

THE MOUNTAIN SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD
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President's Message

Consider learning something new this year.

Very few of us, if any, practice all the disciplines represented by the members of our guild. If you're a weaver of cloth, consider learning to spin or to weave baskets. Spinners, discover new ways to use your handspun yarn through knitting, crochet, tatting, weaving, or felting. Knitters can increase their appreciation for their art by creating their own handspun yarns.

Guess what – the teacher you need may be sitting next to you at the next guild meeting. Just think of the possibilities!

---Diane Braun

January Membership Meeting
Saturday, January 21, 2012
9:00 a.m. meeting 10:30 program
American Lutheran Church
Downstairs Youth Activity Room
1085 Scott Dr. Prescott AZ

Programs:

January - Diane Wolf, Tapestry Artist

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

March - Silent Auction

April - Sheep Walk (TBA)

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

June - Panel Discussion - "Successful Dyeing Techniques"

Coming in January! Diane Wolf, the tapestry weaver. Program: My Tapestry Journey. She will also offer a 3-day frame loom workshop. Spaces still available. Cost \$105. See materials list*.



January 3 – Sue Weiss

January 18 – Jo Manginelli

Diane Braun will be teaching the non-credit class "History of Textiles in Europe and the United States" at Yavapai College through the Community Education program. The five-session class runs from 2/2/12 - 3/1/12, Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00. Visit the Yavapai College website at <http://www.campusce.net/YC/category/category.aspx?S=1> for details.

Collingwood Workshop

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.

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 4th Friday of the month

If you have any interest in designing and constructing items from your handwoven fabric, please join us at our next monthly meeting on Friday, December 30, 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. This will be a great time to make a New Year's resolution to tackle a handwoven sewing project. Please call 776-4481 to let Wilda know you are coming.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – January 28th.

Send articles or address corrections/updates to info@mtns핀weave.org

Yavapai College Offering Weaving Classes - [ART170 Weaving I](#)

ART 170. Weaving I Weaving on four-harness loom. Basic weaving skills, loom components and weaving materials; design and drafting of simple fabric structures. Application of design principles. One lecture. Five lab.

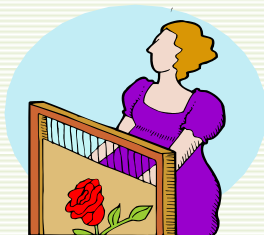


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Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild

December Holiday Party did not include a meeting, Show and Tell, or library, therefore, there are no minutes to report.

MSWG Hot Punch Recipe

(24 cup percolator)

Top Basket:

4tsp. whole cloves

Peel of 1/2 orange

12" broken cinnamon sticks

Bottom of Pot:

2 - 32oz. Cranberry Juice

1 cup Brown Sugar

1 - 46 oz. Pineapple Juice

Optional:

Before serving add 3 cups light rum



Mountain Spinner and Weavers New Year Resolutions 2012 !

1. Spin a mountain of fiber (spinning 20 minutes a day keeps spinning consistent).
2. Weave every week and play with color on the loom.
3. Learn a new technique (spinning, weaving, knitting, felting, etc.)
4. Teach someone to knit, spin, weave, etc., or demo in public or at a school.
5. Take a workshop or a class.
6. Support our local yarn shops.
7. Try a new dyeing technique (crockpot, tie-dye, Shibori)
8. Be an active MSWG member (volunteer to help out or chair a Guild event or help setup a meeting. Ever wonder how the chairs get setup or those heavy coffee pots miraculously appear? Explore MSWG's library.
9. Host a spinning or dyeing party.
10. Learn Kumihimo or Inkle weaving.

[The Knitting Guild Association](#)

TKGA publishes *Cast-On* magazine and provides a program that leads to a Master Knitter certification. Three levels in increasing difficulty build on previous skills. Your knitting is evaluated using specific criteria and guidelines. Designed as an educational process, not a competition or contest, the program emphasizes independent and involved learning on the part of the knitter.

TEXTS ON TEXTILES

Shelly Leichter



Georg Schweinfurth (1836-1925), a botanist, archaeologist, and African explorer, is not a name that comes to mind when thinking about important historical textiles. But this late nineteenth century archaeologist did something that other early discoverers neglected to do—he saved his textile finds as he found them, preserving their cultural-historical context.

Schweinfurth began excavations at Arsinoe (Egypt) at the beginning of the 1880's and within two years found around 450 textile fragments from late antiquity, as well as complete items of clothing and headdresses, blankets and cushions. Most other excavators cut out the ornamental features from the textiles and discarded the remainder, but Schweinfurth preserved the items as completely as he could.

***Tapestry Workshop Materials List**

1. Tapestry loom
2. Pictures, photos, drawings (minimum of 5)
3. Drawing tablet, pencil and/or colored pencils
4. Warp (12/6 Seine twine)
5. Weft (wool, silk or other interesting yarns)
6. Heavy piece of cardboard (1" x width of cartoon)
7. Beater tool (salad fork or other tool)
8. Ruler and scissors
9. Black felt marking pen (Sharpie)

Local Suppliers

High Castle Traditional Crafts
Handwoven, Handspun, and Handknitted Items
Cotswold Sheep, Yarn, Supplies, and Classes
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www.HighCastleCrafts.com 928-442-9291

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Join us for a class to chase away the winter blahs-- kumihimo, brioche knitting, fair isle; summer/winter weave; wheel spinning--- too many more to list here! New yarns coming too- superwash 220 sportweight and merino/silk sock yarn! Come on down and hang out with us. It's easy to meet new friends with 2 charity knit and 6 sit and stitch sessions every week. See you soon!

Deb & Carma



We have many new and different yarns arriving! They will not only be good for knitting, but weaving too.

Classes: Want to learn to knit a potato chip scarf? Come in and find out! The Color Twill Gamp class will be starting on Wednesday January 11th from 10:00 to noon. We have one spot left.

We have three 8 harness table looms put together and ready to go. No waiting! They are two Schacht looms and one Katie loom. We offer good prices for the Holiday season.

We wish you the very best for the holidays! ---Conne and Patti

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