

Weavers West Guild News

Sun City West, AZ



Models are currently wearing the fashions of Melanie Drake and Sue Fitzsimons.

From the Editor

Hello Fellow Weavers and Spinners

Thank you everyone who contributed to our newsletter this month. It is very imperative for everyone to know how important it is to submit items in to be published. This guild is so helpful and talented that all of us want to hear from our fellow artists.

Although we've been living in "unprecedented" times, Weavers West has started returning to normalcy. Classes are starting up in studio, workshops are being scheduled and quite a few floor looms are dressed with pieces of art! All these things are worthy of our newsletter.

So, for the June newsletter, when the snowbirds are flying around the country, please submit projects being worked on, plan to do on the road, or just things you want to try. We artists love to see what you are doing.

Education News

First Weaving II for 2021

Submitted by Angela Buxton

Angela Buxton has successfully revamped the Weaving II curriculum and manual. In keeping with the revised Strategic Plan, this new manual features a standardized curriculum for the Weaving II (Table Loom) class. “We are also trying to prepare new instructors, to increase our teaching pool. Hopefully this will allow us to have more classes for interested weavers.”

Angela is currently holding the Weaving II class in studio with 3 students! She is being assisted by Bonnie Benson and Kathy Ingles. With the re-modeled studio, weavers are able to sit one per table and keeping some distance between themselves.

Ice Dye Workshop

Carol Byrne held a workshop on Ice Dyeing, Wednesday, April 7 with a focus on warps and skeins. This workshop features topics on how to prepare fiber for dyeing and how to apply powdered fiber reactive dyes to cellulosic fibers using ice as the delivery medium of the dyes to the fiber. Students were told to dress appropriately to avoid the inevitable “dye on clothing”. Carol graciously donated fiber and dye for this class.

If you have an interest in learning the ice dye method of dyeing fiber, please contact Carol and another workshop will be scheduled.





Upcoming Classes

Submitted by Carol Byrne

By fall, we expect to offer a full range of classes. If you are interested in teaching a class, please let the Education Committee know. Also, if you are interested in learning a particular weaving technique or have heard of an instructor who would come to WWG to offer a class, please share that information with the Education Committee. We want to fulfill your weaving, spinning and fiber related needs with “Bee in the Know” sessions, workshops and classes.

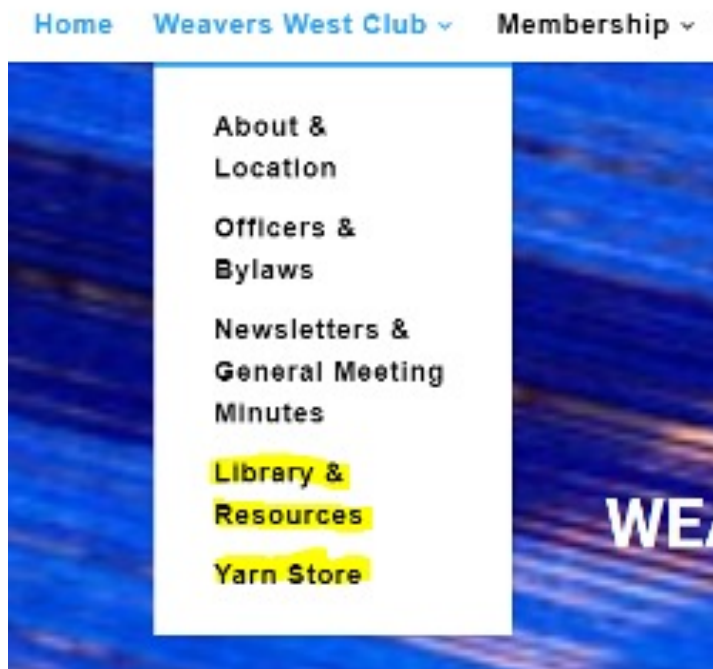
Missing Manual

There is a manual/binder missing containing 30 First Projects. If anyone knows where it is or if you have borrowed it, please return to Pam Chumbley. Unfortunately, if we cannot find it, all the projects will need to be reproduced and it will be quite labor intensive to do.

Weavers West Website Changes

Submitted by Nancy Grunwaldt

A few new items have been added to the Weavers West Guild website. The Library & Resources page now contains additional resources such as a yardage calculator, reed substitution chart and sett chart. A page for the Yarn Store has been added that includes pictures of the renovated Yarn Store, the Yarn Store hours and a list of the fiber and other items that can be purchased.



Spinners

Submitted by Marilyn Tschetter

The Spinners group from Weavers West has begun in-studio spinning on Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm in the Weavers West studio at the Kuentz Recreation Center. We are looking for spinners - experienced or beginner, to join us. Bring your wheel and a friendly smile. Spinning lessons are also available with equipment on loan from Weavers West to get you started just to see how you like it. Drop Spindles, that are portable, as well as Weavers West Kiwi wheels are available to learn on.

If interested or have any questions, please contact Marilyn at 425-622-6446.

Linus Project

Submitted by Jan Jordan

Did you know?

- There have been over 8.5 million blankets delivered across the country since the beginning in 1995
- Each handmade blanket is considered a hug to a child in need
- Weavers West has participated since 2015 by contributing over 200 blankets
- Cupboards were just emptied with 20 more added to our donations

THANK YOU ALL who participate with your time and talent for a child's comfort.



Community Service

It seems that with all we have in talents and resources, Weavers West as a club should be able to give to our community and help those less fortunate.

We have participated in Project Linus for several years. The suggestion was made to keep a loom dressed in the studio available for anyone and everyone to help weave a charity blanket. But along with that idea, we are looking for other suggestions. It could be supporting a local thrift store or food bank that has an ongoing need. Or maybe short term projects that someone hears about through church, friends or advertising. If you could give it some thought over the summer, then in the fall at our first meeting, some discussion could pick a new path for Weavers West fun and fulfillment to helping others.

Any suggestions contact Jan Jordan 303-601-7910

Around Town

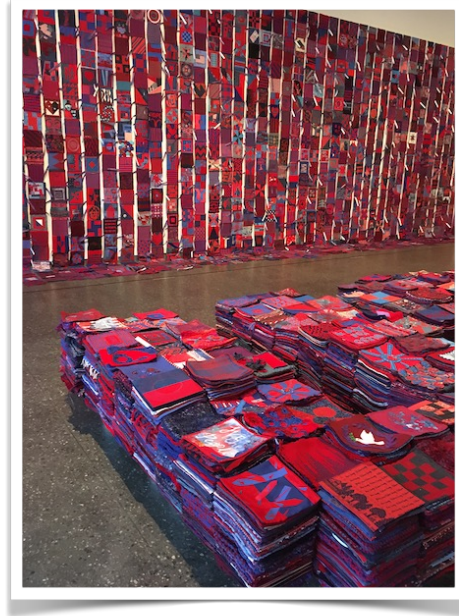
Submitted by Diane Stern

The Phoenix Art Museum is open for your safe viewing pleasure. The key new exhibit features the clothing designs of Rudi Gernreich.

However, a “not-to-be-missed exhibit” is located in the back of the museum, lower level. On the floor and walls are 8 X 8 inch squares designed by fiber artist from across the country. Entitled “The Violet Protest”, the exhibit features almost 8000 red and blue textile squares displayed along the gallery walls with the additional squares stacked and positioned to represent the letters “U” and “S”. The red and blue colors of the squares start blending, giving the impression of the color violet.

In January 2020, Ann Morton announced an open call to makers for these textile 8 X 8 squares that are equal parts red and blue. She has received submissions from all 50 states, as well as British Columbia, Alberta, and Nova Scotia. Ann Morgan will continue to accept submissions until August 1, 2021. To learn more about the project/protest visit www.violetprotest.com.

“We are not a nation of red and blue political parties.” This is a sample of “The Violet Protest”.



Projects Our Weavers Are Working On



Kathy Michels



Char Heins



Vickie Regnart



Sherry Gower



Mary Wilder





Cynthia Geyer-Goering



Lise Lavigne

Barbara Smith

