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THE MOUNTAIN SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD
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President's Letter

This message is mainly for the new slate of officers and to let them know how much they are appreciated. I sent out the email ballot (snail mail members will receive their ballots with this newsletter) yesterday and already have well over thirty responses. Many have messages of well wishes to the new board, thanks that we continue to have members willing to take on these jobs, and wishes of good luck. (Well, there was one that commented on the pesky treasurer, oh, wait, that was the pesky treasurer!)

I believe this group of guild members who will become our new board in September will lead us well (actually, the by-laws indicate they assume their duties immediately following the August membership meeting, but who's counting? Oh, wait, that would be me!). I think every board develops a different flavor, and I look forward to what's coming.

Happy spinning and weaving,

Anne Marston

July Membership Meeting
Saturday, July 16, 2011
American Lutheran Church
1085 Scott Dr., Prescott

9:00 AM – Business meeting

10:30 AM – Annual Potluck Picnic and Tailgate Sale

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

August: TBD

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

October: “How to Price Your Items for Sale”

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

IWC – July 21-24, 2011

IWC entry forms are available on the MSWG website.

Principles of Knitting by June Hemmons Hiatt

At last, this great knitting book is being reprinted. It is available for pre-order on Amazon, set to be released November, 2011, for \$28.95.

History, Lore, and Other Arcana

Bamboo

“Many consumers also do not realize that almost all the smooth, soft “bamboo” towels, T-shirts, socks and other textiles available in the U.S. are produced through a chemical process akin to the one used to make rayon. (In fact, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission requires most bamboo-based textiles to be labeled as rayon.) The specific details of the fabric production are the subject of much debate, but in general, making rayon includes “cooking” plant materials in lye and treating them with carbon disulfide—chronic exposure to which can cause nervous system damage. The multistep process creates a viscous solution that is extruded through nozzles into an acidic bath, where it hardens into fibers.”

“Although the process that creates fabric is certainly not perfect, bamboo, soy and wood-based rayons are promising alternatives to petroleum-derived fabrics such as polyester, says Rebecca Calahan Klein of Organic Exchange, a nonprofit organization in O’Donnell, Tex., dedicated to greening textiles. “We have a huge chunk of textiles that are nonrenewable. So does a material like bamboo start to move us in the right direction? Yes.”

– <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=bamboo-boom>

Workshops

Make It Fit by Kristen Hansen. September 17, 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.

August NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – July 23.

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

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

MSW 2010-11 Officers and Staff

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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.

July Birthdays

July 19 – Michelle Veatch

July 21 – Diane Braun

July 24 – Mary Phares

July 28 – Yvonne Johnson

Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild Minutes of the General Meeting June 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order by: President, Anne Marston at 9:05 a.m.

We had two guests attending today. Laura and Joyce were visiting from Phoenix.

Minutes: May's minutes were approved: M/S/V, Kathy Kelly/BeverlyPott /All.

Treasurer: Debbie Allen: The current finances as of 05/31/2011. We received \$33.07 from Amazon.com for purchases our members made using the Amazon link posted on the MSWG members' page. The May Plaza show was a \$50 loss. This is a great community outreach event, though, and we thank Oleta Askerman and all the volunteers. We have allotted \$1,000 for new library purchases. In planning the 2011-2012 budget we will need to pay expenses for the Handweaving COE (Certificate of Excellence) judges in 2012.

1st VP: Laura Miner: Today's program is "Why Study Textile History?" with Kathy Kelly.

(1) July - The annual potluck picnic and tailgate sale is scheduled for July 16.

(2) August is TBD.

(3) September - "How to Enter Your Items for Competition" at the Yavapai County Fair by Vanessa Martin.

(4) October - A panel discussion on "How to Price Your Items for Sale"

2nd VP: Kathy Kelly: We just completed the Folk Art Fair; thanks to all who volunteered. The next event is the annual picnic/potluck and tailgate sale on July 16. (Items priced for sale should include 10% for the Guild); the Plaza Sale & Demonstration August 13 & 14 will be chaired by Janet Lambert. (Items priced for sale should include 22% for the Guild.) The County Fair is September 29 – October 2 and will be chaired by Marion Patterson. Kathy will chair the Library Viewerie (display) in November.

Workshop Chair: Barbara Albeck:

We had a great workshop (Color Blending Using a Drum Carder) yesterday with Kathy Kelly. There will be a Part II class later in the fall.

(1) July 9 - Diane Braun will give a "steek" knitting workshop in Prescott at Barb Albeck's home. The cost is \$20.

(2) October 8 - Kristin Hansen will offer a 3-hr 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.

Special Interest Groups: Spinning (Monday), UFO's (Un-Finished Objects) (Tuesday), Beading (Wednesday), and Sewing Handwovens has suspended for the summer, however you can call Wilda at any time for an appointment.

Sunshine: Mary Bricker – Anne reported that Marilyn Smith's husband had a nasty fall and was hospitalized. He is now recovering at a rehab facility in Prescott Valley. Barb Gray is undergoing a series of chemo treatments again. We send prayers and wishes for a speedy recovery to both.

Announcements & Mail: Anne – (1) the collection cup will be passed around. If you forgot your name tag you need to put in a quarter (\$.25). (2) Carma announced that "A Good Yarn & Fiber Creek" are having their "Grand Re-Opening" today. (3) Sylvie White is going to the IWC in Durango, CO in July. If anyone is interested in sharing a room, please contact her.

Hospitality: Sandy Evans and Susan Swiggers are our hospitality hostesses. Today's refreshments were provided by: Kitty Martenis, Vanessa Martin, and Beverly Pott.

Historian: Marilyn Smith – Was not present today. She has requested photos of the Folk Art Fair if anyone took pictures.

Librarian: Janice Masson – Was not able to attend today. She requests that you hold on to your Library books or return them to the Library at Studio Three.

Membership: Caralee Roberts – We now have 91 members.

Newsletter: Diane Braun – As a regular reminder all inputs for the newsletter are due the Saturday following the Guild meeting. There was a discussion regarding photos in the newsletter. Most preferred "no photos" in the newsletter, however they would like a photo gallery on the MSWG website.

Parliamentarian: Debbie Allen – Nothing to report.

Publicity: Nancy Ricketts – Not present today.

Ways and Means: Carma Koester – Today's raffle is an assortment of weaving-related items. We also have sweatshirts, Tee-shirts, tote bags, cookbooks, and more.

Old Business: Anne Marston – (1) The candidates for the next year's Board members are: President – Brenda Behrens; 1st VP – Janice Masson; 2nd VP – Rebecca Bass; Secretary – Donna Meyer; Workshop Chair - Susan Swiggers; Treasurer – Debbie Allen. An e-mail will be sent out for voting later this month. (2) Marion Patterson and Carma Koester have developed a set of "Event Check Lists". This information will reside with the 2nd VP. Donna Meyer has posted the information on the member's web page. This information should be helpful to future event volunteers. (3) Marion Patterson's husband has made two "sandwich board" signs for the Guild. Yvonne Johnson has volunteered to letter them. They should be a good asset for future events and shows. (4) Carma reminded us of next year's Arizona Federation Conference. It will be in the Phoenix area, April 19 – 22, 2012 at the Four Points Sheraton. We should know the schedule of classes in about two weeks.

Holiday Sale: The Holiday Sale is November 12, 2011. Yvonne Johnson and Diane Braun are co-chairs for the sale. The woodturners will participate in the event. Carma has volunteered to lead the raffles. She had some great ideas for baskets plus some members have already agreed to donate handmade items. Yvonne also had bookmarks printed with a listing of the 2011 Events, so take some bookmarks, and pass them to friends.

New Business: Anne Marston – (1) Linda Truman has donated a Navajo loom and a beading loom to the guild. Brenda Behrens has offered to store the items at her home.

Other discussions: (1) Debbie suggested that when members receive note cards from charity organizations they could donate them to the "Sunshine fund". (2) Donna Meyer will create a photo gallery page on the MSWG website. She has asked that members e-mail her photos (size: under 1 M). She would like to rotate photos frequently, so they don't become too out-dated. Diane Braun has access to "free" software for sizing photos, and she will send out the related information.

Show & Tell: Sandy Evans – a knitted free form black capelet with flowers; Kathy Kelly – spoke on her recent trip to France; Brenda Behrens – 3 handwoven kitchen towels; Nancy Wilson – a one-piece shawl (poncho)
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knitted in the round with beaded handspun yarn. (Nancy recently won a Blue Ribbon for this item at the Pagosa Springs, CO, Fiber Festival). She also shared fibers from that event plus fibers from Kathy's workshop; Diane Braun – a handwoven cotton scarf and 2 small zippered bags from the scarf warp; Barb Albeck – 2 handwoven (happy towels) kitchen towels and blended fibers from Kathy Kelly's workshop; Caralee Roberts – a large handwoven rug; Sharon Travis – a sample of a circular braid made with a ply-splitting technique and 2 small baskets made from small handmade braids; Carma Koester – 2 handwoven scarves.

Motion to close meeting: M/S/V, Vanessa Martin/Yvonne Johnson/All

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. Secretary: Marion Patterson

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Studio Three is holding our summer book sale: 50% off all our knitting books. If there is a book that you have been wanting, now is the time! Sale will go through August.

Fifty pounds of tencel have arrived. The colors are beautiful--lots of jewel tones. They make lovely scarves! The tapestry bobbins are here now, as are the LeClerc fringe twisters!

The Twill Color Gamp class has one more opening before the waiting list starts. We plan on using tencel for the projects. It should produce some beautiful results.

We offer 12 different weaving structure classes. Something for everyone; call for more information.

Conne and Patti

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