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

*President's Letter*

*Happy New Year! Instead of a cumbersome 'two thousand and nine' we can zip along with a jaunty 'twenty-ten'! Is anyone setting New Year's Resolutions? I can think of many I've set year after year. If they had been attained, I wouldn't have to keep repeating myself.*

*This year I think I'll set easier goals:*

- 1. To keep one loom warped at all times (not all three).*
- 2. Spin at least a quarter of the fiber I've amassed.*
- 3. Weave off some of my cones of yarn instead of dedicating additional pieces of furniture to store them.*
- 4. Get my email inbox under control (it is currently at 962 messages; they can't all be worth saving, can they?). [Editor's note: I learned a new phrase recently: email bankruptcy. The idea is you simply delete everything and start afresh! If there were any important messages in your inbox, the senders will probably write again. Technological progress, hmmm?]*

*So that's a glimpse into my not always tidy life! I look forward to our upcoming programs and workshops, special interest groups, events and sales on the square and all the wonderful things our guild does each year.*

*Happy weaving & spinning,*

*Anne Marston*

**January Membership Meeting**  
**Saturday, January 16, 2010**  
**American Lutheran Church**  
**1085 Scott Dr., Prescott**

**9:00 AM** – Business meeting

**10:30 AM** – Barb Wills, Mixed Media and Surface Design

### **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

### *Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild* Minutes of the General Meeting December 5, 2009

There were no minutes of this meeting as it was the Christmas potluck.

### **Future Programs**

**February:** Daryl Lancaster, “Great Garments from Handwoven Cloth”

**March:** Silent Auction

**April:** TBD

**May:** Jill Holbrook, “Spinning Through the Ages”

### **Announcements**

#### **Annual Fashion Show?**

With the success of the last two fashion shows, several members have suggested we continue the momentum and hold the fashion show annually. The benefits to the guild are many: an exciting community outreach; a showcase for our members' garments; sales of individual members' work; profits to allow us to bring in more nationally known presenters for programs and workshops--plus, the pleasure of putting on a well-attended event totally enjoyed by the audience.

In order to do this, we need the continued participation of the membership. We'll need volunteers to chair the event and head the committees. The more often we do this, the more streamlined the procedure becomes. The planning needs to start soon, so please think about whether you want to hold the event annually, and, if so, are you ready to chair or head a committee? Let's see those hands up at the meeting, hordes vying for the opportunity to head up the next fashion show!

## Daryl Lancaster

On February 20, 2010, well-known weaver and frequent Handwoven contributor Daryl Lancaster will be our program presenter. Daryl will also teach a two-day workshop on February 18 & 19, 2010. Here's her website: <http://www.daryllancaster.com/index.html>.

## Fibers Through Time 2010

April 15-18, 2010 – Phoenix, AZ. [www.azfed.org](http://www.azfed.org)

## Convergence

July 18-25, 2010 – Albuquerque, NM. “New Visions: Ancient Paths.” [www.weavespindye.org](http://www.weavespindye.org)

## ***TEXTS ON TEXTILES***

Shelly Leichter

*Spin a Wicked Web*, Cricket McRae. Woodbury, MN: Midnight Ink, 2009, ISBN 9780938711232, 278 p.

This is the third in “A Home Crafting Mystery” series. The first two books were about soap making and food preserving. In this one, Sophie Mae is learning to spin. Unfortunately, her first skein of yarn is used to strangle a fellow co-op member (before she even had a chance to set the twist!). In solving the murder, Sophie Mae meets other spinners, weavers, dyers, and knitters. It is obvious that the author is a fiber person herself.

It is not necessary to read the earlier books to follow this story. However, I found Sophie Mae to be the kind of person I'd like to spend more time around (except for the unfortunate fact that she finds dead bodies all the time), so I may look up her previous books.

The next book in the series will be published this year and involves artisan cheese making.

## **Workshops**

**2-Color, 2-Handed Knitting** by Diane Braun. Cost: \$20.00. Date: Saturday, January, 23, 2010. Details to follow.

**Jump Start A Vest** by Daryl Lancaster. Construct a vest from your own handwoven fabric. Feb 18 & 19, 2010, at Unity Church in Prescott. Cost \$80.00 + \$25.00 materials fee. Send \$40.00 deposit to Barbara Albeck to hold your spot. FABRIC REQUIREMENTS: Participants will be constructing a simple lined vest from their own

handwoven fabric during the two day workshop. Fabrics should have a consistent beat, a firm but drapeable hand and should be suitable for garment construction. Since the finished garment will be a vest, participants should choose a medium weight, close sett, firm fabric in a fiber content suitable for a vest.

**WHEN CHOOSING YOUR SETT, ALWAYS CHOOSE DENSER FOR GARMENT FABRICS. MOST STUDENTS BRING IN FABRICS THAT ARE TOO LOOSELY SETT FOR AN IDEAL GARMENT. THEY CAN BE USED, BUT THE END RESULT ISN'T OPTIMAL.**

Please do not try intricate patterning, obvious even or uneven plaids, large floats, or weaves that tend to fray excessively. Keep it simple, it's not about the fabric. Avoid heavy slubs that may jam in the sewing machine. Do not weave something heavier than your sewing machine can handle comfortably. The fewer difficulties you encounter when working with your fabric, the better the chance you will complete your vest.

For the largest size vest (54" bust), fabric should be approximately 4 ½ yards x 18" or 3 ½ yards x 24" wide or 2 yards x 36" wide AFTER WASHING. Smaller sizes will need less fabric. Remember fabric can shrink as much as 35% when washed. Weft ends should be tucked back in at the selvages and trimmed close. Do not leave long tails of threads hanging out or overlap ends in the web of fabric.

The workshop will be held at Unity Church on Arizona St. in Prescott. The room is spacious, well lit, and has a ground floor entrance. Sewing machines and supplies can easily be wheeled or carried into the room from the nearby parking lot - no stairs to traverse! Maximum number of participants is 15, but the costs associated with the workshop have been divided by 14. The member who hosts Daryl gets to take the workshop free of charge, except for the material fee. Please contact Mary Morel if you wish to be the hostess for Daryl's visit.

The cost for this wonderful two-day event is \$80.00 per person, plus a \$25.00 material fee, payable directly to Daryl. (The fee covers pattern paper, interfacing, and handout.)

**Spinning Color** by Jill Holbrook. Create beauty and avoid disasters by learning multiple ways to card, spin, and ply with color. May 13 & 14, 2010, at Mountain Artists Guild. Cost approx \$90.00 + \$25.00 materials fee. Send \$45.00 deposit to Barbara Albeck to hold your spot.

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](mailto: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.

February NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – January 23.

Send articles to Diane Braun, [highlander1@highcastlecrafts.com](mailto:highlander1@highcastlecrafts.com).

Send address corrections/updates to Anne Marston at [anne@annemarston.com](mailto:anne@annemarston.com) or [info@mtnspinweave.org](mailto:info@mtnspinweave.org).

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**January Birthdays**

January 3 – Sue Weiss  
 January 30 – Joanna Lines

**For Sale/Wanted:**

For Sale: Fireside 40” 8-harness double back beam walnut loom. Includes: Double sectional beams, walnut bench, walnut Book Mobile with pegs & beads, one 3-section Shuttle Mobile, one 1-section Shuttle Mobile, walnut warping board, 4 reeds (5/6/8/10) 40", and 2 wood lamp holders. Nearly new condition. I'm asking \$3,995 for everything. New ones go for \$7,300 but have the screw drive. The upgrade can be made to this loom for \$500. Contact Kathy Van Cleve, cell phone: 480-516-4268.

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**Knit & Sip** last Friday of every month (one is coming up!) 5:30-7:30

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**Classes** change from week to week from beginner to advanced. Pick up a calendar or get on the email list for weekly updates.

**Debra Dorrell** email [agoodyarn@msn.com](mailto:agoodyarn@msn.com)



<http://www.studiothreeaz.com>

New classes are forming for January. We will be holding Beginning Weaving and Intermediate Weaving (which will include classes in “Summer and Winter” as well as “Overshot”). In addition, we have Beginning Spinning and Rigid Heddle/Knitters Loom classes. Please call for more information.

Two huge boxes of tencel have come in, as well as new colors of XIE bamboo and Blue Heron Yarns.

Our Holiday Drawing winners were: Eileen Suit for \$20.00, Jillisa Drusus for \$10.00, and Donna Meyer for \$5.00! Congratulations!

Open Knitting on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Open Crochet on Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Happy New Year to all!

Conne and Patti

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