

WEAVERS WEST

GUILD NEWS

Sun City West, AZ

Happy New Year!

Calendar Reminders:

Spinners Meet Every Tuesday
From 1-3:30 PM
April 5-7-Arizona Fiber Arts
Festival – Camp Verde, AZ

February

2/2 General Meeting &
Member Craft & Stash Sale
2/23 – Bee In The Know – Inkle
Loom
2/5,8,9,12-Weaving I-12:30-3:30
2/6,8,13,15 Weaving III- 9-12

March:

3/1-General Meeting
3/22-Happy Camp

Did You Know?

Weaver's West has a Facebook
Page. Weaverswest-SCW. If
You're on Facebook, check it
out!

Weaver's West Guild website:
<https://weavers.scwclubs.com>.



Welcome and Thank You to our 2024 Board Members: Pictured left to right: Pat Conway, Co-President; Pat O'Neill, Co-President; Marilyn Tschetter, Secretary; Kathy Ingles, Vice President; Alie Conrad-Lake, Co-Treasurer; Kay Cebren, Member-at-Large. Missing: Kathy Michels, Co-Treasurer and Venita Brazier, Member-at-Large.

Also, a big Thank You to all our Committee Chairs and Committee Members.

The installation of officers and the Guild's holiday luncheon was held at State 48 Brewery. 45 members attended and the food was delicious. A great collection of toys and blankets from members were donated to the Fire Department for their holiday drive.

Submitted by Sharon Morken

SPOTLIGHT ON WEAVERS WEST SPINNERS

The Weavers West spinners are growing! We are now 20 fun loving spinning and needle felting ladies. You just never know what a Tuesday afternoon will bring! But you can be guaranteed that good conversation and a lot of laughs are always at hand.

Early in December some spinners took on the challenge of making a tree out of a weaving cone and yarn or fiber, so we could enhance our window display. We had so much fun we decided to do a needle felting day with a gnome in mind. Cynthia Geyer-Goering and Jannelle Kluch had a couple of samples for them to try, but they made their own creations and not one person needed a band aid. Please check out the January/February window. There may be a couple gnomes hiding around, but I don't "gnome for sure"!

As we move into January the spinners will be working on their crayon challenge which will be revealed in April/ May before our Snowbirds head north.

Barbara Schaffer invited the spinners to her house to see her antique spinning wheels, and more in January. We're looking forward to seeing her collection.

If you would like to learn more about spinning, please stop in and check us out. We are in the studio each Tuesday from 1-3:30 PM.

Submitted by Jannelle Kluch



Photo left: Joann worked for a couple months to learn how to spin and she never gave up. This is a photo of her beautifully plied yarn she's winding off.



Spinners working away on a Tuesday afternoon.

Gnomes Gone Wild!

Below: Dagmar Weissenborn, Alie Conway-Lake, Bobbye Swagerty and Cynthia Geyer-Goering.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: INTRODUCTION TO INKLE WEAVING – FEBRUARY 23, 2024

If you are curious about what you can do on an inkle loom and want to learn more about how to use this small portable loom, please plan to attend "Bee in the Know" on Friday, February 23 from 9 -11. This presentation by Barb Wood and Charlene Farwell is open to all members at no charge. No sign up needed.

Questions - contact Carol Byrne at 602-531-9107 or carolbyrneaz@netscape.net



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Above: Dedicated Instructors & Students—Weaving I working away on a SATURDAY!

BE INSPIRED BY SO MANY OF THE BEAUTIFUL ITEMS MADE BY MEMBERS:



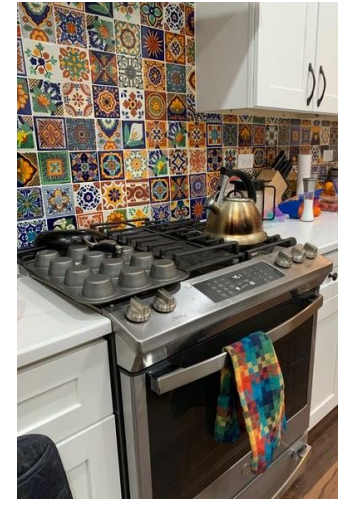
Left: Congratulations to Angela Buxton who writes: “Here is a photo of the blanket I entered in the Northeast Washington Fair this past summer. I wove it the previous winter while in Sun City West. It is a “Freeform plaid” plain weave, made about 95% from my hand spun yarn. The turquoise color is from 2 purchased skeins. One is from a yarn shop in Coupeville WA where several of us attended The Weaving School a few years ago, and the other is from The Rainbow Fiber Co-op, which sells Navajo yarn to benefit Navajo shepherd.”



Above: Great picture of the fun window display this month.



Left: Diane Stern's towels, shown finished and folded as well as in her daughter's kitchen. What a great match!



My Latest Obsession: Experimenting With Wet/Nuno

Felting Submitted by Bonnie Benson

I took the November sampler felting class with Patti Barker. This was my second class with Patti. The first class was a circular vest, which did not turn out well for me, just because I did not like my color choice and the size of the vest I felt. The second class sampling different techniques got me more excited to try again.

Felting projects I did at home over the holidays are below. I redid the vest I didn't like and am modeling it on the right.





Dagmar Weissenborn warped enough yarn to weave two runners in a modern rep weave pattern. The warp is random 8/2 cotton and the weft is cotton rug mop (thick) with grey 8/2 (thin). Included are photos working on the loom, and the finished runners.



Below: Lisa Coulombe's jacket she made from fabric she wove on a rigid heddle in October in the Saori style.



Stephanie Schur's vest, left. She started by making a mobius for her granddaughter who didn't care for it so she revamped into a vest for herself. Stephanie cut some of the fabric to make the side panels into a design element.

Weaver's West Guild participated in the January Newcomer's Open House at Palm Ridge with a display table that included weaving and spinning demonstrations, yarn store information and finished products to view. Thank you to all our members who worked to put together the club's display and attend the event



WEAVERS WEST HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED SOME GREAT DONATIONS:

Right: A new serger which gives us a choice of light and dark thread. Below: A second sewing machine and a fun ironing board cover.



ALTERNATE SUGGESTION FOR KEEPING EXTRA HEDDLES BACK FROM YOUR WORK:

