June 24th 4pm DFA board meeting at the Guild House
July 9th 1-3 Draw loom Study Group at the guild house
July 8th and 22nd 12-4 Rigid Heddle at the Guild House
July 11th 1-3 Jane Stafford Study Group at Cheryl Reed’s
July 16th 6:00 to 8:00 By the Book Knitters at the Richland Public Library
July 22nd next DFA board meeting
August 1st Deadline for Benton-Franklin Fair entries – just the forms

Calling all Board Members and Interested Members!
Please add to your calendar:

Board Meeting June 24th at 4pm at the DFA Guild House
Agenda:

1. Fall Sale  Co Chair NEEDED to help Cheryl * Location * Check-in Dorothy M & Kathy
2. Hot Spot Continue or set up Account with US Cell
3. Carpet Update... Sharon Carpet Fund
4. Procedures--Action Item... Marion
5. LOGO- Discontinue usage- clarification is needed to keep us within usage
6. Washington State Tax Issues /Restructuring ... Leslie
7. Leadership Openings ...Marion

All are invited!
Please email further agenda items to Marion ASAP to get on the agenda.

Thank you,
Marion

CARPET CAMPAIGN
Greetings DFA members. We’re plugging along and again thank you to the 22 people that have contributed already. Our membership is over 100 so I still think we can reach our goal if we all pitch in a little. Our estimate from the carpet people is only good for a limited time so need to complete this campaign sooner better than later.

Again mail your contributions to me. Sharon Ofsthun 1405 S Rosena Ct, Kennewick WA 99338
DEAR DESERT FIBER ARTS MEMBERS,

Please join me in sending HUGE THANK YOU’S to Rebecca Harkins for being our Desert Fiber Arts Treasurer this past year. Rebecca has decided to step down from the leadership role to focus on her many tasks: full time job, farmers, and entrepreneur just to name a few. Although Rebecca will be missed, we wish her wealth, health and happiness.

Julie Davis will be stepping into the Treasurer role for the interim on a temporary basis.

Sincerely,

Marion K Halupczok
DFA President

DESSERT FIBER ARTS FALL SALE

The future of the Fall Sale is still precarious. We really need someone to co-lead with Cheryl Reed, or to head up the Sale Committee solo or with your own co-lead.

Here’s a list of some of the tasks to make the Sale happen. Please consider volunteering to head up a team of volunteers for one of these tasks. It will help if you can respond by Sunday night, June 23, for a discussion about the Sale at Monday’s Board Meeting.

1. Take-in: collecting items for sale, inventory sheets, helping with price tags.
2. Check-out: Returning unsold items to their maker.
3. Cash register: take payments for items, secure cash/checks.
4. Publicity: this subcommittee has a lead, Jennifer Ely. Please contact her directly if you can help get the word out about our Sale. jely@sagebluffalpacas.com
5. Displays: We want to try making this easier by having teams for each category of sale items. Just a couple people on each team. They will design the display for scarves, or rugs, or towels, or garments, or handspun/hand-dyed skeins, or small items like jewelry, etc. We need someone to pull these various teams together.

If you can head up any of these tasks, OR if you want to serve as a team member on any of these tasks, please respond to Cheryl Reed cheryldavisreedom@gmail.com (509) 318-5293

STAFFORD WEAVING STUDY

Thursday, July 11th, 1-3pm

The next Stafford video will be released June 27 on “simple collapse weave.” I have heard this technique called “differential shrinkage.” 2 week after the video release is Thursday, July 11.

I can host that meeting at my place off Gage, near the Mormon Temple. 1-3pm. I’m assuming many of us will be in & out of town all summer, so taking a poll to capture the most folks will be futile. Come if you can.

A note on the collapse weave project:
Jane has a kit of fine merino and silk for this project. There are less expensive ways to play with this concept. For example, Eugene Textile Center has 16/2 bamboo…a rayon-type of yarn, fine like the silk. Like silk, it will shrink only slightly compared to fine merino wool. The catch is that ETC needs about 2-2 ½ weeks to order the color you want. So the time to be thinking about this lesson is now.

Study the kits Jane has available and look through your stash and online for substitutes that fit your budget. Jane will provide the basic recipe. We will simply need to change the sett, possibly, to fit our substitute yarns. Or splurge on Jane’s lovely kit. She is conscientious about providing quality yarns.
MEMBERSHIP

Work on the 2019 - 2020 Member Directory has begun. If you have not renewed your membership yet and you want to make it into the New Directory please submit your membership renewal now. Don't miss out!

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)

Or Complete an application form (click on DFA Membership Form in the Description box) mail the completed form along with your check to: DFA, P.O. Box 1004, Richland, WA 99352. Please make checks payable to DFA. When your check clears, your membership will be renewed.

Annual dues are $25 plus $1 for each additional family member.
We accept credit card, PayPal, check, and cash.

Please call Me if you have any questions or concerns about membership.
Carol Kaminsky, DFA Membership Coordinator (509) 619-0233

BY THE BOOK KNITTERS

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 16th from 6:00 – 8:00pm in Conference Room A at the Richland Library.

Well, we have 15 squares for the Summer Reading Afghan, we need at least 16 to make it even. Joyce, April and Melany offered to make more squares. YAY Knitters!

It was a small group but we had a very lively discussion on which television series to binge watch. Here are some winners. Midsomer Murders, Stranger Things, Timeless, Sneaky Pete, Handmaids Tale, Longmire, Sherlock (the BBC one), Death in Paradise, Shakespeare and Hathaway, Good Omens

There is a change for entries in the Benton Franklin Fair this year. If you knit or crochet something out of commercial yarn that is 100% wool, cashmere, alpaca, llama, silk, angora, yak, any other animal fibers or combination of animal fibers you can enter it in the Dept. 25: Open Class Fiber Arts in Building 1. The Department Supervisor is aiming for 300 entries this year and wants to get the word out about the change. There is a small entry fee but you can enter as many items as you like and you get a free Fair ticket. Click on the link for more info.


Books we read and recommend
Becoming by Michelle Obama
Circe and The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman
Half Broke Horses by Jeannette Walls
Keiko Okamoto's Japanese Knitting Stitches by Keiko Okamoto
Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey by Fiona, 8th Countess of Carnarvon
Mamma Mia! How Can I Resist You by Benny Andersson, Björn Ulvaeus, and Judy Craymer
Murder by the Book by Claire Haraman
See Me by Nicholas Sparks
The Atomic City Girls by Janet Beard
The Fallen by David Baldacci
The Opinionated Knitter by Elizabeth Zimmermann and Meg Swansen
The Outlander series by Diana Gabaldon
The School of Essential Ingredients, The Lost Art of Mixing and The Scent Keeper by Erica Bauermeister
The Sixth Extinction by Elizabeth Kolbert
Three Things About Elsie by Joanna Cannon
RIGID HEDDLE STUDY GROUP
Don’t forget that RHSG continues to meet 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, July 8th and 22nd 12 - 4 PM.
It sure seems days are whizzing by! One of the Best Parts of Summer is the Benton Franklin Fair. And all too soon it will be time for Fair! With that in mind we would like to challenge the rigid heddle study group to weave a bee themed project to enter in the fair! It could be a scarf, towel or table runner with bees buzzing all over or something in bee colors. Let your imaginations run wild but most of all have fun. We look forward to seeing all your wonderful items at the fair.

From the exhibitor’s book: DIVISION I. Challenge Class – This year’s challenge class is: It’s Bee-autiful. Items entered in the Fiber Arts department are eligible to be entered in this class as long as they are bee themed (i.e. black and yellow, have bees, have a flower garden for bees, etc.) A short description of how the item fits the theme must be included with each entry. Have fun and be creative! CLASS 1. Any items

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:
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Debbie Brower
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Interests: Spinning and Knitting

JULY NEWS FROM THE DRAW LOOM
The Draw Loom Group is looking for someone to step into the leadership role. We have a fabulous piece of equipment and lots of folks interested in learning how to use it. However, as Marion steps into the Desert Fiber Arts Presidency role, justice is not being done for our group. Help is needed to move the Joanne Hall workshop in September forward. If you’d like to get in on the fun of trying out the Draw Loom please contact Susan Schmieman to get on the schedule. We are approaching the end of our warp. Please join us July 9th from 1-3pm.

Desert Fiber Arts will be hosting Joanne Hall for a September 17, 18 & 19th workshop on the warping, threading and weaving techniques. The 17th of September overlaps with a McCurley car drive, please consider driving as some of our regular drivers will be attending the Draw Loom workshop.

For sale floor loom.
45” wide, Four harness, sectional warp.
Tensioner box and spool rack included with seat.

$250 or best offer.

Mike
(509)438-6128
Desert Fiber Arts newsletter Advertisements;
Members - $1.00 per vertical inch, 8 inch width.
Non-Members - $2.00 per vertical inch, 8 inch width.

You are invited!

Spin-In at Sage Bluff Alpacas in Prosser Saturday, July 20th 11am to 4pm
Please join us under the old shade tree for our 9th annual Summer Fiber Arts Festival!
Come enjoy old friends and meet new friends. It’s always a special treat for our farm visitors to watch your fiber to fashion magic.

As always, you are welcome to arrive when you can and leave when you must.
Bring whatever you are working on spinning, weaving, knitting, felting. You are also welcome to bring your yummy fashions for sale.

Two of our favorite vendors will return: Char Friberg with her dreamy hand-made soaps, and Kathy Schneider with her beautiful hand crafted greeting cards. We will also have lots of new roving and rug yarn from this spring’s clip!

Wanda Carpenter will offer her rug braiding class from noon to 4pm. Call or email me to reserve your seat in class. Instructor fee is only $35.

So that we may plan lunch for you, please give me a call or email your RSVP.
8401 S. Steele Road in Prosser
509-539-8446
jely@sagebluffalpacas.com

Thank you for making this a Spin-In to remember! We promise you will enjoy the day!

Jennifer Ely

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