses if the workshop is cancelled. Cost for the workshop is \$200. To reserve a spot send a check to Susan Swiggers.

Special Interest Groups: Spinning (Monday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.), UFO's (Un-Finished Objects) (Tuesday), Beading (Wednesday), and Sewing Handwovens (4<sup>th</sup> Fridays). Check website under "Groups" for details.

Sunshine: Mary Bricker – None

Announcements & Mail:

Diane Braun – Stepping Stones coupon available, catalogs from various companies at back table, forgotten nametags 25 cent fine. Offering a 5 week class in the History of Textiles at Yavapai College.

Jeanne Zinda – 58 laprobes donated to VA residents.

Annemarie Bellem - Prescott Crazy Weavers (PCW) alternate Fridays "Fit to be Tied" Study Group.

Susan Swiggers – Great Wheels available (\$90). Check with Susan for contact information.

Hospitality: Brenda Behrens is our hospitality hostess. Today's refreshments provided by Rebecca Bass, Oleta Askerman and Joann Kriz.

Historian: Marion Patterson – Pictures will be available from the Tapestry Class for the MSWG album.

Librarian: Janice Masson – New books on tapestry will be added to the library.

Membership: Caralee Roberts – Membership currently stands at 83.

Newsletter: Donna Meyer – As a regular reminder all inputs for the newsletter are due the Saturday following the Guild meeting.

Parliamentarian: Debbie Allen – Nothing to report.

Publicity: Nancy Ricketts (absent)

Ways and Means: Carma Koester (absent) – Sandy Gally will hold Fiber Raffle today with tapestry items. Sweatshirts, Tee-shirts, and tote bags available.

Old Business: Diane Braun – Shelly Leichter, Chair of Handwoven COE at Yavapai Title on Gurley Street, October 4, 5, and 6. Volunteers are needed including scribes to follow the judges Judy Eatough and Rebecca Winter.

Yvonne Johnson – Holiday Show and Sale on November 10, 2012 at the Hassayampa Inn. Chair or Co-Chairs needed.

New Business: Diane Braun – Discussion on when or whether to open workshops to non-members. No decision to change procedures.

Other discussions: –

Mary Bricker and Barbara Kiger – announced a sleeveless a weaving competition. Any sleeveless garment can be entered.

Mary Ann Davidson – announced an opportunity in Flagstaff to weave a rag rug at [Belle's Handweavers Studio](#).

Sandy Evans – Outreach project for 2012 provide chemo caps, wraps, shawls for cancer patients undergoing chemo treatments in memory of Barb Gray. Sandy Evans/Susan Swiggers/All

Show & Tell: Debbie Allen – Rug from [Adopt-a-Native Elder](#), steeked sweater from Barb Gray stash as memorial to Barbara; Brenda Behrens – Shawl from Sandy Evans class on free-form knitting; Mary Kelly – Chemo hat from pattern on [Head Huggers](#); Sandy Gally – 2 Navajo weavings and natural dyed yarns; Luida Gottlieb – Triangular shawl, bamboo plied with metallic yarn (drop spindle spinning); Caralee Roberts – Cleaned, carded, spun, and dyed alpaca scarf, inkle loom pot hangers, and cotton knit roping rug; Gisela Gminder – 2 silk scarves with star weaving, runner (silk warp/rayon); Diane Braun – Knitted felted purse (SW Trading Co. pattern).

Raffle Winner: Sue Weiss.

Motion to close meeting: Luida Gottlieb/Marion Patterson/ All

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Secretary: Donna Meyer

Today's program: "Tapestry – Diane Wolf"



## Local Suppliers

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We fell in love at the trade show-- Hanpainted Donagal Tweed and Tilli Tomas Artisan Sock now in the shop!

Classes - Thursday- 2/16 Beginning Weaving w/Carma  
Friday - 2/17 Crochet Charts w/Jeannie  
Saturday - 2/18 Don't Panic- Fix It! w/Kristin

--- Deb & Carma



Congratulations to our holiday winners!!! Stella Ferris \$20.00 gift certificate. Annie Sullivan a \$10.00 gift certificate, Donna Meyer and Sharon Marzonie each a \$5.00 gift certificate. We had the best holiday season! Thank you so very much for your continued support!

New Ashland Bay fibers are in. They have some new blended colors that are truly beautiful.

If you like the 20/2 UKI cotton, sad news, they are no longer making it. We still have quite a few mini cones on our shelves.

Classes are all on-going. The double weave class is filled. Stop by or go to our web site to see a list of our classes that we are offering for this year. ---Conne and Patti

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