

# **Weaver's West Guild General Meeting**

**February 3, 2023**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M.

A quorum was established.

The Agenda was adopted.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

Announcements: Venita Frazier was introduced as a new member.

## **Officer Reports:**

### President:

Board meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Beardsley Recreation Center in the Agave room #7 at 9 A.M.

Board members and Committee chairs are asked to respond "yea or nay" to emails or texts regarding agenda items.

A box for used batteries is on the counter. Editor's note: The Posse does not accept used batteries.

If you are taking a phone message and cannot understand the information, ask another member to take the call, and don't be afraid to ask the caller to repeat a number or name back to be certain the information is correct.

Tucson Handweaver's Show and sale information is posted on the bulletin board near the store and is in an email sent to each member.

A reminder that there is a suggestion box near the copiers and a member to member box on the counter for members to utilize.

A magnifying floor lamp has been purchased and it's located at the junction of the rigid heddle and baby wolf area near the Education Room for members' use. This was purchased from a suggestion in the suggestion box.

### Vice President:

There will be a stash sale after this meeting. Three rigid heddle looms are for sale; two Crickets are \$145 each, one Kromski for \$200 includes 2 reeds. OBO

There will be a member to member stash sale on Friday, March 24 at 10 A.M. Members must sign up to sell.

The Loom Revival cleaning will be Saturday, March 25 at 9:30 A.M.

### Treasurer:

There is \$8854.51 in checking and \$5074.64 in savings.

94 members have paid dues for 2023. Karen Vincent has sent 31 emails to previous members inviting them to rejoin.

## **Committee Reports:**

### Education:

Carol Byrne and Kathleen Bloechl thanked Wendy Mizinski for troubleshooting the rep weave class set up.

Angela Buxton and Wendy Mizinski are working on developing the Weaving III curriculum and hope to teach a class this spring. It will include floor looms, specialty looms, special techniques, dupe loops, warping patterns, dressing a loom back to front, and more.

The triangle loom class taught by Marilyn Haas-Haseman begins February 15. There is still room on the class sign up sheet to enroll.

Guest instructor, Chris Acton will be here March 1-3 teaching “The Color Lab for Weavers,” “Not So Plain Weave Workshop” and after the General meeting will be assisting members “Planning a Project”. Specific information for the Not So Plain Weave workshop is in the red class sign up book. The classes are appropriate for new weavers to participate.

She will also do a presentation on “Spontaneity” after the General meeting on March 3.

Weaving I is full this session. Weaving II is almost over, and one more is planned for this spring. Sign ups for the wait list are in the red class sign up book. Important: If you are interested in taking a class, sign up on the wait list as classes are offered based on wait list sign ups which show demand for the class.

The Education committee puts out a survey before classes to see if there is an interest in a class from an outside presenter. Once that instructor has been put under contract, we pay regardless of the number of students so we need to fill the classes. Currently the Plain Weave classes could use more participants.

### Library:

Diane Conery reported there are 4 new binders with patterns; textural patterns, skulato/ plaids, weave a color ,and overshot/lace.

Spin Off and Handwoven magazines are available through the library system.

If you have suggestions for new library materials, please let Diane know.

There are magazines and books available for free in the stash sale.

### Spinners:

There will be a spinning bee on Saturday, April 1, 2023 in the studio with the Sun City Spinners. There will be a brown bag lunch and coffee and donuts will be provided by the Sun City West spinners. They are hoping to revive the annual spinning bee with Sun City spinners. Marilyn Tschetter is the contact person.

Spinners meet Tuesday afternoons from 1-3:30 pm. A Challenge activity is currently underway to blend fibers, spin them, and knit and felt a little spinning essentials bag to hold oil, and other small tools.

The Charkha is up and running and will have a “Be In the Know” for members to know more about how to use it.

### Windows:

Jannelle Kluch will be changing out the window on Friday, February 10. Anyone with Rep weave items they will share, please let Jannelle know. Put your name and phone number on the project.

In the past a "Weaver of the Month" has been featured in window displays and is there interest in resuming this feature. If you are interested or have a nomination let Pat Conway or Pat O'Neill know.

### Foundation:

Carol Byrne and Esther Federman encouraged members to attend the Handweaving Expo in Tucson on February 11-12. Esther also remarked that our library is excellent.

Carol and Esther are working with the Arizona Foundation of Spinners and Weavers on a statewide conference at Camp Verde in 2024. It will include indoor and outdoor spaces, classes and will be open to the public. They will need Arizona guilds to help with various aspects: teachers, spinners, and a raffle. No dates have been set yet.

### Summer Weaving:

Bonnie Benson reported that the bags are done and can be picked up or call her.

### Yarn Store:

Cynthia Geyer-Goering reported over \$1700 was sold on the special yarn sale. New supplies and the special orders are here.

Marilyn Tschetter,  
Secretary