May 3rd  1pm Draw Loom at the Guild House
May 7th and 21st Rigid Heddle 1-5 at the Guild House
May 13th  10am - 3pm Fiber with a Twist Richland Public Library
May 16th      By the Book Knitters 6pm Richland Public Library
May 20th  11am Annual General Meeting Bethel Church 800 Shocky Road
May 22nd  6:30pm Board Meeting at the guild house
May 23rd  1 - 3 4+More Weaving Study Group at Sharon’s
Tuesdays 6:30pm Great Wheels at Richland Public Library and the Guild House

President’s Warped Yarns
“A party without a cake is a meeting.” I saw this quote while browsing in Barnes & Nobles. There are many famous quotes about cake; “you can’t have your cake and eat it too,” “let them eat cake,” “piece of cake,” “I’m just here for the cake,” “I like my eggs in cake,” “too much cake makes your clothes shrink.”

Dorothy Mucha provided cake for the Rigid Heddle five-year anniversary and turned a study group meeting into a party. Susan Schmieman provided a cake for the February DFA General Meeting to celebrate a successful Allied Arts Exhibit and the meeting became a party. Someone said: “have you tried cakes baked by Walmart, they aren’t as sweet,” and Susan said “oh that’s too bad.”

I’m sure there have been countless times this year we have celebrated with cake. On May 20th at our annual meeting we will turn it into a lovely party celebrating a very good year for DFA and eat cake. Please know you are welcome.

Judy Rice  509-380-0962

RIGID HEDDLE STUDY GROUP
Lots of warping and new projects on the looms. So much learning and creativity going on. The schedule for the coming month and summer as well will continue to be 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. There was no RHSG last summer, winter slid us from regular meetings, we missed each other and so, no break this year. If we get creative about meetings or if someone is gone due to vacation, we will rotate helpers. Should be a great summer.

4+MORE WEAVING STUDY GROUP
Tuesday, May 23, 1-3p at Sharon Ofsthun’s 1405 S Rosena Ct. Kennewick 509-212-3096
We will tour Sharon’s garden and learn about natural weaving materials. We’ll continue brainstorming ideas for weave structures we want to explore next fall, after our usual summer break. This year we learned how to honeysuckle, handled samples of rya [ree-ya] weaving, enjoyed a DVD workshop on Doubleweave, had presentations on shadow weave, and learned that we get more ideas meeting in members’ homes.
Bring your projects & questions plus your “I want to learn about…” list for next year.

DFA BOARD MEETING
Board Meeting May 22, 2017, 6:30pm at DFA Guild House. The first DFA Board Meeting of the fiscal year will be held May 22, 2017 at 6:30pm to install new officers and conduct guild business
DRAW LOOM
May 3rd 1pm at the guild house We plan to tie up the pattern heddles and explore pattern possibilities.

How many people does it take to warp a loom?

TAPESTRY STUDY GROUP
Freya Tapestry Group will not be meeting during the summer months, June through August. We will start up again in September. We'll arrange our personal "River of Color" yarn stash, take a cross section from that sorting and apply it to compliment our golden mean composition!
I encourage tapestry weavers to continue weaving on our group tapestry at Susan Schmieman's Studio, downtown Kennewick.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
The nominating committee has come up with the following slate of officers:
Karen Lamar  President
Carol Hall and Earlene Mokler  Vice Presidents
Jeannie Bass Secretary
Julie Davis continues as Treasurer
We will vote on the slate of offices at the May General Meeting.

SATURDAY MINI
The next mini-workshop will be in September. I would like to thank everyone that took the DFA motto of Each One, Teach One to heart. If you have a suggestion for a workshop or if you have a special technique you would like to share, please contact Kathy Myers at kbmyers@gmail.com

NEW DESERT FIBER ARTS WEBSITE COMING SOON!
In a few days, we will be launching a new website with exciting new features. We ask for your patience as we upgrade. Stay informed by checking your email. A blast will be sent out letting you know when our new site goes live. Not receiving our email blasts? Contact us at blaster@desertfibers.org to let us know or check back in after May 1st.

The new site will offer more interaction from all members. Many of the familiar links will be there, like the Library link to Library thing, the newsletter, and calendar. Study groups will be able to communicate better, DFA members will be able to participate in content, equipment rented and monitored’ the list will go on. But there will be new things also that will help with the cohesiveness of the guild and sharing with the community. The site will grow with our goals and
needs.

BY THE BOOK KNITTERS

Our next meeting will be May 16 from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Lori will bring her Sock Knitter and give us a demo (sorry we had to postpone this last month) There will also be other circular Knitting Machines to try out. The 40th Anniversary Seattle Mariners Afghan is well under way. Yarn went out to many knitters. The squares need to be done by the June meeting.

Kirsten stopped by our meeting to invite all the knitters to come to Fiber With a Twist. There will be vendors just for Knitters. Saturday May 13th from 10 – 3pm

Knit in Public Day is Saturday June 10th at 10:00am in the Lobby of the Richland Public Library on the comfy couch. Stay tuned for more details next month.

Most of the knitters have decided to wait until the remodel is over to visit the Richland Fred Meyer.

Books we read this month

* A Man Called Ove, My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry & Britt-Marie Was Here* by Fredrik Backman
* A Mother’s Reckoning* by Sue Klebold
* All The King’s Men* by Robert Penn Warren
* All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr
* Arne & Carlos' Field Guide to Knitted Birds* by Carlos Zachrison and Arne Nerjordet
* Ernie Pyle’s War* by James Tobin
* Falling Free* by Lois McMaster Bujold
* Fingersmith* by Sarah Waters
* Precious and Grace* by Alexander McCall Smith
* The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson
* The Alchemist* by Paul Coelho
* The Apprentice* by Jacques Pépin
* The Bear and the Nightingale* by Katherine Arden
* The Fix, King and Maxwell & Simple Genius* by David Baldacci
* The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
* The Invisible Library* by Genevieve Cogman
* The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George
* The Magician's Nephew* by C. S. Lewis
* The Mermaid Chair, Secret Life of Bees & Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd
* The Winter Pony & The Giant-Slayer* by Iain Lawrence
* Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher
* To Hell and Back* by Audie Murphy

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWAL TIME FOR CURRENT MEMBERS

We are pleased to be welcoming 3 new members for 2017-2018:

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**CAROL KAMINSKY**

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509-575-1720

carol.kaminsky@sbcglobal.net

Our newbies are interested in all fiber activities. They have come to the right place. WELCOME!

THANKS

Thank you to all my techy buddies who offered to create the bookmarks. Earlene and I got them done Monday. Now I just add the QRC and they go to the printers tomorrow... I'll let you know as soon as they are ready.

**The sale dates are Friday-Saturday Oct. 27-28 and Nov. 3-4.**

Any ideas on free gifts for sales over $50???

Connie Schlosser
JOIN US AT THE  

DFA YEAR END CELEBRATION  

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH 11AM-1PM  

BETHEL CHURCH * 800 SHOCKLEY RD * RICHLAND  

Hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be provided!  
Door Prizes  
Election of Officers  
2017-2018 Budget Presentation  
Short Committee and Study Group Reports  
Show and Tell  
FUN, FRIENDSHIP, AND FIBER
It is time for DFA membership Renewal. Thank you to the many who have already renewed. Everyone who gets their renewal dues to the treasurer before our Annual Meeting on May 20 will have your name in the Early Bird Renewal Gift Basket Drawing. Membership form is on the web site and included in this newsletter.

TO SEE AND DO

Prosser Scottish Fest, Saturday June 3, 2017 9AM-6PM, Prosser Wine and Food Park. Celtic Music, Highland Dancers etc. If you demonstrate fiber work you have free admission.

Vashon Sheep Dog Classic Friday June 9th thru Sunday June 11th 10 to 4 Cat Borchi will be in the Fiber Arts Village area on Friday afternoon and Temple Grandin will be present at the Trials on Sunday website http://www.vashonsheepdogclassic.com/ for information

Seattle Weavers Guild workshops Barbara Herbster Understanding Supplementary Warp April 29-30th Elizabeth Buckley Exploring the Visual Hearth/beat: the use of Rhythm in Tapestry Design May 26 -28th Contact workshops@seattleweaversguild.com

Folk Life Festival May 26-29 Fiber Arts activities in the fiber arts demonstration tent all 4 days

Big Sky Fiber Arts Festival June 9-11, Hamilton, MT http://www.bigskyfiberfestival.com

HERE IS KITTY'S BIBLIOGRAPHY FROM HER PRESENTATION
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http://www.bevscountrycottage.com/nest.html
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http://sheepandstitch.com/the-history-of-knitting-part-1-mysterious-origins/

Fiber with a Twist
An Educational Program Open to the Public
Sponsored by the Northwest Regional Spinners Association
Saturday, May 13, 2017, 10:00 – 3:00
Richland Public Library
955 Northgate Dr., Richland WA 99352

Come check out the Fun
Suggested donation $5, funds will be used to bring a Fiber Teacher to the Tri-Cities

Potluck Lunch, Raffles, Door Prizes, Vendors and Great People
For more information, including vendor opportunities:
Facebook: Fiber with a Twist
Webpage: FiberwithaTwist.org
Email: fiberwithatwist@yahoo.com
Desert Fiber Arts
101 N. Union St. Suite 208
Kennewick, WA 99336

Membership dues are payable by May 31 for fiscal year, June 1 - May 31.

Please make checks payable to DFA and mail to:
P. O. Box 1004, Richland, WA 99352

NAME: ____________________________  Today's Date: ___________
ADDRESS: ________________________
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: __________
PHONE: ___________________________  CELL PHONE: ___________
E-MAIL: __________________________

Desert Fiber Arts is a nonprofit 501c(3) organization.
Membership Dues and Donations are tax deductible as the law allows.

| Annual Membership Dues are $25.00 | Award Fund       |
| Additional Family Members are $1.00 each. | Equipment Fund |
| *New members joining after Jan1st for 1/2 yr. are $15.00 | General Fund    |
| Membership Total                  | Library Fund     |
|                                  | Speaker          |
|                                  | Facilities       |
|                                  | Donations Total  |
|                                  | Grand Total:     |

Members have the responsibility to actively participate and volunteer by serving on committees, accepting an office and supporting the goals, aims and purposes of DFA.

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We prefer to send our newsletter out through e-mail, but we have options

I would love to receive my newsletter by: (v) E-mail: ___________ USPS Mail: ___________

Yes! ___________ Put me on your list to receive information about events and activities.

We offer workshops, study groups and gatherings.
Please check those activities you are interested in.

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ANWG CONFERENCE
The 2017 ANWG Conference takes place in beautiful Victoria, B. C. Canada. Preconference Workshops are June 28th to 30th. The conference is July 1st and 2nd. Information at www.anwgconference2017.com
For those people who aren't planning to attend the Victoria Conference, there's a very attractive alternative in that housing is available on the website separately from Conference registration. Perhaps we can plan for a group to either car pool or go as foot passengers on the ferry an bus from there with only an overnight ba (plus an empty one for shopping)? It's possible and sounds like a lot of fun and inspiration.

For Sale:
4 shaft jack loom for sale  
$2500.00 or best offer.  
All proceeds will be donated to the draw loom reimbursement fund.  
Judy Rice 509-380-0962

You can be a part of the Desert Fiber Arts Guild. To join send a $25 check along with your name, address and phone to Desert Fiber Arts, P O Box 1004, Richland WA 99352