April Wednesdays Afternoon Spinning 1 - 4pm at the Guild House
April 9th and 23rd from noon to 4pm Rigid Heddle Study meets at the Guild House
April 13th 1-3pm Tapestry at the Guild House
April 28th 10am-3 Saturday mini workshop Tatting at the Guild House
April 17th 6pm By the Book Knitters in the Conference Room at the Richland Public Library
April 17th 1 – 3 pm at the Guild House 4+More Weaving Group
April 19th 6:30pm General Meeting at the Guild House
Tuesdays April 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st 6:30pm at the Richland Public Library Spinning

The General Meeting will be April 19th at 6:30pm at the DFA Studio.
We will have a short presentation about Confluent the adult makerspace in Richland by Amanda Bercerra. Then DFA member Kitty Burns Bryan will give us presentation on how to recycle luxury yarns from different sources. Bring a friend and your show and tell.

Volunteers Needed
The Tri-Cities Quilt Show is March 23 and 24th at the Three Rivers Convention Center. The twill workshop is the same days so our pool of possible demonstrators is small. If you have a wheel or portable loom or portable craft- twining, knitting or needle felting and can demonstrate for an hour or two please let Karen know what hours you can be there. We love to pass out DFA and annual sale information at the quilt show.

4+ More Weavers meets Tuesday, March 20, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the guild house to learn the basics of twill. Those attending the twill workshop will be checking out the warping of their looms. We’ll have the opportunity to see all the freshly warped looms with their varieties of color choices! Sharing show and tell will also take place.

April 17th 1-3pm 4+More Weavers will meet at the Guild House. We will see a short YouTube video as an introduction to Making Patterns Fit at the April meeting at the guild house, Tuesday, April 17, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Please bring your show and tell. Hopefully we will see lots of twill.

The tapestry study group meets Friday April 13 from 1-3 at the Guild House. The subject is Soumak and twining. The group is preparing for the Kathy Hooker workshop in May.

April’s Mini Workshop
Good news, The Tatting class has been rescheduled for April 28, from 10:-3:00 at the guild studio at 101 Union St, Kennewick Suite 208All materials will be provided. Fee for the class will be $5.00. Please watch for the event on the web site www.desertfiberarts.org and sign up so we have a count for Becky. Questions please contact me. Connie

Allied Arts January 2019 is on its way. The theme this time is ART INSPIRED. Not every item entered needs to follow the theme but here is an explanation of the theme. Since many art objects are inspired by either another piece of art, a photograph, nature, or something else, it was suggested that we display the items that you make along with the item or photograph that inspired them. If it was nature, then a photo of the item or scene would be displayed. It will be fascinating to see what people are inspired by. It can be the colors of an item/scene, the shapes of an item/scene, or any aspect that inspires you to create. We are anxiously anticipating all the wonderful items that you come up with.

Ed. Note We saw some ART INSPIRED pieces at March General Meeting. They were impressive
Greetings from your Membership Coordinator,

It is time to start thinking about renewing your membership with DFA.

The DFA Membership Year runs June 1st – May 31st. Dues may be paid now but are due by June 1st for the fiscal year. Members who have not paid by the end of June cease to have membership privileges.

Renew on-line. It is easy, saves paper, and gives you an opportunity to review your current profile and make changes to your interests, address, phone, email, etc. To renew on line, go to www.desertfiberarts.org and log-in. To make changes go to My Account, click on My Profile and make any appropriate changes.

Move down the page to “Join DFA Membership Instructions” click on Step 1 “Register Membership” to begin your renewal, be sure to choose “Member Dues – 2018/2019”. 

Note: The 2017/2018 button may not have dropped off yet.

There are two pages to review before adding your renewal to the cart. At the end of the second page click the ‘add to cart’ button. At this point you can click on the link to Add-On Family Members (that share the same household address) that might be interested in using DFA benefits. After adding the family members to the cart, you can make a donation by clicking on continue shopping or click on the “proceed to checkout” button or PayPal.

MASTER WEAVER & MASTER SPINNER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Olds College is now offering the Level 1 course of the Master Weaver Program (the first year of their 4 year series) as an Off Campus class in Tenino, WA (about 15 miles south of Olympia). The course is scheduled for the week of April 30-May 4, 2018. The class size is from 8(min) to 12 (max) participants.

Olds College, based in Calgary, Alberta, is one of the few Colleges in North America offering textile classes; Master Spinning and Master Weaving classes among them. The course is 5 days of face to face workshops and 125-175 hours of independent study on homework assignments. Completion of this year-long study allows one to progress to Levels 2 and subsequently 3 and 4. For more details see


Tuition for Level 1 is $850 Canadian, approximately $695 US dollars. Participants can register at https://oldscollegece.augusoft.net/

There is also a Master Spinning course now offered in Bellingham. It is listed online along with the weaving course. *(This information has been passed on to us by Jan Downen, former DFA member, now member of Olympia Weaving guild.)*

JULY WORKSHOP CHOICES WITH ALLISON HARDING

JULY 16, 17, 18 and 19th

3-4 days of classes  in some combo of the following, depending on interest.

- Nuno felting with silk Hankies 3 hour classes, 1 or 2 sessions for up to 12 people Requires easy access towater
- Spinning Beehive coils: 3 hour class for up to 12 people
- Thread plying Techniques: 3 hour class for up to 12 people
- Dye your own fiber: full Day (6hours plus break) for up to 12 people Requires ac prong outlets
- Wet Felting Techniques (6 hours plus breaks)

Give Sharon a call or email or message sofsthun@gmail.com or text at 509 212-2096b soon so she can firm up plans.
Nominees for DFA Officers 2018-2019
Co-Vice Presidents --Robin Phillips and Marion Halupczok
Treasurer – Rebecca Harkins
There is a candidate for President. She is a new member and wants a co-president who has some experience with DFA. Can you fill this position? Without elected president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer we lose our non-profit status. Contact Sondra, Theo or Karen.

New Books added to the DFA library  March 2018

Natural Dyes  by Gwen Fereday
This book is an informative and illustrated reference to natural dyes for beginners and professionals alike. The step by step photography clearly shows how to prepare and dye natural fibers. There are over 500 easy to follow color recipes accompanied by color swatches to help you choose the exact color you want.

Pin Loom Weaving to Go  by Margaret Stump
There are step by step instructions for 30 projects for portable weaving with pin looms, potholder looms and knitting looms.

Tablet Woven Accents for Designer Fabrics: Contemporary uses for ancient techniques. by Inge Dam
The author’s unique tablet woven borders and accent bands shown in her book were inspired by ancient textiles discovered in Danish bog and burial sites. She describes the five tablet weaving techniques she uses and explains her process for incorporating the tablet weaving into loom woven fabrics.

Fiber with a Twist

An Educational Program Open to the Public
Sponsored by the Northwest Regional Spinners Association Area #4030
(Donations of $5 will help bring a Fiber Teacher to the Tri-Cities)

Saturday, May 12, 2018, 10:00 – 3:00
Richland Public Library
955 Northgate Dr., Richland WA 99352

Join us for some Fun!

A Meeting Place for Spinners, Knitters and all fiber lovers
Potluck Lunch, Door Prizes, Vendors & Friends
Contact us, for more information and vending opportunities and donations
Desert Fiber Arts newsletter Advertisements;
Members - $1.00 per vertical inch, 8 inch width.
Non-Members - $2.00 per vertical inch, 8 inch width.

Come see the baby lambs.

I would like to invite you to come see the babies on Saturday March 24th from 10-12. Open to both DFA members and their family. The address is 25905 Spirit Lane, Kennewick, Wa 99338. Come to the second driveway on the left. You can park either along the street or in the driveway to the barn. Email me if you have any questions at sheep.r.cute@gmail.com.

Fair Reminder

The Seattle Weavers Guild newsletter included a reminder to start thinking about your entry to the fair. “Now is the time to start thinking about what you want to exhibit and possibly win some prize money. After the fair you can sell your items at the Guild’s Annual Sale.”

MAWS 2018 is June 15- 16th with workshops June 12-14th More information is available at the site below:

Elinor Bergstrom is looking for a home for a bobbin lace pillow with bobbins. If you are interested call Elinor at 509-543-7537. Thanks.

WWKIP – otherwise known as World Wide Knit in Public Day is Saturday June 16th. We will celebrate at the Richland Library from 9:30am to 2:00pm.

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