DEAR DESERT FIBER ARTISTS,
Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your President for the past year! What a year it has been!
We started off with a bang & the fun has been non-stop. The year has been filled with challenges and learning experiences: Taxes, Insurance, LOGO, Banking, Workshops, Stitches & Stories, Classes, Donations, COVID 19 and more! Thank you for your support, generosity, and positive thoughts. I am truly humbled. The beautiful dragonfly silk scarf has found a home on multiple outfits in my closet. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.
Marion
Greetings from your Membership Team,

There is still time for your name to be added to the Early Bird Drawing.

All you have to do is renew your DFA membership no later than 12:00 midnight May 31st.

You might ask “What is in the Basket this year” well here is the big reveal!

There have been a few things added since this photo was taken. Many of the items you see were donated by Carol Hall and myself Carol K..

We try to have something for everyone.

And don’t forget this Small Basket by Carol Wuerl donated by Carol Hall. This basket is a treasure!

Re-Opening Planning in Process

The Desert Fiber Arts studio has been on hiatus with the rest of us for the past couple of months. Currently the DFA studio is use at your own risk. Once we open, we will need to abide by government guidelines and procedures. Failure to do so can put our 501 C 3 Non-Profit status in jeopardy as well as make uninsurable. Leadership is looking at when and what it takes to re-open the studio and keep our members safe. Please take a few moments to fill out and submit your survey by May 27th. Our Re-opening team consists of Marilyn Lord, Nancy Klotz, Gretchen Patrick, Kitty Bryan, Gayle Kerr, Vicki Hughes, Kathy Thorndike, Pam Root, Mickie Chamness, Carol Kaminsky, Mark Halupczok and myself. Thank you to all of members of the re-opening team for volunteering to read mountains of material, guidelines and procedures. We are currently looking at requirements from Federal, Washington State, local governments as well as from our insurance company.

DFA BOARD MEETING

The annual joint board meeting will be June 9th 10am with Zoom. Contact Marion to attend. She will send you the address and invite you.

RIGID HEDDLE MEETING

June 8th at 1:00pm Rigid Heddle will Zoom meet to show off their projects and get help with problems. Dorothy will send contact information. Send her a message if you want to be included. Shelter in place and stay healthy.
BY THE BOOK KNITTERS
Our next meeting will be June 16th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm online with Zoom. I love the fact that DFA purchased a Zoom license; it has enabled us to stay together through these hard times. The Richland Library contacted me to say even if they open in phase 3 they do not anticipate having meetings with more than 10 people. We will continue to use Zoom for the July and possibly August meetings.
My daughter in law sent me this and I immediately thought of the Knitters. It took some time to get through but there is an amazing assortment of titles on this list. Try It! I got a 55%
1000 Books You May Have Actually Read
https://www.listchallenges.com/1000-books-you-may-have-actually-read
Projects we are working on
X x X Anniversary Tea Cozy Using Rowan Felted Tweed by Churchmouse Yarns
2 socks on a magic loop
Books we read this month.
A Great Reckoning by Louise Penny
A Supposedly Fun Thing I'll Never Do Again by Davis Foster Wallace
A World Lost by Wendell Berry
All You Can Ask For by Mike Greenberg
Bring me Back by B.A. Paris
Hidden Valley Road by Robert Kolker
Midnight Riot by Ben Aaronovitch
Olive Again by Elizabeth Strout
Still Me by Jojo Moyes
The Pawful Truth by Mirander James
The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafón
The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

STAFFORD WEAVING STUDY GROUP
Video release: June 4. “Large Threadings Twill Gamp” Undulating twill, network twill, M’s & W’s and more.
Next meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 1-3pm, probably on Zoom.
Hopefully by August our summer sun will have baked the virus into submission.
Anyone is welcome to join in our Zoom meeting. Email Cheryl Reed if you’d like to be included on the email with Zoom details to join the discussion & sharing.
cheryldavisreed@gmail.com. If you’re interested in the Jane Stafford Online Guild Study, look here: https://janestaffordtextiles.com/online-guild/ Any questions? Contact Cheryl

Desert Fiber Arts
Needs EWE!
Do you love learning? Sharing your knowledge with others?
Desert Fiber Arts is in need of a new Workshop Committee Chair(s)!
This Board of Directors Position is a voting position on the DFA Board.
Please send an email to info@desertfiberarts.org

Please join me in sending HUGE Thank ewes
& retirement good wishes to Dorothy Mucha and Kathy Meyers for leading and being the DFA Workshop Committee.
DRAFTING CHALLENGE
Can you figure out the draft for this scarf? Two blocks, plain weave and twill. Kathy Myers shared this commercial scarf at the May meeting of the Stafford Study.
Coincidentally, Madelyn vander Hoogt wrote an article for the May/June Handwoven magazine titled “Understanding Blended Drafts,” p. 18-19. How would you thread a loom, tie up, and treadle it to get this fabric?

DESIGN POKER CHALLENGE
How are your design projects coming along? Suggestions to get started:
Set aside 10 minutes to list possible creations that will use the design elements that you drew with your poker hand.
Later look at your calendar between now and December. Divide your construction tasks in comfortable bits and pencil them into that time frame.
Ask a friend to check with you for updates on how you’re doing on your project. If rewards work to keep you on task, treat yourself for each bit that you accomplish. Make this enjoyable for you. Don’t take it all too seriously.

ANWG Conference 2021: Start NOW on your entry
Details on the conference in Salem, OR, are here: https://anwgcon

REMEMBER ALLIED ARTS SHOW
January 2021
The theme this year is wearable arts.
We want all the varied art you do – baskets, tapestry, table linens, felted creations, the sky is the limit for fiber art.
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