August 9th 1pm Rigid Heddle Study Group Columbia Point Park  
July 29th 1-3pm Stafford Weaving Study Group location at Mary Thomas’ 
August date to be decided  
August 20th 6:00pm By the Book Knitters at the Fingernail in Howard Amon Park  
Stash Sale in the fall

Fair - Deadline for entries for the fair is August 1.

Things have been up in the air this year and the fair has been having trouble with some of the paperwork so hopefully it will all work out. We will give it our best shot and enjoy what we can. I will need help with take in and setup and with judging. I will split the judging into little parts so that it isn't a marathon for any one person. If you would be willing to lend a hand please contact me. Rebecca Harkins at 627-1293 or my cell 509-212-9008 or rebeccasromneys@gmail.com

The Challenge this year is History of Fiber. This encompasses any and all traditional Fiber Arts - use your imaginations and your history books. This could be traditional fibers prepared in the traditional way or traditional designs, or traditional construction methods.

We would love to have demonstrators and if you are interested, please contact me. The same rules would be in place - 4 hours demonstrating for an entry ticket. It hasn't been finalized yet if we will be able to have demonstrators or how many or in what format so I will have to let those interested know once the time gets closer. We will do our best to make it a workable environment for everyone.

Regards,
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By the Book Knitters

Our next meeting will be August 20th at 6:00pm near the Fingernail at Howard Amon Park. Please bring any finished squares. We had a great time dyeing pink yarn. We used a 1% dye solution and dyed 4 skeins at full strength, 4 skeins at half strength and 4 skeins at 1/10th strength. Lissa also dyed 3 skeins. Lynette brought her grey alpaca to dye a Depth of Shade series. Debbie did Sun Dyeing
Maryhill Museum & Artist Ophir El-Boher

Desert Fiber Arts has accepted Maryhill Museum’s invitation to participate in the Exquisite Gorge 2 Project (EG2)!

The press release for EG2 will be hitting the streets soon! To get an idea of what this project entails, please check out Maryhill Museum’s Exquisite Gorge 1 (EG1) project on their website: https://www.maryhillmuseum.org/exquisite-gorge-project-2019. Maryhill Museum has created exciting projects pairing community partners and professional artists from around the world. Two-hundred miles of the Columbia River was divided into 10 river sections that are depicted in a ginormous 66-foot-long mural done with wood block prints. Each 4 X 6-foot section was laid side by side and printed with an asphalt paving drum roller.

EG2 steps up the game by creating a 3-dimensional sculpture made with fiber arts! Each community partner & professional artist team are assigned a river section to be depicted in a 3-D fiber arts sculpture. The size of each sculpture section? 6 feet (long) by 4 feet (wide) by 5 feet (tall)! When put together, the finished sculpture will be SIXTY-SIX feet long including the Head Piece. DFA’s professional artist, Ophir El-Boher is a fashion designer who works with upcycled materials! https://dismantlemag.com/2020/05/11/upcycled-fashion-ophir-el-boher-designer-artist-scholar/ She is a perfect fit for River Section #8, the John Day River to Roosevelt, WA. Western Washington sends its garbage to the Roosevelt landfills area by train, while western Oregon sends its garbage to the Arlington landfills by 18 wheelers. Her goal is to make our sculpture from all recycled/upcycled/stash-cycled fibers!

EG2 began for DFA in June, with Ophir’s first visit. Ophir will be presenting her concept for her design at our August General meeting. Workshops will be held September 8-10 to work out logistics & experiment with fiber & techniques. The project continues with production of fiber-based parts, through May 2022. The assembling of the parts into the final construction of our sculpture will take place in June 2022, local exhibits in July 2022 & the culminating event at the Maryhill Museum August 6, 2022. All eleven sculptures will be coming together to be displayed at Maryhill for the month of August!

Ophir & the DFA Maryhill team rendezvoused in The Dallas, OR in early June for a visit to River Section #8. So much to see in our section! The next day Ophir met with DFA members at our Guild House to check out the resources available and to explore the beautiful products created by the Fiber Artists of Desert Fiber Arts, exemplifying championship in reclaiming textile waste!
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT JULY/AUGUST 2021

Summer is halfway done. I still can’t believe it. We were out of town for a week, salmon fishing at Seiku, and missing a lot of the hot weather. Temperatures in the 50’s and 60’s was refreshing and I could do with another dose!

But things keep moving along. We have a new interim treasurer, Chuck Padorr, who has accepted the position from Gretchen. I am glad Chuck is on board but I am sorry to be losing Gretchen. She did a lot of great things for DFA and I am going to miss her.

We are still working on finalizing the logo. It’s been a long time coming, but better late than never. I know the fall fundraising team is looking forward to getting it so they can start making up flyers and posters. I can’t wait to see what everyone will bring to this effort. A new venue means new opportunities, if we can just take advantage of them.

Speaking of opportunities, there are two new grants on the horizon. One is from Humanities Washington and the other is a Shares Grants. Both having to do with preserving the humanities and the institutions that have that as part of their mission.

Another opportunity for some of us could be coming in August. Fair time is coming quickly and I have had a request from Rebecca Harkins for judges. She hopes to have many judges so the whole process is not nearly as time consuming as it can be. The fair is one of the biggest events of our year and I would really like to help her out.

More changes are in the works. The treasurer and I are working on ways to make the taking in of monies run a little smoother and help in the accounting process at the same time.

Thanks
Vicki M Hughes
President, DFA

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:

Now that the Guild is open for use and equipment rentals are live, the equipment team is in need of a few volunteers to learn how to check out, accept payment, and provide pick up and drop off hours for equipment rentals.

The time commitment is minimal - less than a few hours a month. This allows us to have several trained individuals available to provide this service.

Also, if you are a Study Group Leader or a regular attendee, please consider learning the equipment checkout process to serve your group or drop-ins needs during group meetings.

Please consider donating a little bit of your time!

Contact Rose Rehfeldt with questions or to join the team.
rosevrehfeldt@gmail.com
509-303-8115
Thank you!

Dyeing pink at Earlene’s
RIGID HEDDLE STUDY GROUP
Next meeting: August 9, 2021 at the DFA Studio, Union Square

It finally happen we were allowed to meet in the studio once again! And even though the classroom is rather full with extra looms, it was wonderful to be back. There was lots of activity going on: Jan was working on a pine needle basket, Judy was knitting, Lynnette was winding a warp, Julie was card weaving, Pam was getting warp ready for her next project, Meredith was weaving some colorful towels, Carol was working on her latest cowl and Mary needed help on warping with two heddles! Several folks stopped by to visit or ask for advice. It was wonderful to see the studio alive with so much activity again.

Benton Franklin Fair update – we were too late in submitting our proposal for the new award for rigid heddle weaving to get it printed in the fair hand out or included in the online registration form. However, it can be awarded unofficially. Hope to see lots of rigid heddle projects this year. The deadline for registering without a late fee is August 10.

NEED LAVENDER
Char Friberg has several lavender plants that can be harvested to make lavender wands. They need to be harvested soon so if you are interested give her a call. Consider making some wands for our gift wrapping at the Desert Fiber Arts Holiday Show & Fundraiser. One for me, one for the Show….Char Friberg, cell (509) 581-0527 alcharfriberg@gmail.com

DFA HOLIDAY SHOW AND FUNDRAISER
Our Sales Committee, chaired by Jennie Bass and Susan Schmieman, is meeting and ironing out the details of our Fall fundraiser, the Desert Fiber Arts Holiday Market, which will be held November 5, 6, and 7.

This Holiday Market will be staged at the beautiful FUSE building on the Parkway in Richland. If you happen to be at the Richland Farmers’ Market on Friday mornings this summer, take a look at the FUSE building at 723 The Parkway. Or check out FUSE’s website Fuse SPC – Business & Community Accelerator.

The generous amounts of light coming in from the many windows of this wonderful venue will showcase your fiber art pieces in their true colors.

If you are new to selling your items at a public sale, there will be a workshop in September, the exact date to be determined. Cheryl Reed will explain how to calculate your item’s best price.

Our Sales Committee Marketing Team is looking for someone who understands Instagram who could either join the team or give instructions on how the team might use it to get the word out about our fundraiser. Please contact Jennifer Ely if you or someone you know could help in this area.

DFA’s commission on individually sold items is yet to be determined.

If you have questions to ask the people at FUSE please direct your questions to Susan Schmieman who will be the contact person between DFA and FUSE.

PRICING WORKSHOP FOR FUNDRAISER IN SEPTEMBER
Tuesday, September 21, 6:30-8pm on Zoom.
This will be an informative workshop on how to price your items and how we will use barcodes to streamline our record keeping. Get help with your Artist Contract, Inventory Sheet and hang tags (price tags.) Probably 1 to 1 ½ hours on Zoom. Everyone will receive a few pdf’s to help with your calculations. Print those out before the meeting, please. Check the September newsletter for more details.
DFA Holiday Show and Fundraiser
November 5, 6, & 7

Following a year of no activities, our Desert Fiber Arts Guild needs funds to be able to continue offering the great opportunities available to members. Your help with our Fall Show and Fundraiser is really needed and appreciated. Please consider filling out this form and helping.

I could help with our Holiday Show and Fundraiser in these ways:
Please check the ones that apply:

Before the Show:

☐ Make items to display and sell donating 30% of price to DFA
☐ Share my knowledge of Instagram
☐ Make small items to donate to DFA to sell at our Fundraiser
☐ Make special decorations for gift wrapped packages, like lavender wands, etc.
☐ Teach a group how to make dryer balls for DFA to sell
☐ Donate (or ask someone I know to donate) sheared wool to be made into dryer balls or wool sponges
☐ Needlefelt a large sheet of felt to be made into sponges
☐ Help with the drawing
☐ Donate a completed artistic fiber item for the Fundraiser drawing basket
☐ Donate an old roll of Christmas paper for gift wrapping of sold items

During and after the Show (November 5, 6, & 7):

☐ Help with check-in
☐ Serve as a docent
☐ Serve as a cashier
☐ Help with gift wrapping
☐ Help with display and setup
☐ Help with sales close and checkout
☐ Help take down

Also please consider a monetary sponsorship/contribution to help offset costs.
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

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