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June 3rd 9am - 6pm Prosser Scottish Fest at the Prosser Wine and Food Park
June 12th and 26th Rigid Heddle 1-5 at the Guild House
June 20th By the Book Knitters 6pm Richland Public Library
Tuesdays 6:30pm Great Wheels at Richland Public Library and the Guild House
July 22nd Dye in the Park - save the date

**Thanks Judy**
Judy Rice has been a fount of enthusiasm for Desert Fiber Arts and its members. She has led with kindness and firmness. If there was work to be done she made it clear what part she was responsible for and where others needed to step in and help.

She led by example. She was free with praise and encouragement. We thank her for being an inspiration, a cheer leader and source of so much information. Thank you for serving as our president.
President’s Warped Yarns; Weavers Den
After moving to the Tri-Cities into a house that I hoped to make permanent, I wanted to give the house a name (we moved twenty times in fifty years). After all the White House was taken and our house is yellow anyway. Feeling a lot like Winnie the Pooh, a bear of little brain, coming up with something appropriate was more difficult than I had expected: Permanent Place, Rice’s Space, Park Street Hideaway, Hobby Holding Spot and so on.
Then I remembered our five-year old granddaughter naming our living room The talking Room because there was no TV. So I’ve begun naming the rooms: The Quilt Room (guest bedroom), The Nursery (for the grandbabies), The Coffee Spot (for our afternoon coffee ritual) and now The Weaver’s Den. Downsizing my loom collection, yarns and books, opening up the fireplace, adding some comfortable furniture and we have a relaxing room called The Weavers Den. Less is more so they say and having more had just become more!
For a consultation or more information about home decorating or just getting rid of “stuff” my number is 509-380-0962. Judy Rice

ELECTED OFFICIERS FOR 2017-2018
President; Karen Larmar Co-vice Presidents; Carol Hall and Earlene Molker Secretary; Jennie Bass Treasurer; Julie Davis Past President; Judy Rice

THANK YOU: A big thank you to Ben Nye of River View Construction for repairing the shelves in the Guild House equipment storage room.

KAREN’S WORDS
Summer is finally here and things are slowing down at the Guild with many of us going on fun trips to interesting places, seeing friends, relatives and grandkids.
Don’t forget to feed your fiber soul, stop at new fiber shops along the way. Buy colors and fiber you have never used before then look for patterns you have never used or always wanted to try. Feed your artistic creativity and share what you have done in September when we meet again.
Judy Rice; you did a fantastic job as President this last year I hope to do the job as well as you did. Many thanks from all of us.
Your new President Karen Lamar (509-551-6327) wishes you all a happy summer.

ANOTHER DFA MENTOR PASSES
Lois Johnson of Stanfield, OR, passed away on Tuesday, May 23. She was one of the instigators of the 4-Shaft Weaving Study Group that has grown into the 4+More Weaving Study Group. On that Tuesday, we had one of our largest meetings yet.
Lois didn’t want any fuss or memorial service. But if you want to make a donation in remembrance of her, simply contribute to your favorite animal rescue organization. We’ll include a biography of Lois in next month’s newsletter.

PROSSER SCOTTISH FEST
The Prosser Scottish Fest is June 3rd 9am to 6pm at he Prosser Wine and Food Park Prosser. There will be Irish Dancers Highland Heavy Athletics, food vendors and more. I understand DFA members who want to demonstrate will get in free. You can check that by Emailingl General Chair info@prosserscottishfest.org
4+MORE WEAVING STUDY GROUP

Summer off. Next meeting in September. The May meeting at Sharon’s was amazing! We had 16 people squished into the Ofsthun’s home. Or maybe it was 16 chairs and 18 or more people. Did the heat bring them out or the hike through their bird sanctuary?

We’ll do a towel swap on our first fall meeting. This is open to anyone. Simply weave one or more towels this summer. Bring them to the 4+More meeting. Swap your towelss with other weavers who bring towels. No sign up. No pressure. If you don’t weave towels, just come to see all the various weave structures and colorways.

Remember to call your fellow study group members for help warping, finding materials or finishing a project over the summer.

RIGID HEDDLE STUDY GROUP

Lots of fun activities going on in the studio at our last meeting; from new weavers to the more experienced ones. Margo came in the front door and said “I want to learn how to weave”, boy was she at the right place, she joined DFA, we rented her a loom and she watched Dorothy teach Donna how to warp her loom. Pam is weaving a colorful shawl, Betty finished up a scarf, Robin was busy twining. Kathy K. and Clifton are both working on scarves and Kathy M. is almost done with her spot lace bread cloths.

But the highlight of the meeting was Susan presenting Judy with appreciation gifts for being our fearless leader for the past year! She has done an amazing job.

We will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month throughout the summer. Be sure to check out the new website and watch for blast for the latest information.

DYE IN THE PARK – DATE SET

Dye in the Park will be July 22nd from 8:00am – 2:00pm at Flat Top Park in West Richland.

Our theme this year is Gradient Yarns with color that moves from 1 shade to another. There will also be a children’s project with T-shirts, Sharpies and rubbing alcohol. I will purchase white t-shirts from the Goodwill and have them on hand for families. If anyone would like to help the kids on the day of please contact Earlene Mokler emokler @ gmail.com

Gradient Yarn

Be aware this project does require homework. We will be concentrating on protein fibers such as wool, alpaca and silk but dyes for cellulose fibers such as cotton and linen will be available.

First determine what you want to make
Self-striping sock yarn or Gradient roving that goes from pale yellow to gray to light orange to spin for that perfect shawl pattern from Ravelry or just bring what you have and come have fun.

Homework / Prep work

Your yarn must be put into skeins or balls or however you have decided you want to dye your fiber. At the last By the Book Knitters we saw how to create a sock blank. Not sure how you want to prepare your yarn/fiber? Come to the By the Book Knitters June 20th meeting at the Richland Library from 6:00 – 8:00pm. There will be a discussion of how to prepare your yarn or fiber. Knit Picks has ‘Bare’ yarn that is ready to dye.
FROM THE WEB SITE
A team that warps, spins, and knits together, facilitates a website together.
WE are the caretakers of the DFA's ONLINE Guild Studio. Those who cross the threshold of desertfiberarts.org, experience Each One, Teach One virtually.
As the site transfers into the members’ very talented and capable hands, enthusiasm for the fiber arts shines through every topic, post, and photo.
Our facilitator/tech support, Linda Bittinger, is here to help with the bumps in the road and the learning curves that come with having a powerful website at our fingertips.

**DVDs and Books added to the DFA Library in May 2017**

**DVDs**

Card Wool for Color: How to spin Gradients, Ombres, Fractals and Self Striping yarns with Esther Rogers

Weaving Lace with Madelyn van der Hoogt

Weaving Rep with Rosalie Neilson

Weaving with Supplemental Warp with Deb Essen

Building Blocks of Spinning

Knitting Lace

Painting with Wool: using wet and dry felting

Block weaves with Madelyn van der Hoogt

Paperback book: Twined Rag Rugs: Tradition in the Making by Bobbie Irwin

**Membership**

Current membership privileges ends May 31, 2017. You can renew using the website, www.desertfiberarts.org. Payment can be made by check, cash, or Paypal. The Credit Card Portion is not active at the time of this newsletter. You will be able to continue using the public portion of the site, but full access won’t be available until you have renewed. If you renew by May 31, the transition will be seamless.

We would like to welcome our new members, all interested in weaving, spinning, knitting, and one in clothing construction. We welcome you into the world of “Each One, Teach One.”

**Welcome To:**

Linda Baker
2720 Hyde Rd.
Richland, WA

Brandi Hade &
Bryn Fields
69 Jadwin Ave.
Richland, WA

Carol & Ray Kaminsky
8802 W 6th
Kennewick, WA

Heather Murphy & Son
4319 S Perry St.
Kennewick, WA

Donna Noski
4220 Norma Loop
West Richland, WA

Margo Abbott
629 N Fisher #A105
Kennewick, WA
Next meeting will be June 20th from 6:00 – 8:00pm at the Richland Library in Conference Room A. This month Lori Seeliger brought her vintage Sock Machine and gave us a brief talk about how it works. She explained how to use waste yarn to get the sock started, how to pick up stitches to make a knitted hem and how to graft the toe with the Kitchener stitch. While Lori was here she made a sock blank for future dyeing and knitted a sock in less than an hour. It was a very cool demo. We also had a look at 3 different types of children’s knitting machines. The best was a Hello Kitty machine with the center hole set at an angle to allow the knitting to drop off the back instead of gathering in the middle.

A Mom and two brothers came in to learn to knit. The younger brother, Jonathan learned to knit at school and his mom and older brother, Ben wanted to learn too. The family all started simple knitting projects and because of the donations of needles and yarn the entire family went home with big smiles. We had another new visitor, Jan came to the meeting and learned about Arm Knitting.

Books we have read.
All the Light You Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
Astoria by Peter Stark
Be Immortal by Atul Gawande
Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown
Brain on Fire by Susannah Cahalan
Circling the Sun by Paula McLean
Family Gene by Joselin Linder
Galway Bay by Mary Pat Kelly
Glass Rainbow by James Lee Burke
Guilty and The Fix by David Baldacci
Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman
Out Comes the Evil by Stella Cameron
Peculiar Crimes Unit series by Christopher Fowler
Thankless in Death by J D Robb
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak (book and movie)
The Bookshop on the Corner by Jenny Colgan
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
The Peculiars by Maureen Doyle McQuerry
The Rosie Project and The Rosie Effect by Graeme Simsion
Wonder! by Raquel J. Palacio

FUND RAISING DRIVING IN JUNE
Please mark your calendars for June 19, 2017, drive out and June 25, 2017, return drive for the Mc Curley fund raising drive. Don’t have the hours, but expect the same as usual: 8:30 a.m. out, 5:30 p.m. return. More info to follow. Watch your emails for updates. Thank you for your participation. Always accepting new drivers on the roster. Please consider signing up. Contact Dorothy Mucha or respond to the email when the invite comes out.
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| Additional Family Members are $1.00 each. | Equipment Fund |
| New members joining after Jan1st for 1/2 yr. are $15.00 | General Fund |
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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.

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.

| Weaving | Spinning | Dyeing | Felting |
| Tapestry | Basketry | Knitting | Clothing |
| Embellishment and Surface Design | Other |

I would like to know more about volunteering and/or be involved with:

| Annual Sale | Benton Franklin Fair | Demonstration Events |
| Newsletter | Heritage Days | Membership Show |
| Programs | Study Groups | Nominating Committee |
| Web Site | Facilities | Accept an Office |
| Workshops | Other interest: |

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