**President’s Message**

When I joined the MSWG last year, I knew there was talent but just how much was clarified at our last meeting with the First Annual Fashion Show! Is there anyone who wasn’t shaking their head in astonishment? I just kept saying "Holy Cow"!!! There is nothing else to be said. What a great job ladies - with the presentation, narration modeling and most of all the outstanding weaving. Can't wait 'til next year.

November is just around the corner and with it the anticipation of the Holiday Show and Sale. There will be more said next month following the event but a tremendous thank you to all the volunteers and committee members who have worked so hard to put this event together. Just a few more weeks and then you can all rest!

Many of you were shocked by the announcement that we will no longer meet at American Lutheran Church - after the November meeting. Not nearly as shocked as I. The Board is working hard to secure another location just as quickly as possible. Please understand we will do our best but this is not exactly the best time of year - rooms have been reserved nearly everywhere for holiday events and social occasions. Keep fingers crossed and say a prayer that we are able to accomplish this prior to the December 12th Holiday Party. We’ll let you know as soon as something is located. Meanwhile, stay busy and healthy - we look forward to seeing you all at the Hassayampa.  

-----  Katherine Smith

**Holiday Show & Sale**

**November 14th  10-4**

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Workshops
Upcoming Workshops 2015

Barbara Redmond, workshop chair. If you have suggestions for workshops or would like to teach one, contact her at bred6249@msn.com

Tom Knisely is coming to Prescott in March!

When? Match 24-26

What? Rag Rug Variations. (3 Days) (15 Students)
Description: Whether you have woven many rag rugs in the past or this is your first time, you will enjoy learning about different ways to approach weaving a rag rug. This workshop is to push you beyond the thoughts of a solid color warp and numerous bits of rag strips. We will explore how to use colors in the warp for graduated stripes. How to use color and weave effects in your rugs will be shown. We will also weave samples of twills and weave structures thought best to be woven as lace. The workshop will be taught in a round robin format so that each student will be able to weave a number of samples and then go home with the knowledge to explore rag rugs on their own.

Member Cost? $100

Sign up began at the October meeting, but still have plenty of seats left. Registration for members only will continue through January 16. $50 down payment will be due prior to January and full payment at the January meeting. After the January meeting, we will open registration to the Sedona and Flagstaff groups.

Who is Tom Knisely?
“Tom Knisely, general manager and resident instructor joined the Manning's staff in 1977. He began his career in fiber arts as a spinner but soon progressed into almost all facets of fiber arts: weaving, spinning and dyeing. Tom’s interests were sparked by a love for antique tools. With the purchase of an antique spinning wheel at the age of 14 he was self-taught, learning the craft through reading and simple trial and error. After a few years with a small mountain of yarn to use Tom turned to weaving and has not looked back. With more than 35 years of experience his interests lay mostly in historic American textiles, as well as global indigenous people's traditions in weaving. Tom enjoys collecting various examples of textiles and often utilizes them as teaching tools with his students, when relevant to focused class discussions. Tom is also a frequent contributor to publications such as ‘Handwoven Magazine.’” The Mannings

Weaving Today Teacher of the Year 2011

Film on Textiles

The November program will be a film depicting the spinning and weaving process in the state of Thuringia in central Germany in the 1920s or 1930s. Without audio, the film portrays each step in the process of turning unspun fiber into finished cloth. It offers a fascinating look at hand textile production in the early 20th century.

Diane Braun

MSWG Benefits

Some of the benefits of being a member of Mountain Spinners & Weavers Guild is to participate in special interest groups; take workshops; borrow available equipment - looms, spinning wheels, drum carders and tools; check out books, magazines and DVDs from the MSWG library; receive special announcements and news every month in the newsletter; sell equipment, fiber, yarn, etc. at the Silent Auction or Tailgate sale and three major sales’ events each year.

But best of all is the fellowship you find at meetings and events with others who share your interest in fiber arts!
Icelandic Loom

Iceland lies east of Greenland and west of Norway. Vikings settled the island in the 9th century. So it is not surprising that the loom pictured above looks like pictures of Viking looms. The warp-weighted looms look similar to ancient Egyptian looms.

In the 1800’s, Richard Burton wrote a book called Ultima Thule (1874) (which according to Webster’s Dictionary means a land beyond the known world). He wrote, “The principal occupation of the women is spinning yarn during the summer, and knitting and weaving in winter. A rude loom fixed and upstanding, not a little like that of ancient Egypt and of modern Central Africa, and worked...by both sexes, stands in every farm. A good hand can weave three yards a day.”

The loom picture came from a friend of Kaye Sullivan who recently visited Iceland. The museum displayed the loom. The friend was fascinated by the hanging stones that weigh down the warp.

The Iceland sheep produce a unique wool. Probably brought to the island by the Vikings, the sheep remain isolated from other sheep. The wool evolved over a 1000 years of exposure to the sub-Arctic climate combining an inner fiber that is soft and warm while the long outer fibers are water repellant. “The usual colours are grey, black, light-blue, and muret.....It is excellent stuff, durable, and, after a fashion, waterproof. (Burton)"


Weaving in Iceland
Weaving on the Warp-Weighted Loom
Sir Richard Burton
Viking Looms
All About Icelandic Wool

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Special Interest Groups

- Spinning meets weekly on Mondays at Sharlot Hall Museum from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- UFOs (UnFinished Objects) meet every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
- Bead Weaving meets on Wednesdays
- Sewing Handwovens meets on the 4th Friday of each month from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., except in Nov and Dec
- Tapestry meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the Stoneridge Clubhouse.
- Weave Structures meets on the 1st Thursday from 10 a.m. – Noon, September to May at Fiber Creek
MSWG Library

Http://www.librarything.com
Login: MSWGuild
Password: Bronson

Rag Rug Weaves - Patterns from Sweden by Jane Fredlund
Other authors: Birgit Wiberg
LT (1986), Edition: 1st, Paperback, 60 pages

The Techniques of Rug Weaving by Peter Collingwood
Faber & Faber (1968), Hardcover

Rug Weaver's Source Book by Linda Collier Ligon (Editor)
Interweave Pr (1984), Paperback, 176 pages

Rag Rug Inspirations: New Design for Traditional Techniques by Juliet Bawden
Cassell (1998), Paperback, 144 pages

Rug Weaving: Techniques for the Two-harness by Joanne Mattera
Batsford (1980), Paperback, 216 pages

Handwoven rugs by Mary Meigs Atwater
HTH Publishers (1948), Unknown Binding, 28 pages
Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild
Minutes of General Meeting
October 17, 2015

Call-to-Order: President Katherine Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. New member present was Dina Sue Wrey; guests were Carol Swattig and Louisa Ballard.

Secretary: Kaye Sullivan
The minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer: Gail Burton, absent
Report will be given next month when Gail returns.

First Vice-President: Deirdre Hockman
Carma Koester and Verla Davis completed the inventory of the Yavapai auction items. The small items will be available for purchase at the silent auction. The looms available will be purchased separately. A 12-harness Le Clerc loom is available for purchase. A four-harness Baby Wolf will be kept by the Guild as a loaner.

Programs:
October: Fashion Show by Sewing Handwovens group
November: German video on weaving, narrated by Diane Braun
December: Christmas party
January: Flagstaff Wool and Fiber Festival presentation by Andrea Green

Second Vice-President: Cheryl Smart
Congratulations to Cheryl for her work on the viewerie.
All members who have items in the viewerie should pick up their items at the library on October 31 between 10 am and 11 am.
Raffle baskets: Carma needs more items, especially scarves and towels, for the raffle baskets of the November sale.

Workshop Chairperson: Barb Redman
Members are encouraged to let Barb know what kind of workshops they are interested in doing. Tom Knisely will give a three day workshop on March 24-26. The workshop will be limited to 15 participants and will cost approximately $100. Members were asked to indicate on a form which of four possible topics they were interested in. At the end of the meeting Barb announced that the winning topic for the workshop is Rag Rug Variations.

Special Interest Groups:
Tapestry will resume meeting at Stoneridge Community Center one week earlier than usual.

Announcements:
Michelle Veatch announced that someone has three free alpacas he would like someone to adopt. Contact Michelle if interested.

Sunshine: Tammy Ward
No report

Hospitality: Mary Kelly and Yvonne Johnson
Thank you to Nancy Wilson, Katherine Baldwin, Kaye Sullivan and the Sewing Handwovens group who brought snacks today.
Next month’s volunteers are Marion Patterson, Sharon Taub and Barb Albeck

Historian: Kathy Robbins
No report

Librarian: Carma Koester and Tammy Ward
No report

Facebook: Kathy Robbins
No report

Membership: Ann Lindstrom
The new directory is printed and available at this meeting for pick-up.

Newsletter: Donna Meyer, absent

Parliamentarian: Debbie Allen
No comment

Publicity: Sylvie White, absent

Way and Means: Sigute Walker
Skeins of yarn will be given to the winning raffle ticket.
Donations to the raffle are welcome.

Old Business:
Project Linus: Debbie Allen read the thank you letter she got for the Guild’s blanket donations to Project Linus. The thank you letter will be
submitted to Donna Meyer for inclusion in the newsletter.

Voting on the new budget: There were some concerns voiced regarding the new budget. When Gail Burton returns, she will meet with volunteers Mary Kelly and Nancy Ricketts to audit the budget. Guild members voted to table the formal vote on the budget until the audit has been completed.

Holiday show: More volunteers are needed for set-up and take-down. Cashiers are also needed. There will be no greeters this year. Workers need to make a presence and keep a helpful eye on customers. A volunteer to demonstrate weaving is needed.

Set-up workers should arrive by 7 am. Peggy Pate and Diane Braun are the organizers for set-up. Anyone who has a question about where to place items should ask one of them.

Guidelines for items: Verla Davis will publish these more specific guidelines on the website.

Parking: Guild members can park at the lot behind the church next to Prescott Station.

Unsold items should be checked out and picked up at 4 pm.

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New Business:

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Help with pricing items: At the end of the meeting, members unsure of pricing received help pricing their items by experienced weavers.

Felted soaps: Verla Davis has 102 soaps that have been felted by volunteers and which will sell for $7.50 at the holiday sale.

Location of Guild Meetings: November will be the last month the Guild will be allowed to meet at the current site. The Board is looking for another location to start using in December. Suggestions from members are welcome. The Lutheran Church on Smoketree was suggested.

Show-and-Tell:

Nancy Wilson: Final spinning project vest and yarns

Cass Schorsch: Spiral art piece

Debbie Allen: From a felting class at Grand Canyon, a purse and a strap

Janet Lambert: Hand-spun hand-dyed wool sweater

Shelly Leichter: Paper books from workshop

Kim Steffgen: From felting class at Grand Canyon, a felted bag

Adjournment: Yvonne Johnson made a motion to adjourn. All agreed.

Thanks for Demonstrating

Thanks to all the volunteers for the Prescott Public Library demonstrations during National Spinning & Weaving Week. We demonstrated spinning, knitting and weaving.

Segal Scholarship Fund

Muriel Segal was a former member of the Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild and a long time weaver in the community. Muriel passed away earlier this year and was very generous in including MSWG as a beneficiary to her estate. Her wishes were to create a scholarship fund in the amount of $10,000 to be used at $500 per year to send a person to Convergence. In exchange for the scholarship the recipient is to give either a program or a personal demonstration of what they learned from Convergence. Scholarship forms are available on the website.
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Project Linus

From Julie Blassl, Project Linus,
9-25-15

OMG! When I got home from meeting Debbie yesterday to pick up your blankets and I started opening the bags . . . What a BLESSING! Each blanket is so unique and beautiful! You will bring a smile to each child’s face that is lucky enough to receive one of your blankets. And the variety of sizes is just wonderful! They will be going out to the local agencies we partner with in the next 3 months

THANK YOU for choosing our local Project Linus chapter for your community project this year. I am proud and humbled to be partnering with the Mountain Spinners & Weavers to make a difference in our community.

All of your blankets meet the standards set forth by the National Headquarters and I was honored to put one of the Project Linus labels on every one of them.

If anyone is interested in receiving our Quarterly newsletters, please call (928-759-2760) or email me (ribjkb@q.com) to be added to the list.

THANK YOU & may God Bless all the blanket makers!

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2015 Convergence Conference: July 30-August 6, 2016 Milwaukee, WI
Muriel Segal Scholarship Form Online

SAVE THE DATE "FEBRUARY 27, 2016"
Arizona Federation of Weavers & Spinners is excited to announce plans for FEDERATION DAY 2016
"A CELEBRATION OF OUR GUILDS"
JOIN US FOR A DAY LONG LEARNING ADVENTURE
WATCH FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Meet, Greet, and Retreat
January 22 and 23, 2016 Friday and Saturday
We've got some exciting things in the works! First of all, a new name: Arizona Fiber Arts Retreat (or AFAR for short). We also want you to know that there will still be plenty of time and space for "meeting & greeting," just hanging out and playing with fiber together, as well as even more great classes, and some fun extras.

For more information contact: kimberlyahatch@gmail.com

Don’t let us forget your birthday! email MSWGnews@gmail.com to let us know when to celebrate.

Sharon Taub 11/3
Dava Hoffman 11/4
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Lois Longfield 11/9
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