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President's Letter

The Candiss Cole studio tour over Memorial Day Weekend was a treat for those able to participate. Candiss and her husband Rodger Footitt were gracious hosts and eager to share their extensive knowledge and passionate love of textiles. Every corner rounded provided more eye candy. I would be happy to live in the fabric storage room and wake each morning wrapped in a different bolt of incredibly designed handwoven fabric!

Hope to see you on the 18th.

Happy spinning and weaving,

Anne Marston

June Membership Meeting
Saturday, June 18, 2011
American Lutheran Church
1085 Scott Dr., Prescott

9:00 AM – Business meeting

10:30 AM – Kathy Kelly, “Why Study Textile History?”

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

July: Annual Picnic and Tailgate Sale

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.

INTERWEAVE is one of the nation's largest craft media companies with businesses in magazine and book publishing, interactive media, broadcast programming, and events for art and craft enthusiasts. Interweave's mission is to inspire, encourage, and support creative self-expression.

Interweave features:

- 18 craft-enthusiast subscription magazines and many more special interest publications.
- More than 250 books in print and annually publishes about 40 best-selling, how-to craft books on the same subjects as the company magazines.
- An extensive Internet network of more than 30 websites, including the popular online communities KnittingDaily.com and BeadingDaily.com, which bring together the best content from the company's magazines and TV shows with free e-newsletters, how-to articles, and patterns, with an emphasis on community.
- Several major events for fiber and bead, gem, and jewelry making enthusiasts, including the Spin-Off Annual Retreat and Bead Fests in locations across the country, attracting thousands of consumers and industry manufacturers and advertisers.
- A PBS television series, [Knitting Daily TV](http://KnittingDailyTV.com) and major sponsorship of Beads, Baubles and Jewels TV and Quilting Arts TV.

Website Addresses

Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild - <http://www.mtnspinweave.org/>

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IWC – July 21-24, 2011

IWC entry forms are available on the MSWG website.

History, Lore, and Other Arcana

Sheep

“Early domestication

Sheep were domesticated 10,000 years ago in Central Asia, but it wasn't until 3,500 B.C. that man learned to spin wool. Sheep helped to make the spread of civilization possible. Sheep production was well-established during Biblical times. There are many references to sheep in the Bible, especially in the Old Testament. Sheep production is man's oldest organized industry. Wool was the first commodity of sufficient value to warrant international trade.

Sheep in the New World

In the 1400's, Queen Isabella of Spain used money derived from the wool industry to finance Columbus and other conquistadors' voyages. In 1493 on his second voyage to the New World, Columbus took sheep with him as a "walking food supply." He left some sheep in Cuba and Santo Domingo.

In 1519, Cortez began his exploration of Mexico and the Western United States. He took with him sheep that were offspring of Columbus' sheep. These sheep are believed to be the descendents of what are now called "Churros." The Navajo Churro is the oldest breed of sheep in the U.S. Despite efforts by the U.S. government to eradicate the breed, Navajo Churros are still raised by Navajo indians.

The Gulf Coast (or Florida) Native is another breed of sheep believed to be directly descended from sheep brought to the New World by Spanish and French explorers. Feral until the early 20th century, Gulf Coast Native sheep are known for their natural resistance to worm parasites.” – <http://www.sheep101.info/history.html>

Workshops

Color Blending on the Drum Carder will be offered by Kathy Kelly on June 16, 17, and 1/2 day June 18, 2011 (after the meeting) at Kathy's house. Cost will be \$50.00 plus materials. Contact Barbara Albeck to sign up.

Steeks! by Diane Braun. July 9, 2011 in Prescott at Barb Albeck's home. Don't be afraid to cut your knitting—learn how to steek. Cost: \$20.00.

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.

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 25.

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

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

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For Sale/Wanted

For Sale: 32" Macomber Add-a-Harness Loom that my grandmother used when I was a child. It was the first loom that I wove on and the one that I have held onto all these years.

The details on the loom are: 32" Macomber Add a Harness, Six Harnesses, Sectional Back Beam, Two Extra Reeds, Raddle

Asking \$400.00 for it, but make me an offer and give it a good home.

Must be picked up in Sedona, but you will get a tour of the Candiss Cole Studio when you come to get it! Currently the loom has a small warp on it so someone can test it out. My Grandmother and I put this on the loom before she died at 99 years of age. Still Weaving, right up to the end!

Candiss Cole, E-Mail: candiss@candisscole.com, Studio Phone 928-282-6490

June Birthdays

June 5 - Marilyn Smith
June 12 - Sharon Travis
June 14 – Nancy Wilson
June 28 - Jeanne Zinda
June 30 – Kathy Robbins

Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild Minutes of the General Meeting May 21, 2011

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

There were no guests or visitors attending today.

Minutes: April's minutes were approved: M/S/V, Caralee Roberts/Mary Bricker/All.

Treasurer: Debbie Allen: We received \$22.52 from Amazon.com for purchases our members made using the Amazon link posted on the MSWG members' page. Due to a great turn-out, there will be a refund of \$18.30 for each member who attended the Bobbie Irwin workshop.

1st VP: Laura Miner: (Laura was absent today; Anne Marston and Marion Patterson spoke on her behalf). Today's program is "Care and Conservation of Navajo Rugs" with Mary Walker.

(2) June – "Why Study Textile History?" with Kathy Kelly

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

(4) August is TBD.

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

(6) Tentative for October: A program on "How to Price Your Items for Sale."

2nd VP: Kathy Kelly: (Kathy was absent today; Anne Marston spoke on her behalf). Upcoming events are: Mary Bricker has volunteered to chair the Folk Art Fair, June 4 & 5, at the Sharlot Hall museum. Tom Veatch will also participate with a dyeing demonstration at the Folk Art Fair; the annual picnic and tailgate sale is July 16; Janet Lambert has volunteered to chair the Plaza Sale & Demonstration August 13 & 14; Marion Patterson has volunteered to chair the County Fair, September 29 – October 2, and Kathy will chair the Library Viewerie (display) in November.

We would like to thank Oleta Askerman for organizing the May Plaza show. The sales were low but may have been higher had there been more items for sell. There was an excellent turn-out of volunteers who demonstrated spinning and weaving and a special thanks to Wendy Dittbrenner for her support with the sales. There was a lot of interest in the Guild and in learning the crafts.

Workshop Chair: Barbara Albeck:

(1) June 16 thru 18 – Kathy Kelly will do a 2 ½-day workshop on "Color Blending Using a Drum Carder". Cost is \$50 plus materials.

(2) July 9 - Diane Braun will give a "steek" knitting workshop in Prescott at Barb Albeck's home. Cost is \$20.00.

(3) September 17 - 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.

Special Interest Groups: Spinning (Monday), UFO's (Un-Finished Objects) (Tuesday), Beading (Wednesday), and Sewing Handwovens will suspend through the summer, however you can call Wilda with questions.

Sunshine: Mary Bricker – Gretchen Mummert thanked everyone for the sympathy cards, telephone calls, and e-mails.

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) The Newsletter will be posted on the MSWG website. You will receive an e-mail notification when it is available. (3) Anne Marston has been accepted into the Arts Prescott Cooperative Gallery. Stop by to see her weavings. (4) Joann Kriz had returned 2 sets of period clothing for the Folk Art Fair. (5) Anne received a flyer from Idyllwild Arts Foundation in Idyllwild, CA regarding their summer programs. (6) Diane Braun asked if anyone has a “loaner” spinning wheel she can borrow for a weekend or so to teach a class.

Hospitality: Sandy Evans and Susan Swiggers are our hospitality hostesses. Sharon Richards was the acting hostess today. Today’s refreshments were provided by: Gisela Gminder, Yvonne Johnson, Mary Phares, and Sue Holle.

Historian: Marilyn Smith – There was a lot of interest in both spinning and weaving at the May Plaza Show.

Librarian: Janice Masson – Has brought in MSWG Library books today, so you can do returns and check out. She is continuing to work on more descriptions for our library books. She will be purchasing more books, so let her know which books you may be interested in. Janice is the administrator for the MSWG Facebook page. She has added upcoming community events as well as Guild events to the “Events” portion of the Facebook page. Please join, as many of the members are all ready using Facebook.

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. Diane will add the web link for the MSWG website and the Facebook page.

Parliamentarian: Debbie Allen – Nothing to report.

Publicity: Nancy Ricketts – not present

Ways and Means: Carma Koester – Rebecca Bass is covering today’s Ways and Means. Today’s raffle is fibers, a drop spindle, and a miniature wooden spinning wheel. We also have sweatshirts, Tee-shirts, tote bags, cookbooks, and more.

Old Business: Anne Marston – (1) a day trip to Candiss Cole’s studio is scheduled for May 28. Janice Masson will organize the car pool. (2) Don’t forget the community holiday project. Jeanne Zinda is collecting lap robes for the VA. (3) Holiday Sale: Yvonne Johnson and Diane Braun are co-chairs. They have nothing new to report today.

New Business: Anne Marston – (1) Anne announced the candidates for the next year’s Board members: 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 in June. (2) Thanks to this year’s Nominating Committee: Marilyn Smith, Michelle Veatch, and Marion Patterson. (3) Donna Meyer is kicking off a “Swatch Notebook” project. She has forms and instructional guidelines available. The swatch notebook will be housed along with the other MSWG library books. (4) Donna is also investigating a partnership with “Interweave Store.com”. She will create a link on the MSWG website which will be similar to the “Amazon.com” link. The guild will get a small percentage from Interweave purchases similar to purchases we make from Amazon.

Show & Tell:

Luida Gottlieb – A triangle loom woven shawl of mohair and wool; Barb Kiger – a handwoven baby blanket; a child’s stuffed animal from handwoven fabric; a scarf from the iridescence workshop; handmade (brown paper) weaving paper bobbins; and a helpful hint: use iron-on interface folded on the edge of the fringe before washing. It will secure the fringe from tangles, and you just cut it off to finish the fringe; Debbie Allen – 3 handwoven scarfs for her son’s upcoming wedding; Jean Brugger - a scarf from the iridescence workshop;

Sharon McFeely – a felted portrait tapestry and a cobweb felted (open lace effect) shawl; Diane Braun – several small zippered handwoven bags; Sue Holle - 2 scarves from the iridescence workshop; Brenda Behrens – 3 multi-colored kitchen towels; Wilda Postel – a short reversible, fringed, handwoven jacket; Marion Patterson – 2 handwoven mohair and wool shawls.

Motion to close meeting: M/S/V, Luida Gottlieb/Barb Kiger/All.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. Secretary: Marion Patterson

Today's program: "Care and Conservation of Navajo Rugs" with Mary Walker.

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We still have openings for Overshot in May, Color Gamp in June, Tips and Tricks in July, Twill Gamp in August, Doubleweave in September, and Holiday Projects in October.

Beginning Weaving and Spinning are ongoing.

The Knitting Nanny is here on Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00. There is no charge. Susan Jeffers is here on the last Friday of the month, and there is a charge for this class.

Conne and Patti

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