

# WEAVERS WEST

## GUILD NEWS

Sun City West, AZ

### WELCOME SUMMER!

#### Calendar Reminders:

Spinners Meet Every Tuesday  
From 1-3:30

...8/16 & 9/20 – Board Meetings  
At Beardsley (Sagebrush  
Rm. 8:30-10:30 am

#### MAY:

5/3 – 8am-Noon – Stash Sale

5/9,10,13,14 – Weave for Felting

#### JULY:

7/21-27 Studio Closed for  
Cleaning

#### SEPTEMBER:

...9/6 General Mtg. 9: am social  
9:30 meeting

#### 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>.



Weavers West had a great booth at the Arizona Fiber Festival. A big thanks to Melanie Drake who wove the fabric for the banner, and Jannelle Kluch who felted the letters. Thanks to everyone who stuffed the goodies for give-away, made the banner, set the booth up, and worked in the booth. Below are a few pictures. A special thanks to Angela Buxton, Carol Byrne, Pat Conway and Melanie Drake.



# Library News

We have added a new book title to the library:  
Shaped Weaving  
Krevitsky  
Basic Weaving Techniques



The Library Index is updated and reprinted once a year. Between printings, a page is kept at the front of the index which lists new titles added (books, collections and DVDs) since last printing. Multiple copies of materials we already have listed in the index are just penciled in on the existing index. The website index is updated more frequently.

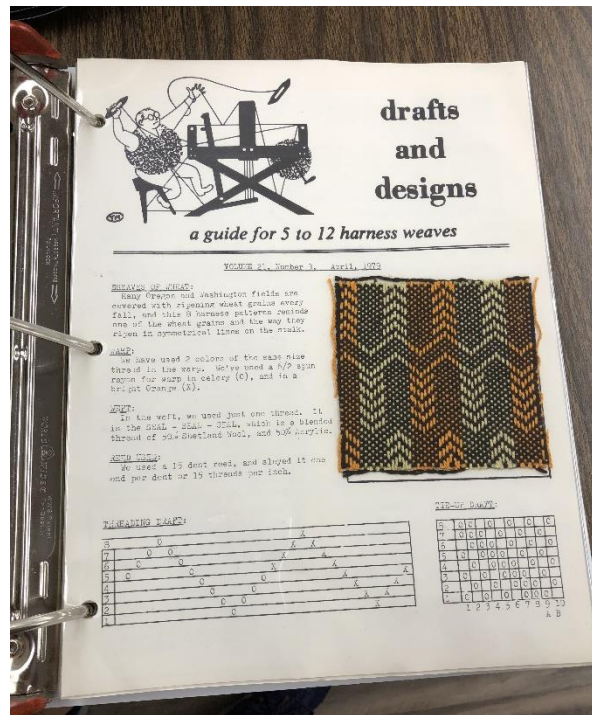
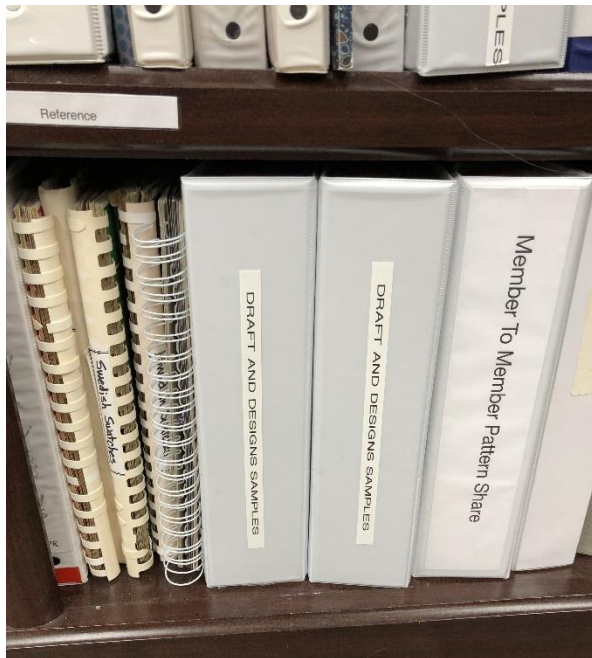
Thanks to members and former members who have donated materials to our library. Please be sure to leave your full name when you drop off things so I can send a thank you. When items are donated, I first add any new titles we don't currently have in our library. I announce these new items through an email, announcement at our meetings, or in a newsletter. If we already have one or more copies I may add another to our system or replace worn copies with a newer/nicer copy. Some items may be added to our reference section also if they are not bound copies but more collections. Any extra items are added to our guild stash sales.

Please remember that our checkout period is for 2 weeks and try to return materials within that time frame. I do send out reminders once a month for overdue items.

If you have any recommendations for new purchases for our library, please let me know. If you ever need help finding materials you need, I am happy to meet with you and we can search together.

Submitted by: Diane Conery

In addition, you may not know that there are several 3 ring binders in the Reference section which contain collections of woven fabric swatches with their threading and treadling. You can get ideas from these for your own creations.



# Yarn Store

It's here, end of the season!

From June – September the Yarn Store will be open the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month from 8:30am-12pm. If the store is not open but there is a Yarn Store representative in the guild, they will be happy to help you but please be considerate of their time.

Starting in June, the Yarn Store will be offering 5/2 perle cotton for sale in smaller amounts. Have you ever wanted to just try it out but it's too expensive? Here's your chance! Currently we have 6 different colors and in June I will be ordering 6 more. What's exciting is that we now have the ability to wind off smaller amounts. I will be training the representatives on all the how-to's during one of their assigned Friday shifts. If you are wanting the perle cotton and there is not a trained rep available, feel free to text me at 314-605-4603 and we can arrange a time for me to come in and help you.

I will be placing a special order on the 15th of June for anyone interested. The websites I am ordering from are: Yarn Barn, Schacht, Living Felt, Great Northern, or Gist. Please submit an order form (located in green folder outside yarn store door). Make sure you enter your name, phone number and the website where you want to purchase the item from. Your order must be in the green folder by noon on Friday June 14.

I hope you are enjoying the changes we have been making within our store. I've added a few colors of 8/4 Poly Cotton back into inventory. It is placed at the end of the 8/4 Cotton Warp. The small bookcase is being removed to give you more of a visual to the 8/4 CW shelves. The bobbins and other helpful small weaving/felting tools can be found just opposite of the door. Have fun exploring! If anyone has ideas about improving our store, please let me or Karol Woodbury know. We are always looking towards improvement.

Submitted by: Cynthia Geyer-Goering



# HAPPENINGS AT WEAVERS WEST

February brought a get together to enjoy delicious homemade soups, salads, breads and dessert. We had a great turnout!



**HAPPY CAMP:** Weavers West hosted Happy Camp on Friday March 22. Six young people attended. Everyone, volunteers included, had a wonderful time making bracelets, bookmarks, cats' eyes and hanging decorations.

Thanks to our wonderful members who volunteered to help, every child had adult guidance.

Several grandparents expressed pleased delight with the activity. – Jan Cobb



## Loom Cleaning Day

On Saturday, March 30, almost 35 Guild members participated in our Annual Loom Cleaning Day at Weavers West Guild. Because of the work of Jan Cobb, Mary Shaughnessy and the Loom Committee Chairs Paula Dean and Karen Vincent we had a very successful morning. We dusted, washed and waxed all the floor looms, table looms, inkle looms and triangle looms for a total of 61 looms. Because of the great turnout we completed the job in two hours. The looms look great.! Thank you to everyone for the super effort.

Submitted by: Karen Vincent



Above: Hard at work on some of the table looms.



Above: Taking a break to visit.



Left: Stephanie Schur's finished scarf embellished with beads around the edges.

## TRIANGLE LOOM CLASS:

We had a great time at the Triangle Loom class. Everyone enjoyed the day and worked hard. We have a waiting list for another class and will offer one this fall when I get back. Below are a couple pictures of finished items. -Submitted by Marilyn Haas-Haseman



Above: Marcia Steil modeling her completed scarf.



Above; Mary Wilder showing off her first of three triangles

## WEAVING III

A big thank you to Angela Buxton, Wendy Mizinski and Bonnie Benson for teaching the Weaving III class – an exploration of new techniques in dressing a loom and the way colors interact in weaving, - Submitted by Kay Archer



Left: Kay Archer's Weaving II work.

Right: Sharon Morken's table runner



Above: Weaving III Classroom time.

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

—Benjamin Franklin

Below: other students look on as Donna Clark and Mary Shaughnessy work on dressing their loom.



# ALPACA PALOOZA!!

Weavers West Spinners organized a visit to Desert Mirage Alpaca Ranch in Wittman. Owners, Chuck and Sandi Baxter spent a lot of time telling us about Alpacas. The main purpose of breeding alpacas is for the production of high quality fiber that is luxurious, soft, hypoallergenic and wicks away moisture. The alpacas were so cute, we have lots of photos! Enjoy!  
- Submitted by Marianne Culligan



Above: Alpaca Mom

Above: Weaver's West members at the Alpaca Ranch

Below: Baby Boy and Right: (not so) Little Baby! Far Right: Sandi amongst the Alpacas



Left: Chuck talking with us about the habits of Alpacas.

# WEAVERS WEST SPRING LUNCHEON

This year's spring luncheon was held at Grandview Terrace. We had a good member turnout and enjoyed a delicious lunch in beautiful surroundings. Thank you so much to Gail Weed and her Special Events committee for a lovely time. Again, we have so many photos! A few are below but you may just see yourself on the monitor in the Weaving Studio as you work away, as many of the other photos will appear there.





## When Weaving Gives You A Lemon, Make It Into A Jacket!!!

Mary Jones had a mistake in some pretty blue dishtowels she wove. The mistake only appeared on the back of the fabric, so she didn't notice until the towels were off the loom. Below, left, notice all of the floats on the back. I had a pattern that made a jacket from dishtowel material, so Mary and I gave it a whirl. Turned out pretty cute.

-Submitted by Bonnie Benson



Right: My first try at Overshot. I used 8/2 cotton for warp and ground weft and variegated Tencel for the pattern. - Submitted by Rosemary Copeland.



The below picture is of double weave placemats. They were woven with 3/2 Perle cotton in 5 colors. I got the pattern from Handwoven Sept/Oct 2014. They were labeled "Fall Fiesta Placemats" but I did them in my colors instead. The pattern is for an 8 harness loom.

The picture on the right is also an 8 harness pattern called "Mosaic Tiles" from Handwoven May/June 2021. They were woven in 5/2 Perle cotton with colors I had in my stash. They make nice hot pads. - Submitted by Barb Wood



Below: Patricia Casey's fabric woven on a rigid heddle,



Above: Peggy Marshall's baby blanket. Notice her matching shirt!

Stephanie Schur has been hard at work on a table loom weaving a table runner, placemats and matching mug rugs on the right. She also wove a prayer shawl and Yamilka for her granddaughter, far right.



Left: Kay Archer with her cats. Kay wove them on the Dobby loom. She used 8/2 cotton for the warp. She tried both 5/2 and 3/2 black in the weft. The middle towel is 3/2. If you enlarge the picture you can see a slight difference. The pattern is in the Member to Member pattern share binder in the library.

On the right: Many of you may not have noticed this handy size chart located on the bulletin board outside the Yarn Store, right.

| Woven Towel Sizes  |       |        |
|--------------------|-------|--------|
| Towel              | width | length |
| Fingertip or guest | 11-13 | 18-21  |
| Hand or Tea        | 13-18 | 17-25  |
| Kitchen or dish    | 16-21 | 26-32  |
| Bath               | 20-30 | 40-60  |
| Baby blanket       | 30-40 | 30-40  |
| Beach blanket      | 31-39 | 53-73  |