January 13th 10 to noon Knitting Machine Study Group at the Desert Fiber Arts Studio
January 18th DFA General Meeting 6:30 pm - 9pm Guild House
January 8th and 22nd Rigid Heddle 12 -4 at the Guild House
January Wednesdays Afternoon Spinning 1 - 4pm at the Guild House
January 16th 6pm By the Book Knitters at the Richland Public Library
January 16th 1 – 3 pm at the Guild House 4+More Weaving Group
January 12th and 26th 1pm  Tapestry at the Guild House
Tuesdays January 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd 30th 6:30pm at the Richland Public Library Spinning

I will not get rid of it. I keep it. I don’t knit with it. I keep it. It just sits there, year after year after year. Are you nodding your heads out there? Do you have a similar situation going on?

JANUARY 18TH AT 6:30 THE DFA GENERAL MEETING WILL BE ALL ABOUT DE-STASHING

HERE IS THE PLAN:
There will be a contest at the January DFA meeting. From now to the meeting DE-STASH your stash. You can swap, barter or donate your stash. Knitters, weavers, spinners, felters, crocheters and fiber crafters can bring in their de-stashed yarn, their unfinished projects or extra un-needed fiber stuff for donation to the DFA coffers. The fun part? Each donation will be weighed. We will weigh and tabulate. The person who brings in the most will win a special prize.

This is a 31 day destash program from WEBS
31 days to De-Stash from WEBS - America’s Yarn Store

Day 1: 31 Days to Get Your Knitting & Crochet Organized
Day 2: WIPs – Keep or Frog
Day 3: Tips for Your WIPs
Day 4: Storing Your WIPs
Day 5: Keeping Notes about Your WIPs
Day 6: Flash Your Stash!
Day 7: Destashing Your Yarn
Day 8: How to Recycle Yarn
Day 9: Tracking Your Yarn Stash
Day 10: What to Do with Leftover Yarn
Day 11: How to Get Rid of Unwanted Yarn
Day 12: Identifying Mystery Yarn
Day 13: How to Organize Your Yarn
Day 14: How to Keep Moths and Other Critters Away from Your Yarn
Day 15: Organizing Your Craft Books, Magazines, & Pattern Books
Day 16: Organizing Your Single Knitting and Crochet Patterns
Day 17: Using and Reorganizing Your Ravelry Queue
Day 18: Digital Patterns  DFA General Meeting
Day 19: Keeping Track of Your Pattern Library
Day 20: Knitting Needles & Crochet Hooks
Day 21: How to Store Your Needles and Hooks
Day 22: Keeping Track of Your Needles and Hooks
Day 23: Tips for Photographing Your Finished Objects
Day 24: Tool Kit Essentials
Day 25: Knitting and Crochet Tools
Day 26: Storing Your Knitting and Crochet Tools
Day 27: Knitting and Crochet Spaces at Home
Day 28: Out and About with Your Knitting and Crochet Organization
Day 29: Storing Your Finished Projects
Day 30: Maintaining Your Knitting & Crochet Organization
Day 31: Wrap Up!
KNITTING MACHINE STUDY GROUP
We will meet at the Desert Fiber Arts Studio on Saturday January 13th from 10:00am to Noon. After this meeting we will be meeting at different people’s homes. We can discuss this other details at the first meeting.
Don’t bring your machine – they’re too heavy but please bring your manufacture name and the instruction book if you have one. I have a few Machine Knitting books we can look over.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SPINNING
Wednesday afternoon spinning is 1-4 pm at the Guild House. We have been meeting for 3 weeks now and we are having so much fun. Just before Christmas we had Connie cracking walnuts, Julie weaving, Earlene sewing, Hope visiting. Yes, people were actually spinning, Vickie and Carol were on their wheels while Rebecca was using her drop spindle.

TAPESTRY STUDY GROUP
We will be meeting at DFA on January 12th and the 26th at 1:00.

RIGID HEDDLE STUDY GROUP 2018
The study group is on schedule for the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 12-4 PM. We all like the earlier time as we can drive home in the daylight, almost. Barring weather and road conditions, we will continue to meet on this schedule. This has been a productive year with some weavers purchasing kits to advance their creativity. We had a guest weaver from Walla Walla who was interested in warping the direct method with double heddles. Kathy Myers provided an excellent presentation. Don Ashley, new member from College Place, came last meeting with two heddles in place, weaving a 2/1 twill, making a scarf for his granddaughter. So it is safe to say that 2018 will be seeing a lot of double heddle projects. Kathy M. and Dorothy M. are going to tackle a David Xenakis rendition of Blooming Leaf overshot. That has been on Dorothy’s want-to-do-list for 35 years. Time to do it!! So we are inviting/challenging all Rigid Heddle weavers to double up those heddles and join in on the fun.

BY THE BOOK KNITTERS
Our Christmas Party was a success. Lots of tea, cocoa, cookies and popcorn. Lots of knitting too, 5 socks, 3 hats and 2 scarves were being knitted. Jill knit 19 hats for her nieces and nephews. Nancy was knitting Fish Lips Kiss Heel socks. Rosanne was asked to crochet a copy of a Granny Hexagon Christmas Stocking, she did it and brought the Granny Square Stocking her grandmother made.

Books we read
Some authors are on our reading list almost every month
- Alexander McCall Smith
- Charlie Lovett
- Jacqueline Winspear
- John Grisham
- Louise Penny

Berenstain Bears and the Missing Dinosaur Bone by Stan and Jan Berenstain
Cakewalk by Rita Mae Brown
Camino Island by John Grisham
DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Great Britain
Fifth Season by N. K. Jemisin
Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
Journey to Munich by Jacqueline Winspear
Kiss My Bundt by Chrysta Wilson
Lost Symbol & Inferno by Dan Brown
Maggie Hope Series by Susan Elia MacNeal
Murder of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie
My Italian Bulldozer by Alexander McCall Smith
Paris by Edward Rutherfurd
Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler
Stone Mattress by Margaret Atwood
Stone Spring by Stephen Baxter
The Further Adventures of Ebenezer Scrooge by Charles C Lovett
Women’s Murder Club by James Patterson.
**SUNDAY MINI WORKSHOP**

The February Sunday mini workshop will be Shuttle Tatting on Feb 17th from 10:00-3:00. Becky Strode will be our teacher. There will be a $5.00 materials fee for the class. Please log onto the web site www.desertfiberarts.org to register under events.

Connie Schlosser

**NEW MEMBER**

Donna Jaramillo  dgleone@gmail.com

**4+ MORE WEAVING STUDY GROUP**

January 16, Tuesday, 1-3p at DFA Studio.

4+ More Weavers will be meeting for show and tell and for fine-tuning our plans for the rest of the year. Bring your finished projects and questions for applause and an "idea dump" of suggestions. Everyone is welcome.

NOTE: If roads and studio parking lot are icy, like last year, we will cancel. Check the “Events” on our webpage, desertfiberarts.org

**QUITERS ANONYMOUS QUILT GUILD 2018 QUILT SHOW**

The Great American Cover Up

Quilters Anonymous invites you to the 37th annual quilt show held at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds Events Center in Monroe, Washington, March 16, 17, 18, 2018.

**DRAW LOOM**

The draw loom group has begun weaving. The picture below is some sampling. Check it out when you are at the Guild House.

**KAFF**

Columbia Gorge Fiber Festival is sponsoring Knot another Fiber Festival at the Oregon Garden Resort April 27-29th 40 miles south of Portland. The venue is known for its quality accommodations and exquisite gardens. The marketplace, classes, banquet and lodging will all be in one location. Workshop instructors include Marie Greene, Allison Harding, Gudrun Johnston, Andrea Mowry Clara Parkes Stephanie Pearl-McPhee Judith McKenzie with more to be added. More Information at https://columbiagorgefiberfestival.com

**WORKSHOPS**

Seattle Weavers Guild is doing two felting workshops January 27th and 28th which will produce two scarves. One will layer silk, merino wool and silk; the other will use a collage technique with silk and merino Contact workshops@settleweaversguild.com
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