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President's Letter

Are any of you having trouble accepting we are almost half way through the year? June! Good grief! Summer solstice coming up, and the days will begin getting shorter. We've only had a few days that would qualify as summer weather (let me emphasize, I'm not complaining about this last item!). I guess the reason I'm ranting in my mind, and, sadly for you, in this space is because I have so many projects yet to do. I'm nowhere near half way through my list. I've done a little of everything . . . a little spinning, weaving, beading. I'm thinking ahead to our Gallery Show at Yavapai College and our incredible Holiday Sale, and I see a productive summer in my future; even if the days will be shortening, it only means longer evenings!

Happy weaving & spinning,

Anne Marston

June Membership Meeting
Saturday, June 19, 2010
American Lutheran Church
1085 Scott Dr., Prescott

9:00 AM – Business meeting

10:30 AM – Nancy Wilson, "The Criteria for Yarn Judging"

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, 4th Friday of each month, 11:00 a.m., Wilda Postel's

Future Programs

July: Indoor Picnic/Potluck/Tail-Gate Sale at our regular meeting place – 10:00 a.m – 1:00 p.m.

August: Joan Ruane (program topic TBA)

September: TBA

Announcements

Copyright or wrong?

For a little more information on copyrights in weaving, *Handwoven* online has a couple of articles you might find helpful. (We can't print them here because they are copyright protected!) Sharon Travis came across these items, and we thought it a good idea to share with all.

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Handwoven Roving Reporter (HRR)

Handwoven magazine is actively working at increasing the flow of information among guilds throughout the country. They requested to be on our newsletter distribution list but realized some of the information contained in the newsletters should not be for national consumption; thus the idea for the HRR evolved. I see this person focusing on one or two guild activities a month. Take some pictures, and write short explanations about what's going on. Drop in on the different special interest groups, workshops, etc. Who is up for this fun position? What great exposure for our guild. Email or call Anne, if you'd like to discuss this opportunity further!

July Indoor Picnic and Tailgate Sale

Your board has been busy emailing back and forth and has come up with an active couple of months for summer. Joan Ruane will do a program and workshop for us in August. Mary Morel (filling in for our recovering Barbara Albeck) will have more details to share about this. That meant no August picnic. I won't go through the many steps that brought us to our July event. We will have our potluck picnic inside at our regular meeting place, and our eagerly awaited (by some) Tailgate Sale will come inside as well. This sale is for your equipment and other fiber related items that you're no longer using but don't want to just give away. Members wishing to sell items to other members can set up, and we'll have generous time for shopping before our potluck lunch. Since this is our 'picnic', we will have a very abbreviated business meeting. Our meeting hours will change to 10:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m.

Convergence

July 18-25, 2010 – Albuquerque, NM. "New Visions: Ancient Paths." www.weavespindye.org

History, Lore, and Other Arcana

“**How to Knit for Soldiers.** Mrs. Leeds Gives More Instructions In Making of Garments. For the benefit of women who want to knit and crochet garments for the comfort of soldiers and sailors, but who, though expert at the arts, do not know the exact formulae for the products required for military uses, THE TIMES has obtained a further list of directions comprising materials to be used and procedure to be followed for several of the articles most needed in relief work. These, like the directions for other garments previously published, were compiled by Mrs. Horace M. Leeds, instructor in knitting and crocheting for the Atlantic City chapter of the Red Cross. The directions follow:

Knitted Sleeping Socks. 1 ½ hanks knitting yarn, 4 steel needles, No. 12. Cast 28 stitches on each of 3 needles, 84 stitches in all, for the top of the leg. Join and make 30 rounds of ribbing by knitting 2 stitches and purling 2 stitches. Next purl 3 rounds, then knit 3 rounds plain. Repeat these last 6 rounds until the work measures 12 inches, then narrow for the toe of sock, as follows: Knit 1, knit 2 together; knit plain until 3 stitches remain on first needle, then knit 2 together, knit 1. Repeat on each of the next 2 needles of round. Next round knit plain. Repeat the last two rounds until 4 stitches remain on each needle. Draw wool through all and fasten off on wrong side.” – The New York Times, August 19, 1917.

Workshops

Bio-Engineered Fibers by Joan Ruane. Open up to a new world of fiber! Learn how to spin and handle Soy Silk, Ingeo, Silk Latte, Bamboo, Sea Spun, and who knows what else! Everyone has fun and goes home with spun samples of these fascinating fibers. Friday, August 20, 2010, at Mountain Artists Guild. Cost TBA (depending on participation - if we have 15 spinners, the cost would only be \$25.00 each, plus whatever supply fee Joan charges.) Send \$25.00 deposit to Barbara Albeck to hold your spot. Don't miss out--register now.

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.

July NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – June 26.

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

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

DIRECTORY UPDATES are listed on their own webpage and sent with the newsletter quarterly to those on snail mail.

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June Birthdays

June 5 - Marilyn Smith
 June 12 - Sharon Travis
 June 14 – Nancy Wilson
 June 28 - Jeanne Zinda

Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild
 Minutes of the General Meeting May 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Anne Marston at 9:05 a.m.
 We had 3 guests attending today.

Minutes: April minutes were approved. M/S/V, Luida Gottlieb/Carma Koester/All.

1st VP: Mary Morel: Today’s program is “Spinning through the Ages” with Jill Holbrook. June will be Nancy Wilson speaking on the criteria for yarn judging. July and September programs are TBD. The annual picnic will be in August. Trish Lange, a weaver, has agreed to do a program in April 2011. Mary is looking into future presentation topics recommended by the members: (1) A panel discussion on jury/judging criteria and “what constitutes original design concepts and “copyright”, and (2) A photographer who can discuss techniques for getting good quality photos of our handwoven items. She is waiting for some contacts to get back with her before she can do any additional planning. She will also contact Celia Quinn, a spinner from Alaska, for a possible future program. Joan Ruane, a Tucson spinner, may also be available for a future program.

2nd VP: Kathy Kelly: We just completed the Mountain Artists Guild Spring Art Show. Diane Braun did a great job as the chairperson. Thanks to all who volunteered. Diane has also volunteered to chair the Summer Festival in August. The next event will be the Folk Art Fair, June 5 & 6, 2010m at Sharlot Hall Museum. Sign-up sheets will be available at the break. We are looking for volunteers to demonstrate, and you need to dress in period clothing. We need some MSWG flyers as handouts for the Folk Art Fair. The following events are later this year, and we will discuss them as they get closer: (1) the Summer Festival at the Courthouse Plaza, August 14-

15, (2) the annual picnic, August 21, at the Yavapai Hills clubhouse, (3) The Yavapai County Fair, September 30–October 3, 2010, and (4) “National Weaving and Spinning Week”, October 4-10. We will have an

exhibit/display at Prescott Library for the entire month of October. Kathy also suggested that the proceeds from the books and magazines sales from next year's Silent Auction be designated for the MSWG Library funds.

Workshops: Barbara Albeck: Barbara was absent today so Mary Morel covered for her. We just completed a 2-day workshop with Jill Holbrook on spinning colored fibers.

Special Interest Groups: Bobbin Lace, Beading, Spinning, and UFO's reported that their groups are continuing to meet regularly. Barb Kiger and Wilda Postel are doing a monthly clothing/sewing group on the 4th Friday at Wilda's home. Contact either of them, if you are interested in attending. Mary Morel will do a study group (workshop) on knitting the "Surprise Sweater". She will send out information with the dates to those who signed up for the class. It will be at the Prescott Library.

Sunshine: Mary Bricker – Barbara Albeck is home and is recuperating from back surgery. Lauri Hoover is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Both Caralee Roberts and Cindy Faulkner lost their fathers last week.

Announcements & Mail: Anne – The collection cup will be passed around. If you forgot your name tag, you need to put in a quarter (\$.25). We received a nice "Thank You" card from Leslie Loomis (our April speaker). Eleanor Morgan is putting together a 10-day Fiber Arts tour of the British Isles; see Anne for more information. Also Carma Koester has "Yarn Bucks" for use at "A Good Yarn" and "Fiber Creek". Diane Braun has a new baby lamb, if anyone wants to stop by for a visit.

Hospitality: Yvonne Johnson – Refreshments provided by: Yvonne Johnson, Elaine Wager and Jeanne Zinda.

Historian: Marilyn Smith – There are photos of the recent "AZ Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds Conference" and from Jill Holbrook's spinning workshop. The album will be available during the break for viewing.

Librarian: Margaret Espinoza – was a late arrival. Anne mentioned that the Prescott Library has recently purchase a number of fiber- and craft-related books that are now available for check-out.

Membership: Caralee Roberts – We currently have 80 members.

Newsletter: Diane Braun – As a regular reminder all inputs for the newsletter are due the Saturday following the Guild meeting. Also remember to provide Diane with the date (not year) and month of your birthday. Your name will be entered into the monthly raffle. You do not need to be present to WIN.

Parliamentarian: Debbie Allen – not present

Publicity: Margaret Espinoza – was a late arrival

Ways and Means: Carma Koester – Today's raffle are spinning related items. We also have totes, Tee shirts, sweatshirts, and cookbooks.

Old Business: Anne - November 5 to December 1 is the Gallery Show at Yavapai College.

Yavapai College Gallery Show: The show will run from November 5 to December 1. The judge will be Candiss Cole, and the jury process will take place September 25-26. Jo Manginelli and Jean Brugger are co-chairing this event.

Holiday Sale: Yvonne Johnson and Joanna Lines will co-chair the Holiday Sale on November 13th. Sandy Evans will chair the raffle baskets for the Holiday Sale, so begin thinking of kitchen items, bath items, hats/gloves/scarves, handspun yarns, fibers, or stand alone items to donate. Kathy Kelly is donating a woven baby blanket for the raffle.

Other Discussions: Diane Braun chaired the Mother's Day event at the Courthouse Plaza. Eight of 15 artist sold items. We had demonstrators all day, both days, which brought in patrons. Yvonne Johnson even strolled in front of our booth with a drop spindle, which attracted visitors. We had sales of \$662. Items of \$20 or less may sell better, so think of separating or splitting some of your items for sale. Sandy Evans suggested that if we have a month in which no program is scheduled we could hold an "open house" and attract some students, new weavers, or new spinners. We could demonstrate all our crafts: spinning, weaving, beading, bobbin lace, and basketry.

New Business: (1) A nominating committee (Sandy Evans and Barb Kiger) was established for recommending candidates for next year's officers. Lauri Hoover was nominated for 1st VP. Debbie Allen was nominated for

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Treasurer. The other officers -- President – Anne Marston, 2nd VP – Kathy Kelly, Workshop Chair – Barb Albeck, and Secretary – Marion Patterson -- will remain in their positions for another year (term limit is two

years). No other candidates were nominated by the membership. The voting will take place the first part of July, and results will be announced at the July meeting. The new officers will be installed at the August meeting. (2) There was a discussion on whether our Guild should rejoin the "Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds". The following is a list of reasons to join: Promotes Fiber Arts throughout the state of AZ; we have very talented members who can teach workshops; the bi-annual conference is closer for travel; they plan some smaller gatherings during the interim period; they have out-reach programs; we can draw from the organizations connections; we can draw in talented people from across the state for programs; we can get together with other guilds and share the cost of bringing in big-name artists; we will get their newsletter and they ours; their newsletter lists upcoming events hosted by other guilds across the state; it's a great networking connection; our guild will have a representative member on the Federation board; they are eager to have us join; the annual membership is based on the number of members in our guild (membership: \$1 per/person). There was a motion by Mary Bricker that the Prescott MSWG joins the "Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guild". Kathy Kelly seconded the motion, and it was approved by all.

Show & Tell: Kathy Kelly – Handspun samples from Jill Holbrook's workshop, also 2 skeins of handspun; Barb Kiger – Finished her handwoven vest from Daryl Lancaster's workshop (added lots of personal details) and several small handwoven purses (from weaving samples) with zippers and special trim; Nancy Wilson - Handspun samples from Jill Holbrook's workshop, a hand-dyed roving and a skein of handspun; Gisela Gminder – Hand-dyed (Kool-Aid) handspun, handwoven cotton throw; Mary Bricker - Finished her handwoven vest from Daryl Lancaster's workshop and a fabric woven sampler; Diane Braun – Hemp knitted cap, a skein of handspun Briard dog hair, Kool-Aid dyed Cotswold fibers, 10-ft. organic cotton handwoven table runner; Luida Gottlieb – 3 skeins of handspun; Mary Morel – Baby bootie of handspun for "soon-to-be" grandchild and a baby blanket gift handwoven by Mary Jane Hopf.

Motion to close meeting: M/S/V, Mary Jane Hopf/Barb Kiger/All.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Secretary: Marion Patterson

Today's program: "Spinning through the Ages" with Jill Holbrook

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We have started our weaving Summer Classes. The first session began with Tips and Tricks. The second session will be Plain Weave, and it starts on June 9, 2010. The third session is Double Weave; only one opening remains, and it begins July 7, 2010. On Aug 4, 2010, the fourth session starts, and we will have Lace. The fifth session starts Sept 1, 2010, and it will be Ripsmatta. The sixth session, starting Oct 6, 2010, will be Summer and Winter.

Open knitting is on Thursdays from 1 to 3 with the Knitting Nanny. There is no charge.

Spinning classes meet on Tuesday mornings, and Rigid Heddle on Friday mornings. Stop by for more details please.

Conne and Patti

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