MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
I hope everyone is feeling well. I don’t have too much for you this month. The one big thing is we are going to have a sale of the weavers’ estate that was donated to us this summer on October 22. There are lots of cones of all types of yarns. Rose R. and I have gone through them and priced them to sell. We are selling whole cones only. We will weigh each cone and sell them by weight. Fifty cents for cottons, seventy-five cents for silks and linens plus tax. We will only take cash or checks. We are trying to keep things simple. We don’t have a time set yet, but we will put out more information as the date gets closer. All money goes to DFA.

GENERAL MEETING

Come Zoom with your Guild Members
Thursday October 21th  at 6:30PM

Learn what's happening, ask questions, give input.
Hear and see what the spinning group has been doing.

TRIAD DYE PROJECT
October 23rd 9:00am at Earlene’s house

Please bring as many jars as you can find, the more we have the faster we can dye. Also if you have any of the primary dyes left over from the 2 Dyes Project please bring them. We won’t have to make everything from scratch again and it will save time.

I have 190 bundles and others have bundles they will bring. Since there are fewer participants the bundles are smaller and I will have to redo the math. Lissa – Will you double check my numbers LOL
The next meeting will be October 19th at 6:00pm in Conference Room A at the Richland Public Library.

The September meeting was back at the library finally.
We have all the Pink Squares turned in. I got them blocked and they will be put together and ready for the October meeting.

Books we read
A promised land by Barak Obama
Becoming Mrs. Lewis by Patti Callahan
Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner
Northanger Abby by Jane Austen
Preventable by Andy Slavitt
Remarkable Journey Of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart
Royal Flush (Royal Spyness, book 3) by Rhys Bowen
The first 14 books of the Cork O'Connor series by William Kent Krueger
The Henna Artist (The Henna Artist, #1) by Alka Joshi

RIGID HEDDLE STUDY GROUP

Sharing:

Pine needles add the final touch

Overshoot makes a stunning pattern

Beads finish the basket

Next Meeting: Oct 11, Monday, 1-4 PM, 101 N Union St, Suite 208, Kennewick, WA

While visiting New Zealand 4 years after their devastating earthquake, the highways were still in a constant state of repair, resulting in thousands of orange traffic cones on nearly every street and roadway with a traffic sign stating: TEMPORARY CHANGE. The newspaper reported that TEMPORARY CHANGE was the new Normal!

A year and a half has passed since the beginning of the official Covid Quarantine. The light-at-the-end-of-the-tunnel seemed to appear summer of 2021, but then dimmed: on & off & on again, ‘temporarily’. Staying creative will keep us sane during our temporary new Normal.
Rigid Heddle Study Group has done just that. From ZOOM meetings, Columbia Point outside gatherings and now back at the DFA Studio, the weavers with their looms have been creatively passing the time. From weaving of dishcloths, baskets, overshot mug rugs, multiple heddle and pickup techniques explored and new projects on the planning table, creativity is abounding and truly remains the Normal.
We will continue to gather at the DFA Studio, masked, following COVID protocol on the 2nd Monday of the month, 1-4 PM. Our gatherings are open to anyone who would like to join us. See you there.

Thanks to Dorothy Mucha with assistance from Carol K.
STAFFORD WEAVING STUDY GROUP
October 5, Tuesday, 1-3pm
Location: Weather permitting, in person. IF the wind speeds are 10 mph or less & no rain, Howard Amon Park, near the Fingernail Stage. A sunny spot this time. This may be our last chance to meet in person until COVID numbers come down. Bring a chair and your mask.
Weather NOT permitting: we’ll be on Zoom.
Topic: Blended Lace. Jane says,”Because we have studied all 5 of the Lace weaves in great detail, we will now see how all of them can be used in one piece. We will look at drafts from old sources and really understand how the amazing patterns are derived.” Video was released September 23.
Everyone is welcome! Bring your latest fiber arts project and show it off. For more information on Jane Stafford’s School of Weaving TV, look here: https://janestaffordtextiles.com/school-of-weaving/

STASH BUSTING BY KNITTING
DFA member Kitty Bryan has some ideas for using up leftovers.
FIRST IDEA: Knit a scarf lengthwise, leaving 3-4 inches of yarn at each end for the fringe. Tie pairs of these fringe yarns together to stabilize your scarf. Change yarns every row or every other row. Kitty knits these in a linen stitch and uses the scarves for gifts. You might use a garter stitch on larger needles. Kitty says any stitch that looks good on both sides will work. Search ravelry.com for “Mini Mania Scarf” by Sarah Core It’s a free download. She has more tips on this type of scarf and directions for knitting the linen stitch.
SECOND IDEA: Use 15 yd lengths of sock yarn to knit squares for an afghan. Search ravelry.com for “Sockghan” by local knitting teacher Judy Wise. Or click here https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/sockghan Kitty remembers that Judy organized swaps of 15 yd balls of fingering weight yarn so friends could diversify their squares. Kitty has been busy this year writing a book on how to get the best look from variegated yarns. Knitting Variegated Yarn: The Essential Guide to Pattern Selection is a compilation of the concepts from her knitting classes. She’s been teaching across the US and into Canada for several years before The Quarantine. Kitty’s patterns are on ravelry.com. Click the Patterns tab and search for “Kitty Bryan.”

September Garlic Basket Class
Smiling through her mask, Peggy B. was super excited at getting together with the basketeers to make Garlic Baskets! Nine gals worked on a chilly Monday morning to create their unique Garlic Baskets. All uniquely different and special. Thanks to Judy Rice for teaching the class. We had 3 non-members and 6 DFA members working side by side, creating memories & gifts! Thank you, Chuck P. for the Treasury guidance, to collect & document the $120.00 that went into the DFA general fund! Joining in the fun were Vicki H., Kathy T., Rene J., Pam R., Terri W., Lisa S., Chris L., Peggy B. & Marion H.
Calling all Basketeers!

DFA is holding a Mini Breadbasket Class October 9, 2021, in conjunction with Kennewick Community Schools (KCE). We need a couple more helpers to assist community members as they weave their first basket. Please email Marion (marionmade55@gmail.com) to volunteer to assist. The class begins at 10 am for students, but we’ll need you to be at the studio at 9:30am to help set up. Class will be completed and cleaned up around 1 pm ish. This is our very first class with Kennewick Community Schools. KCE advertises the classes, collects the money & we get to enjoy members of the community learning at the DFA studio! Sweet Deal! Cost for the class is $65.00. Class limit is 6. Our understanding is that $40.00 per student will come back to DFA for teaching this class. Cross your fingers! This could open new doors for DFA members to earn funds for DFA & bring in new members. Kennewick Community Schools is looking for instructors to teach classes second semester.

GREAT NEWS!

Our Fall Show and Fundraiser is back on track! We’ve secured a new venue just in time for Christmas shopping.
The Historic Mercer Building at 717 6th Street in downtown Prosser is hosting a retail “pop up shop” the weekend after Thanksgiving. We’ve been invited to join other local vendors and craftspeople for the two-day event.

We’ll set up our 10x20 (or 10x30?) space early Friday morning, November 26th. The event will be open to the public that Friday, Noon to 5pm, and open again Saturday the 27th from 10am to 4-5pm. We’ll need to pack and remove all displays that evening. There will be a nominal fee charged to each vendor by 10x10 space.

Saturday, November 27th is national Shop Small Saturday, and Prosser will be buzzing with shoppers both local and regional. The Princess Theatre Christmas Market will be held Saturday as well, drawing a great many shoppers to our historic downtown. Being open the day before will incentivize the early bird shoppers, so we anticipate good sales for the effort.

So: get busy with your spinning and knitting and weaving and felting and all things fiber arts. More details to follow!
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The Exquisite Gorge 2: Ophir’s September Visit

Ophir was here for a whirlwind visit September 8-10. During that time DFA kept her busy! Kicking off with an afternoon Show, Share & Snack, Ophir did a brief recap of her concept design, then the ideas & materials started flying! Amazing items emerged from tubs, bags, boxes & containers of every shape and size. Weave structures were shown & shared. Fiber abounded. Ideas! Ideas! Ideas! It was the first phase foray into the types of fiber to use.

Bright and early the next morning, Ophir met with a group of 12 members to begin the collaborative process of EG2. A Hebrew blessing that works from the heart and reduces stress of the mind for a healthy positive relationship and enthusiastic environment for better performance. Meditation to center us, focusing our attention and eliminate the stream of jumbled thoughts. The morning was spent looking at nature, natural fibers, flora & fauna. The afternoon focusing on man-made. Jennifer King of the Tri City Herald joined in the fun, snapping pictures and interviewing Ophir.

Judy Rice voiced several times the importance of Ophir getting a look at the river from river level. Ophir kayaked 4 miles Thursday evening expanding her view of the Columbia River. The next morning Ophir met with Amy Smith from Kennewick Community School. Look for her presentation for the community in January or February on 2022.

Welcome to New Members

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Tapestry, Weaving
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We now have 100 DFA members. Sue Silliman DFA Membership Chairperson
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.

JENSEN SPINNING WHEEL GOES TO OHIO

DFA’s beautiful Jensen Spinning Wheel sold in August to Tina B. from Holgate, Ohio! Tina saw our Jensen on the ANWG Classified ads! It was love at first sight of the ad; Tina had her heart set on our Jensen after she lost her Jensen in a house fire recently! Know that DFA helped the healing of Tina’s loss. She may not be back in her home yet…but Tina has a Jensen Spinning Wheel to build her new studio around! Huge thanks to Carol K. for carefully dismantling and packing the Jensen for shipping. Carol & Marion packed the 3’ x 3’ x 4’ box. They did such a great job, that it took Tina 45 minutes to unpack the box! Kudos to Vicki & Tom H. for hauling the giant box to Fed Ex for shipping! Huge thanks to Chuck for answering the call to create a pathway with STCU to transfer Tina’s payment of $1770 directly to the DFA commercial account.