May General Meeting

May 16, 2019

5 pm to 8 pm

What a fabulous year we have had at Desert Fiber Arts! The Allied Arts Show…Huge Success! Annual Sale at Badger Mountain Yarn…. Amazing! Membership increasing…Yahoo…more Fiber Friends! Christmas Party…Celebration of us! Demonstrations…Teaching…. Laughter…Learning…

Listening to each other’s experiences. Hard to believe we at once again to the May General Meeting and summer hiatus.

Please join us at the Desert Fiber Arts Studio on May 16th from 5-8 pm as we celebrate another great year. We will begin at 5pm with a Pot Luck. Please bring something to share. Pot Luck Code below : ). There will be a short business meeting, election of officers & sharing of projects. This will be an excellent time to get input from other brains on fair entries.

Pot Luck Code:

A – H Salads/Appetizers I – R Main Dish S – Z Desserts
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2019-2020

President – Marian Halupczok  Co-Vice Presidents – Robin Phillips and Pam Root
Secretary – Gayle Kerr  Vote on these nominees at the general meeting and sign up for a job - hostess, fair volunteer, workshops, blaster, sale committer etc.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Our DFA Membership renewal time is quickly approaching.
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 and update your profile, i.e. changes to your interests, address, phone, email, etc. To renew on line, go to www.desertfiberarts.org log-in and click on Membership. (Not sure of your password? Click “Forgot your password?” Reset link will be emailed)

Move down the page to Step 1 “Register Membership” to begin your renewal, be sure to choose “Member Dues – 2019/2020” the button on the left. Note: The 2018/2019 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.

Annual dues are $25 plus $1 for each additional family member. We accept credit card, PayPal, check, and cash. Please make checks payable to DFA. When your check clears, your membership will be renewed.

Or Complete an application form (click on DFA Membership From in the Description box) mail the completed form along with your check to:  DFA, P.O. Box 1004, Richland, WA  99352

As tradition would have it, there will be an Early Bird drawing held at the Annual General Meeting. The names of those members renewing before May 16, 2019 will be in the Early Bird drawing. This year you could win a $20 gift certificate.

Thank you,
Carol Kaminsky
Membership Coordinator
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RIGID HEDDLE STUDY
Meetings for May: 2nd and 4th Mondays  May 13 & 27     12 – 4 PM

As in the past years, RHSG will continue to meet throughout the summer months. Bee thinking about demonstrating during the Benton Franklin Fair days. Look at the Fair web site for registration of your items. https://www.bentonfranklinfair.com/p/get-involved/exhibitors. All of the rigid heddle weavers have grown in talent and techniques with accomplishments in there weaving.

As a group, we are very happy to announce that the funds generated from the Allied Arts Class of Beginning Weaving, have been used to purchase 2 more 16” Ashford rigid heddle looms and extra heddles. Carol and Ray Kaminsky have assembled the looms, finished the wood, and made carry bags for them. These looms will be available for rent. Any questions or comments contact Dorothy Mucha or Kathy Myers.

TAPESTRY
The Tapestry Study Group meets Fridays May 3rd and 17th 1-5pm at the Studio. More information contact Paula Gray

STAFFORD WEAVING STUDY GROUP
May 23, 1-3pm at Mary Thomas’
6983 W 23rd Ave., Kennewick 99338
Topic: A Social! There is no Stafford video until late May. That pushes our discussion of the video into June.
Video 5 is released on May 23 about Warp-faced Plain Weave. Our discussion will tentatively be on June 6. More information at https://janestaffordtextiles.com. Click on Online Guild, then on Learn More. Rather than miss a May meeting, bring projects, questions, tips, discoveries to Mary’s. As always, visitors are welcome. Questions: contact Cheryl Reed, (509) 318-5293.

To See and Do
Vashon Sheepdog Trials  The 2019 Sheepdog Trials will be underway again Friday, June 7 through Sunday, June 9. Go to their web site and click on general information to learn about the shuttle bus from the ferry and how to order tickets through Brown Paper Bag tickets.

FIBER & MIXED MEDIA ART
Please join Judy Rice and her granddaughter for the opening exhibit:
  Thursday May 2 from 5 – 8 pm
  Spectra Art Gallery  19 S. Cascade St. Kennewick, WA 99336
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 21st from 6:00 – 8:00pm in Conference Room A at the Richland Library.

The Desert Fiber Arts Mystery Knit-Along will start Wednesday, May 1st. You can register here http://www.desertfiberarts.org/events/mystery-shawl-knit-along-kal-2019-05-01/ New clues will be released every Wednesday. There are 6 Clues. There will be Knitting help every Wednesday night in May from 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Desert Fiber Arts Studio at 101 N Union St Suite 208 in Kennewick.

Melany sent me the Clincher Shawl pattern, Please send me an email if you need a copy.

At the May meeting we will learn how to make Wool Dryer Balls. They are made of wool roving and are felted in the washer. DFA will provide the roving and felting needles but there will be a $1.00 charge for each dryer ball you make. This money will go back to the Desert Fiber Arts stash donation fund.

Books we read and recommend

- A thru S of the Kinsey Millhone Alphabet Series by Sue Grafton
- Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue
- Blue Nights by Joan Didion
- Chet the Dog series by Spenser Quinn
- Finding Fraser by KC Dyer
- Freaks Like Us by Susan Vaught
- Hans Brinker; or The Silver Skates by Mary Mapes Dodge
- Have a Nice Guilt Trip by Francesca Serritella
- Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly
- Midwives by Chris Bohjalian
- Miss Buncle’s Book and Miss Buncle gets Married by D. E. Stevenson
- On Gold Mountain by Lisa See
- Pallisers and The Dukes Children by Anthony Trollope
- The Amish Midwife by Leslie Gould and Mindy Starns Clark
- The Astronaut Wives Club by Lily Koppel
- The Big Wave by Pearl S. Buck
- The Dollmaker by Harriette Simpson Arnow
- The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim
- The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls
- The Incendiaries by R. O. Kwon
- The Joe Grey Series by Shirley Rousseau Murphy
- The Lost Wagon by Jim Kjelgaard
- The Only Girl in the World by Maude Julien
- The Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett
- The Residence by Kate Andersen Brower
- Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
History and Etymology for draw
Verb and Noun
Middle English drawen, dragen, from Old English dragan; akin to Old Norse draga to draw, drag

First Known Use of draw
Verb: before the 12th century: to cause to move continuously toward or after a force applied in advance
Noun: 1663: the act or process of drawing
Synonyms for Draw: Attraction, magnet, lure, inducement, ENTICEMENT
ENTICEMENT: That’s what the Draw Loom study group did at the April General Meeting. They enticed Desert Fiber Arts members to join in the fun of operating the Draw Loom. Projects and samples were shared with the groups. There was a slide showing the tip of the iceberg of patterns that can be created on the Swedish Draw Loom. Susan Schmieman show the ease at which one can weave on the draw loom in a short video. Members were invited to sign up for a 2-hour block to work with Draw Loom Group Members to “try it out”. Participating members will have the opportunity to use the draw as both a noun and a verb. If you would like take the Draw Loom for a “test drive” but missed the meeting call or email Susan and she’ll get you scheduled. Next Draw Loom meeting: May 14th 1-3pm at the DFA Studio

SWEDISH ART WEAVING CLASS
This workshop is being sponsored by The Pie Safe in Deary, Idaho (30 miles east of Moscow) on August 23-24, 2019. This workshop is open to rigid heddle weavers as well as floor loom weavers. You can go to http://www.piesafebakery.com/classes to register.
We’re excited to collaborate with well known weaver, Joanne Hall, who will be teaching a two-day Art Weaves workshop here at our new venue, "401 Main," (across the street from The Pie Safe). This class will be open to both rigid heddle and floor looms. (August 23-24, 2019.)
Contact person: Jan Pipher 208-669-2602
Please follow the link below to our website for a detailed description of currently available classes or to register for any class.
www.PieSafeBakery.com/classes
Sponsored by the NW Regional Spinners Association
https://www.nwrsa.net
A reprint for new members and a reminder for old members:

HOW CAN ONLINE SHOPPING HELP DESERT FIBER ARTS

Will you be buying some of your favorite fiber items on line? Don’t forget that those online purchases from

- 1. Woolery Fiber Arts Supplier
- 2. Halcyon Yarn
- 3. Amazon Smile
- 4. Fred Meyers (Locally, not on line)

can simultaneously add some funds to the DFA treasurer funds as well.

“How do I do that?” you may ask. Follow these simple instructions and links.

1. Before you place an online order with any of the above affiliates, go to the Desert Fiber Arts web site.
   http://www.desertfiberarts.org/
2. Log In
3. Click on Links: http://www.desertfiberarts.org/links-and-resources/
4. There you will find all the links needed to connect to individual affiliate businesses.

These links will identify you with Desert Fiber Arts Guild which will result in your purchase generating 5% to
the guild treasury for both Woolery and Halcyon. To qualify for this benefit, your order must be made through
the web site. A phone order will not result in a benefit.

The charitable side of Amazon.com is amazon.smile.com. First, you will need to do a one time registration for
your choice of charity by going to https://org.amazon.com/, follow the instructions and choose Desert Fiber
Arts as your charity of choice. All contents are the same as a regular Amazon.com order, only this will generate
funds to Desert Fiber Arts. Every time you go to Amazon, think https://smile.amazon.com/.

Locally, the link to Fred Meyers: www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards will get you set to identify Desert
Fiber Arts as your charity of choice,

Print this out and keep by your computer as a reminder.

HAPPY SHOPPING
The Prince George Fibre Arts Guild invites you to join us for the 2019 Association of Northwest Weavers’ Guilds Conference June 11th to 16th, 2019

There is a newsletter available for the 2019 ANWG conference including a list of Exhibit Categories, 24 instructors, 18 workshops, and 76 seminars. . [www.anwgconference2019.com](http://www.anwgconference2019.com)

**MAKING THE DFA WEB SITE WORK FOR US**

**IT’S UPDATE TIME!!!**

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. " ~ Henry Ford

Our website is a very useful tool and can lighten our efforts and time in finding information. In this digital age one often hears comment, “My computer is thinking.” Well, that’s just not true. The only data that can be found from a query (search) is the information that has been entered into the data fields. In other words, NINO, Nothing In, Nothing Out! Or GIGO: Garbage In, Garbage Out.

As members of DFA, we have come a long way since that first contact with our new web site. It was a daunting task just to get registered and sign. The DFA site has grown and become a very useful tool. However, it needs data to fulfill its true purpose.

How to correct this? The first important step is to Update Your Profile! As soon as you finish reading this article, please print it. Make a hard copy. Using the printed instructions that follow will make the update process easy. Then please keep it with you as you go to the DFA website and log in.


On the right hand side of the web page is a list of options available to you. Click on the words: My Profile.

Page 1 appears and will contain your Contact Information. Look it over, checking for correct spelling of Name, Address, Email, Home Phone, and Cell Phone numbers. Make any updates necessary. At the bottom of the page, Click on Next.

Page 2, Member Preferences

Update your fiber interests by clicking on the box next to your interest(s).

This is followed by an opportunity to share How did you come to be interested in fiber arts? In the About Me (Biography) text box, write as little or as much as you want regarding your interests, enthusiasm and connection to the fiber world.

Add a Photo or any picture you would like to use. (Note: This link is not fully functional, so you can either attach a link to a picture of your choice for later or skip it for now.)

Under the heading My Profile Photo (Upload), the words Choose File are in a box. Click on the box which will take you to Pictures on your computer. Choose one, click on it and the photo will be linked to your Profile. In the DFA Directory, the chosen picture will appear by your listing.

I’d like to be involved with... is the place to indicate the activities and opportunities of which you would like to help with. Simply click on the corresponding box(es) Completing this part of you profile will help committee chairpersons know whom to contact for an event with a simply query on the directory. To quote Mr. Henry Ford, “Working together is success.”

Newsletter Preference Confirm that your choice of email or USPS delivery is correct. Edit if necessary.

I joined DFA in the Year: Add the Year you joined DFA. That’s it!! Click Update Profile and you are done.
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 11, 2019, 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

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Desert Fiber Arts newsletter Advertisements;
Members - $1.00 per vertical inch, 8 inch width.
Non-Members - $2.00 per vertical inch, 8 inch width.

Benton-Franklin County Fair
August 20th - 24th
Best Week of the Year

It is time to be thinking of your fair project. Remember there is a long list of prizes for handwoven and Handspun items. If you have time demonstrators are always welcome. Sign up ahead of time and earn a free ticket to the fair. Enter your work and get a free ticket to the Fair. This is the time we put Desert Fiber Arts in front of the public. We always get an enthusiastic reception

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