June 14th 1pm Rigid Heddle Study Group Columbia Point Park (if the weather co-operates)
June 22nd 1-3pm Stafford Weaving Study Group location will be blasted June 20th
June 16th 10 to noon DFA Board Meeting- old and new board members Union Street Library pavilion
June 15th 6:00pm By the Book Knitters at the Fingernail in Howard Amon Park
June 17th DFA General Meeting 6:30-8:30am Zoom Meeting
June 26th Stash Sale

JUNE 17TH JUNE GENERAL MEETING
6:30pm on Zoom - watch for the link “YOU Be the Judge!”

JUNE GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATION
Try your hand at judging fiber art using the philosophy of judges trained by the Northwest Regional Spinners Association. She will walk us through the work of NwRSA certified judges behind the scene at fairs and conferences. Learn what the judges are looking for when they examine your submitted pieces. Whether we meet on Zoom or in person, bring at least one of your fiber projects, woven, knitted, crocheted, handspun yarns. Also bring paper & pencil to record your scores and to write words of encouragement. 

Presenter: Cheryl Reed, trainer for certified judges for the Northwest Regional Spinners Association (NwRSA). Cheryl has explored the world of spinning, knitting, dyeing, and weaving since the late 1980’s. She was mentored through our own DFA. She was trained as a certified judge by Marie Gettmann & Karen Goodson.

2021-22 ELECTION RESULTS:
President: Vicki Hughes
Vice Presidents: Kathy Thorndike & Lynette Treen
Secretary: Karen Watson
Member Policy: Passed Dues increased to $40.00 per year
Budget: Passed
Congratulations Vicki, Kathy, Karen & Lynette!

DFA BOARD MEETING
June 16th 11:30 Joint DFA board meeting with old and new board members. To be held at the Union Street Library pavilion in Kennewick. Bring your lunch and ideas for DFA’s future.

STASH SALE of yarns, fabrics, fleeces and anything related to fiber at Marion Halupczok's yard, 72205 E Grand Bluff Loop, Kennewick on June 26.
Bring everything you want to share, sell or donate to DFA and plan to have a nice day with your fiber friends.

BENTON FRANKLIN FAIR
Right now they are planning on having some sort of fair this year. Keep tuned for updates and keep working on your entries. The theme this year is Fiber Arts in History. Rebecca
FEELING HOPEFUL & EXCITED!
Summer is on its way with warm temperatures and hopefully less wind. We can meet outdoors, learn & share in the sunshine! Vicki, Micki & Mari(on) (felt like I was being left out of the i group) are putting together a board proposal to distribute the key code and hard keys. Their proposal goes to the board on June 16th. Cross your fingers! Hopefully, the studio will be open soon, providing we to adhere to the current BFHD guidelines. Excited for Rose & Carol to get the new desktop computer setup and connected to the hotspot. Rentals will soon be available for our members! Thank you’s to Vicki, H, Carol K., Marion & Gretchen for the multiple hours of working through the process with US Cellular. Thank you to Dorothy Mucha for providing the hot spot June 16th will be the DFA Board Transition meeting held in person at the pavilion near the Union St. branch of Mid-Columbia Library. Excited to see where our new leadership will take our organization. Hoping each of the new DFA board of directors will have as enriching time as I have had. Yes, there are/will be speedbumps. However, it has been a life changing milestone for me. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your DFA President for the past 2 years. Marion

DEAR DFA MEMBERS,
The result of the vote on dues policy change is in! Dues for 2021-2022 is now $40.00. (January 1, 2022 - May 31, 2022 will be $20.00.)
DFA website is now updated and ready for renewal payments.
FOR this year ONLY, a grace period through June 30, 2021 is allowed to give more time for us to renew. So members will continue to have website access through June 30, 2021.
If payment is not received by or before June 30, 2021 a member will lose all privileges and access to the website on July 1, 2021

For those few who have already paid $25.00 for 2021-2022, Please submit the additional $15.00 by check to “Desert Fiber Arts” and write “additional $15.00 for 2021-2022 membership”. Do so by or before June 30.
Mail to:
Desert Fiber Arts,
PO Box 1004,
Richland, Washington 98352

The website will not have that option.

Feel free to call Sue Silliman if you have questions. (206) 369-0209

NEW MEMBER AS OF 05/12/2021

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BY THE BOOK KNITTERS
Our next meeting will be June 15th at 6:00pm LIVE and socially distant at the Fingernail in Howard Amon Park. Bring your chair
I am very excited to get together and see faces
I need your Covid Squares ASAP!. Email me and we can meet to get the squares
HOPEFUL AND ANXIOUS FOR JUNE 30TH!
That’s the date when organizations who applied for ARTFunds grants are notified of their awards. Virginia T. & Marion worked diligently submitting our application. Virginia was in West Richland manning her computer, Marion was traveling across the North American continent writing & sending input when internet was available. Thus, working together collaboratively, they submitted DFA’s request for $25,000 within 2 days of the grant being released.

Excited for Gretchen as she steps down from our Treasury to enjoy time with her husband John, camping, biking, children & her amazing work with 501C3 organizations. Gretchen passes the Treasury torch knowing Quickbooks is ready for DFA action. She has transferred ownership of the DFA account ownership to DFA, giving our organization efficacy & providing security for individual members who graciously offered to man the accounts. DFA now has “people” to contact when questions arise, thanks to Gretchen. We also have a financial paper trail to easily follow when we apply for grants in the future! DFA now has a password wallet created by Gretchen! Haven’t moved to an electronic password wallet to date, but we are moving toward ease of communication & information sharing. So many great tasks were complete by Gretchen. DFA owes you enormous thanks for your time, effort & for-sight to bring DFA into the new millennium.

Marion

STAFFORD WEAVING STUDY GROUP
Video release June 10
Discussion June 22, 1-3pm We’ll try in-person again. Location to be blasted June 20.
Topic: Swedish Lace Grows Out of Huck. Jane describes the lesson, “We’ll overlay everything we played with from our Huck gamp and Huck Colour & Weave gamp.”
Bring your weavings to share, even if they aren’t the assigned projects from Jane.
Everyone is welcome at the discussion. If you want to learn from Jane, you need to subscribe to her School of Weaving, https://www.schoolofweaving.tv

RIGID HEDDLE STUDY GROUP
June 14th 1pm at Columbia Point Park
The weather for the May RHSG meeting was perfect! And once again we had a good turnout, we even had a couple non-RH weavers join in the fun. Carol K demonstrated how to weave the Hero cowl which is woven in one piece. This is done by taking the warp off the loom near the end of the weaving and then weaving into the beginning of the warp which had been wound on the cloth beam. Jan S. Shared her beautiful pine needle baskets she wove while wintering in Arizona.
And Kathy M. demonstrated how to warp the mobius scarf for those that missed it at the last meeting. Carol K brought her amazing mobius loom that she designed and Ray built. Getting together is so inspiring, we plan to continue throughout the summer. And remember everyone is welcome

NEED COORDINATORS/VOLUNTEERS FOR:
• Treasurer needed to complete 2021-22 term.

• Intern treasurer (this person would work alongside of the treasurer to learn the ropes in anticipation of taking on the treasury in 2022-24)

• Tech Advisor: go to volunteer for tech issues like computer management, glitches, troubleshooting, set up, etc.
• Answer & forward email inquiries from all the various emails on our webpages: Facebook, general email
box and info@desertfiberart. (Forward inquiries to leadership, discuss & send response to inquiries)

- Education (classes) (Receive class proposals & help instructor prep for Board approval, assist instructors as needed)
- November Sale (Lead team with Jenny Bass to coordinate & put on the fall sale) Jennie B. (Co-Leader), Jen Ely (marketing) & Pam(setup/take down)
- Fundraiser Coordinator
- Property tax inventory (Assist Leslie to maintain additions & removed items from the DFA inventory. Maintain records for tax inventory.)
- Create video introduction to the studio for new members!
- McCurley Car Drive snacks coordinator
- Benton Franklin Fair coordinator
- Tent Sale (Assist Pam and Marion setting up & organizing the Tent Sale)
- Electric Drum Carder Guru (Train members how to use the electric drum carder & maintain)
- More equipment team volunteers to meet members for equipment rental pick up and drop off (assisting Rose & Betsy)
- Name Badges: we need a person to create, update & maintain our name tags for use in the studio.

**WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE DFA STUDIO RE-OPENING?**

DFA will continue to follow the “Healthy Washington, Road to Recovery” guidelines for Phase 3. Phase 3 allows a maximum of 10 people gathering indoors (in the studio or other indoor location sponsored by DFA) at one time. Outdoor gatherings shall be a maximum of 50 people. These Phase 3 guidelines apply until Governor Inslee opens everything June 30th or before.

The CDC and Washington State Dept. of Health agree that people who are fully immunized don't need to wear masks or distance in a social setting, as long as that setting is not covered by other rules (e.g. healthcare facilities, public transit, schools, some individual businesses, etc).

**Masks and distancing still apply in the studio for people who are not immunized.**

Handwashing or use of hand sanitizer as good hygiene is always recommended for everyone. We can discontinue quarantining library materials and equipment in the studio. Outdoor gatherings are still safer than indoor gatherings. Masks and distancing are preferred in outdoor DFA gatherings for people who are not immunized.

Those who are at high risk for severe illness (and anyone else) may choose to wear masks and socially distance even after they are fully vaccinated. Please be considerate of others’ preferences.

Those who are sick should stay home and get tested for the coronavirus. We can all be excited about getting together in person with our fiber friends once again! Nancy Klotz, DFA Re-Opening Team Lead
OPPHAMTA

At our General meeting on May 20, Betsy Dickinson shared these photos with us. Betsy tells us:

“My friend’s grandmother is from a village of about 400 in the Tatarstan Republic in Russia. She was born around 1892 and died in 1981. She was one of 6 women in that area that spoke Arabic. She wove this fabric and others like it. It appears to be muslin with red wool.” Betsy’s gracious neighbor gave this to Betsy, knowing she was a weaver. What a treasure!

Susan recognized this from Swedish weaving structures called “opphämta”. When asked if a drawloom was needed to weave this fabric, the response was yes. However, Joanne Hall taught a Round Robin workshop here in the Tricities a few years back. One of the looms was threaded for opphämta using not a drawloom attachment but rather pickup sticks placed behind the reed and heddles.

Subsequently, Susan found a Finnish book with similar patterns woven in red and white. The background could be either white linen or cotton and the pattern in red is a wool thread. The results are stunning although woven using pickup sticks may take a bit more time until you become accustomed to the rhythm, it is very satisfying to weave. Thank you, Betsy, for sharing!

Above is a photo of an opphämta project using pickup sticks woven by Susan a few years ago.
Spring has sprung & DFA is cracking open the door to getting back to our new normal. The studio is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 4pm through the month of June. Leadership is encouraging study groups to meet outdoors weather permitting or by ZOOM. Hopefully soon, we will be able to have members come into the studio to use equipment, weave, spin, card and to have small groups meet in the studio. Thank you, thank you! To Pam R. and her team of volunteers who are manning the studio each Tuesday and Thursday!

**Studio news:**

Mickie & Ray installed a motion sensor light switch in the back equipment room. It will automatically turn on when you enter the work area & turn off when no activity has occurred for 15 minutes. First time I walked into the workroom it scared me. Had to keep checking to see that it would turn off…. yup that’s right….I was my own worst enemy…..every time I checked it…it started the 15 minute clock all over again. Your thoughtfulness for our safety is incredible! Thanks, you both!

Carol, Vicki, Gretchen & Marion have met with US Cellular 4 times to get restart the Hot Spot unit. Thanks to Carol for doing the legwork, Rose for getting it all connected, the gals for their patience & Dorothy M. for the donation of the hot spot!

Carol & Rose are working to set up the new computer for equipment check out. My hope is that once we get all the moving part, member profile & Wi-Fi connections made members will be able to surf the web, print on our new in-house printing system from the computer terminal and stream. Your tech knowledge and support are amazing! Thank you, Rose & Carol!

Marion printed 10+ copies of the new brochure. Zingo! Brainstorm! Now she is working on creating printer directions, so members will not need to spend an hour trying to print. Success for printing: color, double sided, and left bound tri folds was finally reached 60+ minutes into a very simple project! The master copy for printing more brochures is in the Tri-Fold cubby. We will need a better quality of paper for future brochures.

Cheryle K. has been busy processing newly donated books! Hug & thanks to Mardine Campbell & the Woolery for gifting us books for inspiration & knowledge. Thanks to Cheryle! She is processing & keeping track of the DFA extensive library!

Rose, Carol, Gretchen & Linda B. are working diligently to get equipment rentals available via the website in June. HUGE thanks to these amazing ladies!

Nancy, Mickie & Ray have the air filtration units up and running. The location for each unit has been set in a location to maximize its efficiency. Units run 24/7. During studio usage periods the member who opens the studio increases the speed to the highest setting to maximize filtration & maintain optimal CO2 levels. As the lead member closes the studio, the units are returned to the lowest setting to conserve energy & reduce costs. Thanks Nancy, Mickie & Ray!

Susan Sch. has volunteered to warp the studio looms. DFA currently has 2 looms in need of warp, the Sears Fair Loom & the Schacht 4 shaft. DFA was the recipient of approximately 20 pounds of fiber from the Woolery & the Eugene Textile Center. Many beautiful colors of 8/2 cotton for our members to weave into lovely projects! Susan is looking for suggestions of projects! If you have an idea…let Susan know ASAP. Thank you, Susan,!

The electric carder will be back in the studio soon!

Mickie volunteered to update our monthly calendar & keeping our space beautifully maintained!

Thank you! Thank you! Mickie, you are AWESOME!

Nancy K. continues to monitor COVID statistics and phases to assist the board in making science-based, data-driven decisions for DFA members health and safety. Thank you, Nancy!

So many wonderful things are happening to get our studio nest back to the new norm.

**Business News:**

Gretchen & Brandi (professional bookkeeper) have completed the work on getting security, categories, vendors, and more programmed into QuickBooks! Reports can be run with a click of the mouse so that our DFA finances are easily accessible. Thank you, ladies for your massive undertaking of this enormous task!

Virginia T. is continuing to search, research and monitor grants. ARTFunding grant submitted May 12, 2021 for $25,000! Unfortunately, the Group Health Foundation (funding for 3-yrs of operations) grant is not a good fit for us. However, a new grant (COVID –Affected Cultural Organizations) has been located that looks
promising. More research needed. Just as we are very budget conscience, we also need to be very conscience of our volunteers’ time & energy. If you come across a grant, please forward the info to Virginia or Marion to assess. Thank you, Virginia, for your research, writing, plus your connections to professional & organization. Sue Silliman & Carol got out the vote! The 2021-22 Election is complete Thank you, gals, for running the DFA 202 Election!

Shout out to the DFA incredible group of volunteers that monitor the emails, repair and maintain the equipment, assemble the newsletter, update the website, post to social media, study group leaders, members who look for and research opportunities for the future of DFA. There are so many systems that run in the background of DFA, it is difficult to name them all. Forgive me if I missed someone, two or more. Thank you all!

Desert Fiber Arts is blessed with an incredible, hardworking, giving membership. This spring DFA has been challenged by world issues beyond our control. DFA has met and taken on these enormous challenges and tasks. Thank you, ALL!

Marion

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Lavender Opportunity!

Red rover, red rover…please come over!

Susan S. will be showing us how to make Lavender Wands on the patio!

BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair) & snack to share.

You’ll also need: shears to cut your lavender & scissors to cut your ribbons!

June 4th, 2021 9am.

Where: “Lavender Point” aka Marion Halupczok’s House

Email or call Marion if you plan to attend: marionmade55@gmail.com

There are over 45 Lavender bushes

on the Lavender Point Property.

Each wand takes less than 15 stems!

Susan is bringing the ribbons from her stash!

Join in the fun of making a lavender wand!

OR  Just come over, watch, learn and visit!

DFA COVID guidelines will be followed.
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.