Calendar
May 11th 1:00pm Rigid Heddle Zoom meeting
May 12th 1:00pm Jane Stafford Weaving Study Zoom meeting
May 19th 6:00pm By the Book Knitters Zoom Meeting
May 21st 6:30pm Zoom General Meeting watch for address
May 31st Pay DFA dues for 2020-2021 year

May Annual Meeting will be a ZOOM meeting:
May 21st 6:30 pm

Join fellow DFA members as we share our current projects using the tele-conferencing capabilities of ZOOM. DFA has purchased a subscription that includes INTERNET SECURITY for extra safety of the participants.
DFA Leadership is currently developing online voting for 2020-21 officers and budget approval. DFA By-laws require members approve the budget and vote on incoming officers. Budget is here.

Please watch your email for either a DOODLE or SURVEY MONKEY ballot.

The nominating committee has the following slate of officers:
Marion Halupczok has volunteered to serve another year
Vicki Hughes and Kathy Thorndike - co-vice presidents
Gretchen Parker - Treasurer
Gayle Kerr - another year as secretary

Spring is upon us, unfortunately so is the COVID-19 Virus due to the uncertainty of Self Sheltering, Closures and Economy the DFA Leadership has postponed the Annual Fall Fundraiser Sale until Fall 2021
We will be focusing our energies on the January 2021 Allied Arts Gallery Show.
RIGID HEDDLE STUDY GROUP
The Rigid Heddle Study Group held its first virtual meeting via Zoom in April and what a lively group it was! While it wasn’t quite the same as getting together in the studio it was nice to see everyone including two members from Arizona and one from Oregon! And it was fun seeing what everyone has been working on while we are all house bound. Our next virtual meeting will be May 11 at 1:00.

DFA JANE STAFFORD STUDY GROUP
Our next video lesson from Jane Stafford is released on April 30. Topic: a Point Twill Gamp. Jane describes the lesson, “We look at Point Twills in great detail. We make patterns bigger and bigger and bigger. I present all kinds of ideas around treadling sequences that help us come up with new variations on old themes.” [Are getting the idea that in the Weaving Universe, the Twill Galaxy is gigantic?!]

The next Stafford Study Group meeting is Tuesday, May 12, 1-3pm on Zoom.

Show any project you are working on and show us around your work space. It’s very fun to see everyone’s creative place. The Zoom meeting details will be sent to you by email.

If you are not on our Stafford study email, but want to attend, simply email Cheryl Reed to be put on the list. [You are welcome to be part of the discussion. However, to receive the video lesson and Jane’s recipe for weaving the gamp, you need to join the Jane Stafford Online Guild at www.JaneStaffordTextiles.com Look under the “Learn” tab.]

BY THE BOOK KNITTERS

The next meeting for the By the Book Knitters will be May 19th at 6:00pm on Zoom. I’ll send out the details the week before. If you have not used Zoom before just know it is really easy. Just install the App on your laptop, tablet or phone. Create a login and BOOM you are ready. Here is a good tutorial https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E

Please please try it. We had 10 knitters login for the April meeting and it was so good to see their faces. I hated to end the meeting because I missed everyone so much.

Here are 2 websites you might want to check out.
Star Train something different to do https://findstarlink.com/
Knitrino a new knitting app that looks good https://knitrino.com/

Projects we are working on
Baby Blanket
Bouquet of Roses
Couple of baby bibs and some booties out of leftovers
Elvyna by Sarah Elizabeth – in pale pink, sparkly acrylic yarn for granddaughter Chloe
Embroidering a sampler for my granddaughter
Falling Leaves socks (my favorite socks)
Find You’d Fade Shawl (grays/black/whites)
Pair of scrappy short socks
Square for the Afghan
Striped socks (Patons Kroy)
Books we read
A Novel Murder by Elizabeth Penney
All the Hamish MacBeth mysteries by M.C. Beaton
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
As You Wish by Cary Elwes
Bridge of Clay by Markus Zusak
Broken, Undone, Fractured and Triptych by Karin Slaughter
By Familiar Means and Familiar Motives by Delia James
For Such a Time by Kate Breslin
Good Girls Lie by J T Allison
Hannah Coulter by Wendell Berry
Lemon Pies and Little White Lies by Ellery Adams
Mr. Churchill’s Secretary by Susan Elia MacNeal
Owls Well That Ends Well, No Nest for the Wicket and Click Here for Murder by Donna Andrews
The Body by Stephen King
The Book without Words, Catch You Later, Traitor, Old Wolf and The Player King by Avi
The Bookshop on the Shore by Jenny Colgan
The First Lady by James Patterson
The Late Show by Michael Connelly
The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
The Plot is Murder by V. M. Burns
The Self Care Solution by Jennifer Ashton
The West by Geoffrey Ward
The Wives by Tarryn Fisher
This I Know For Sure by Oprah Winfrey
Thorn in My Heart by Liz Curtis Higgs
To the Land of Long Lost Friends by Alexander McCall Smith
Undeniable by Bill Nye
What Are People For by Wendell Berry
What We Find; Swept Away; Just Over the Mountain and Deep in the Valley by Caff Robin Carr

DFA MEMBERSHIP 2020/2021 RENEWAL CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY.
Look for more information to come via DFA Newsletter, Website and Blasting.
Dues are payable now and are due June 1, 2020.
For those Early Bird Members that pay their dues by May 31st
Another featured item is this lovely Carol Wuerl Basket measuring 2” wide by 1 ¾” high. It is tinny but absolutely beautiful.
PS Membership Chairs are not eligible for the drawing
Greetings from your Membership Co-Chairpersons,
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 – 2020/2021” the button on the left.

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.

Having trouble renewing online call Carol Kaminsky at 509-619-0233

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 Form 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 30, 2020 will be in the Early Bird drawing.

Thank you,

Sue Silliman and Carol Kaminsky
DFA Membership Co-Chairpersons

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Basket by Carol Hall
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

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

**DESIGN POKER PROJECT**
If you’re working on your Design Poker Project for mid-December, please document your process. Like the full file folder of your inspirations, or all the math on paper or yarns on a scale as you set up your project. We can use those photos in our advertising for the Gallery at the Park exhibit in January, 2020.
No pressure. Just didn’t want all that beginning work to disappear before you pull out a camera. (As usually happens with me.)
Thanks. Cheryl Reed

**WELCOME TO NEW DFA MEMBER:**
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