

THE MOUNTAIN SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD
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President's Message

Individually and as a guild, we need to find ways to introduce more people to the fiber arts. I would like to see an increase in guild membership, especially new members in their 20's and 30's.

I was 26 when I took spinning lessons, 27 when I learned to weave. I had wanted to learn for some time but only took the leap by chance.

How do we reach people who have nascent interests in the fiber arts? How do we assist them to learn our crafts and continue these traditions? How do we encourage them to join guilds, groups, and other communities? These questions and their answers are important. Please consider them, and let's discuss these subjects at upcoming guild meetings. Let's find a way to continue the thread.

-- Diane Braun

October Membership Meeting
Saturday, October 15, 2011
Meeting: 9 am Program 10:30 am
American Lutheran Church
1085 Scott Dr. Prescott AZ

October Program - "How to Price your Items: Not too High, Not too Low but Just Right!" Now that you have made that magnificent item, what magical formula is used to set a fair selling price that honors the extensive planning, work and time you have invested? Does everyone use the same method for pricing? Does the venue where

you are selling your work influence the price your item will bring? How do you become a thriving fiber artist? Are online shops such as Etsy or Artfire worth developing? Would your work on your own Webpage be priced differently than what you sell at the Holiday Sale? Bring your questions, ideas and perhaps your answers to these and other questions to our October 15th, 2011 program. The Guild's Holiday Sale is in November. This timely discussion is intended to determine fair pricing for the artist within.

Thanks to our October Hospitality Team!

Barbara Behrens, Chair
Yvonne Johnson
Nancy Wilson
Sharon Taub
Mary Bricker

October Birthdays:



October 3 – Anne Marston
October 4 – Mary Morel
October 9 – Mary Jane Hopf
October 16 – Kathy Kelly
October 22 – Donna Meyer

Outreach Project 2011

Marilyn Smith suggested we have a project to gift the wheelchair-bound vets at the VA with lap blankets to chase away the cold during the winter when their quarters may be a bit drafty. So far we have close to 25/30 collected. Each person chooses the technique she wishes: woven, knitted, or crocheted. We'll bring them to the VA in December. We don't know how many we need, but we'd hate for anyone to go without, so anyone with some non-wool yarn feel free to thank the vets for their service by being of service to them. --
Jeanne Zinda

SAVE THE DATE -

February 21-23, 2012 Jason Collingwood presents....

3-end block weave.

An exploration of three end block weaves the same structure Jason uses to weave all his rugs. Starting with simple two color designs and moving on to designing within the blocks and the introduction of a third color. Techniques such as clasped wefts and dovetailing will be looked at to further increase the design scope of this structure. 2 / 1 double faced twill will also be covered in this class. Special emphasis will be placed on Shaft Switching, every one being able to adapt their looms in class to try out this exciting technique. Visit Jason's site for inspiring photos of his rugs.

<http://www.rugweaver.co.uk/>



History, Lore, and Other Arcana

The Latin word for sheep is *ovis*. *Lanatus* means bearing wool or woolly, but in the plural *lanati* can mean sheep or wool-bearers!



Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild Minutes of the General Meeting September 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by: President, Diane Braun at 9:06 a.m.

We had one new member plus a guest attending today: Sherry Bartlett and new member Sigute Walker.

Minutes: Approval of August minutes: M/S/V, Gretchen Mummert/Jeanne Zinda/ All

1st VP: Janice Masson – (1) Today’s program is “How to Enter Fiber Art Competitions” -Vanessa Martin. (2) October program - “Pricing Your Items: Not Too High; Not Too Low; But Just Right!” – Panel discussion.

2nd VP: Rebecca Bass – Chair Marion Patterson updated the Guild on the Fair - (1) The Yavapai Community Fair September 30th – October 2nd (Friday through Sunday). Drop off entries on Wednesday, September 28th from 8 am to 8 pm and Thursday, September 29th from 8 am to 12. Obtain a form for entries. The Fair will be held at Tim’s Toyota Center in Prescott Valley. The Guild booth will be on the 1st floor (north side). Fair open Friday – Saturday from 9 am to 9 pm and Sunday from 9 am to 3 pm. Nametag will provide free admission. Yvonne Johnson preparing a sandwich board to identify MSWG booth. Contact Marion Patterson with any questions.

Workshop Chair: Susan Swiggers – (1) Jason Collingwood will do a rug weaving workshop February 21-23, 2012.

Special Interest Groups: Spinning (Monday), UFO’s (Un-Finished Objects) (Tuesday), Beading (Wednesday), and Sewing Handwovens (Friday).

Sunshine: Mary Bricker – absent.

Announcements & Mail: Diane Braun – (1) The collection cup will be passed around. If you forgot your name tag you need to put in a quarter (\$.25). (2) Janice Masson - Link for Federation email list available on Facebook.

Hospitality: Barbara Behrens – (1) Barbara accepted the Hospitality chair position for 2011-2012. (2) She requested centerpieces for October – December. (3) “Miss Piggy” donations appreciated for coffee/tea. (4) Sign-up or call Barbara for providing 2011-2012 refreshments. (5) Today’s refreshments provided by: Wilda Postel and Cindy Falkner

Historian: Marion Patterson – (1) She plans to photograph events and workshops. (2) She requested that members provide her with copies of any coverage that appears in the Courier.

Librarian: Janice Masson – (1) Library books available for check-out. (2) An extensive MSWG library is housed at Studio Three.

Membership: Caralee Roberts – (1) Our 2011-2012 Membership drive underway. Membership forms are available today and can also be downloaded from the website. (2) The annual fee is \$25. (3) Membership Directory will be available in October.

Newsletter: Donna Meyer – (1) All inputs for the newsletter are due the Saturday following the Guild meeting - September 24, 2011. (2) Provide email or mailing address to receive newsletter.

Parliamentarian: Debbie Allen – Nothing to report.

Publicity: Nancy Ricketts – Nothing to report

Ways and Means: Carma Koester – (1) Today's raffle is a Knitter's Special (yarn, pattern books, and needles). (2) Sweatshirts, Tee-shirts, and tote bags are on sale. (3) Contact Carma to request specific colors for a new tote bag order.

Old Business: Diane Braun – (1) Carma Koester is the Guild liaison for the Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds. AZ Federation Conference is planned for Phoenix April 19-22, 2012 at the Four Points Sheraton. See the "Fibers through Time" website for details. (2) After Diane Braun asked for a volunteer, Shelly Leichter offered to chair the COE Judging.

Holiday Sale: Yvonne Johnson and Diane Braun - The MSWG Holiday Show and Sale is November 12, 2011 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Marina Room next to the Hassayampa Inn, Prescott. Yvonne Johnson and Diane Braun are Co-chairs for the sale. The Woodturners will be joining the Guild. (1) Yvonne will do take-in at her home in Prescott Valley; November 9th from 1-4 pm. Wilda Postel will do take-in at her home in Prescott on November 10th from 1-4 pm. (2) Volunteers still needed include cashiers and sale table, small items' table, greeters and demonstrators. (3) Carma Koester is in charge of the raffles and is asking for item donations. (4) Flyers available for distribution. (5) Acceptance of Payment, Sales Tag Sheet, and Inventory Sheet available on the website. 22% of price goes to Guild (2% for credit card fee, 20% to Guild). Guild pays facility rental, State and City taxes. (6) No admission fee for the public. (7) Dog leashes and sweaters needed for "Dog Area". (8) Wear nametags. Models should dress in neutral colors or black.

New Business: Diane Braun – None.

Show & Tell: Debbie Allen – Spinning Hooks from wine corks as seen in this month's *Spin-Off* magazine and smart phone labels for the MSWG website; Kathy Kelly – Handspun bulky yarn for tote bags; Nancy Wilson - 3 skeins of handspun yarn including alpaca yarn for a man's scarf; Luida Gottlieb – Triangular shawl started at the Sharlot Hall Folk Festival and a skein of bamboo completed on a drop spindle; Joann Kriz – Scarf (10/2 Perl cotton); Susan Swiggers – Cotswold wool handspun and hand-dyed scarf and a Glangarry bonnet; Dawn Whitman – two hand-dyed baskets; Sandy Evans – 2 towels using iridescent weave learned at Bobbie Irwin workshop, scarf using black warp and stripe pattern, skein of soy silk, and beaded scarf; Donna Meyer – Eleanor cowl (lace).

Motion to close meeting: M/S/V, Pat Anna/Kathy Kelly/ All

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Secretary: Donna Meyer

Today's program: "How to Enter Fiber Competitions" – Vanessa Martin



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October NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – October 22.

Send articles to Donna Meyer, d2meyer@cableone.net

Send address corrections/updates to info@mtnspinweave.org



Items for Sale:

For sale is a Navajo loom, 4 feet by 6 feet, \$600. Located in North Phoenix. Made by Navajo loom maker Mark Deschinny of Window Rock, AZ. Included are several wooden and metal dowels. Wonderful piece, very well made, just trying to clear out some space in the living room. Please call Erika Scott 602-770-1308.



Out and About the Region

- Fall schedule at [Española Valley Fiber Arts Center](#), New Mexico
- November 5, 2011 - Southwest Fiber Festival, Tubac AZ The Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds, Inc.
- Fibers Through Time conference April 19 – 22, 2012. The theme is ARIZONA FIBER ARTISTS ... WHO ARE WE? Four Points by Sheraton, Phoenix North, 10220 North Metro Parkway East, Phoenix, Arizona.
- November 6, 2011 - Southern California Handweavers' Guild "Weaving & Fiber Festival Annual Autumn Show & Sale"
- November 2-6, 2011 Handweavers Guild of Boulder Fiberarts Show and Sale Longmont, CO Saturday Nov. 5 or Saturday Nov. 19th, 2011
- Dyeing Workshop 9:30 Am to 4 PM at the Farm & Ranch Museum, Las Cruces - Cost: \$75.00 – Instructor: Ric Rao - Contact Ric Rao for reservations: 575/496-7678 or ricrao@comcast.net
- November 11-12, 2011 Silver City Fiber Arts Festival Silver City, NM
- HGA's (Handweavers Guild of America) is sponsoring its annual "Small Expression's" exhibit in Long Beach, CA from May 10 – August 12, 2012.
- Convergence 2012 - Long Beach, CA, HGA's Convergence® features special lectures, workshops and seminars, exhibits, tours, special events, and a commercial vendor hall full of fibers, fiber-related equipment and an artist market. Instructors: We invite teachers and workshop leaders to submit proposals for workshops, studio classes, hands-on seminars, and short lectures.



A Blog on Beading

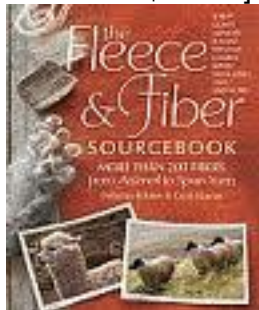


<http://www.beadinggem.com/2011/09/how-to-make-beaded-grape-clusters.html>

[How to Make Beaded Grape Clusters Tutorials](#)

Book Review:

The Fleece & Fiber Sourcebook :
More than 200 Fibers from Animal to Spun
Yarn by Deborah Robson and Carol
Ekarius. North Adams, Massachusetts :
Story Publishing, 2011. Hardbound, 438
Pages, \$35. ISBN 978-1-60342-711-1.
www.storey.com
[Price from Amazon through MSWG
Website is \$22.43.]



*Review from Spin-Off by
Liz Gipson (extracted)
. . . This book will not
teach you to spin, but it
will give you every reason
to want to. From “Sheep
: Oodles and Boodles of
Wool” to “Other Species :
The Rest of the*

*Menagerie,” the authors outline the incredible
array of natural animal fibers available to
handspinners and why we should care passionately
about preserving them.*

*There is a lot to know when it comes to
selecting, preparing, spinning, and using animal
fibers. Staying true to its name, the Sourcebook
devotes the bulk of its pages to breed-specific
information, detailing each animal’s fiber
characteristics, including fleece weight, staple
length, fiber diameter, lock structure, and color
variation. Outlined in each spread is advice on
how to use each fiber, including tips about dye
preparation and spinning: suggestions for using the
yarn; and information about what makes the fiber
unique. Each spread contains a photo of the breed
and pinup-worthy photos of the fiber moving from
raw form to clean fleece, then transformed into
yarn and woven and knitted samples.*

*You may be tempted to simply open the
book and start sourcing, but perhaps it is best to
begin at the beginning. The first thirty pages
contain a brief introduction to defining, growing,
classing, cleaning, and naming animal fibers,
ending with five pages of need-to-know terms. . . .
Hats off to these women for their work to bring us
this inspiring information! ---Janice Masson*

Stay Connected
& inspired...



Coming in October:
Fiber Art Now

A new magazine serving
the fiber arts & textiles
community.

www.fiberartnow.net

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

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Studio Three is getting ready for the Holidays! We just gave a mini class for weaving holiday projects and will offer a full class in October on the same subject.

We have additional wind-offs of Tencel that we used for our Color Gamp class. These wind-offs are about 1 oz (200 yards). They are for sale at \$2.00 each. This is a great opportunity to get an assortment of Tencel colors without having to buy an entire cone. -- Conne and Patti

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