Save the Date January 20, 2022 at 6:30 pm

DFA will meet in person at the studio & on zoom for a short Business Meeting.

Ophir will be our speaker & motivator for the January General Meeting

As you put the finishing touches on your holiday projects…. It is the time to begin the Imagineering for the Exquisite Gorge 2 Project. We need samples to share with Ophir at the January General Meeting.

Ophir’s latest concept design can be found on her shared website:
https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/16KnQKi1Z2xd3xwwvyGgChVhhLqErNgLr

Open the website to see her PowerPoint program to view her latest thoughts & designs.

What types of samples are needed?  So glad you asked! Send your thoughts, pics & ideas to Marion. Ophir has created a list of elements for us to imagineer.  (see photos embedded in the blast)

1. Basalt rocks with air bubbles
2. Lace, knitting, crocheting, or tatting for fishtails/ fish ??? what other technique could we use?
3. Gravel beds with freshwater mussels
4. Textured weaving, knitting, crocheting or other ideas for techniques for the 6 river panels
2- 1 x 4’ or 1 x 8’ to cover the individual panels for the riverbank.
5. River will be created from a combination of natural & man-made fibers.
6. Check out the more items to imagineer on the list of elements Ophir has on her shared website. The idea is NOT to have the finished product at the January General Meeting, BUT instead to have examples for Ophir to choose from or opt to modify.

PANTONE  Color of the Year

A dynamic periwinkle blue hue with a vivifying violet red undertone blends the faithfulness and constancy of blue with the energy and excitement of red. A new Pantone Color whose dynamic novel presence encourages personal inventiveness and creativity, PANTONE 17-3938 Very Peri, the happiest and warmest of all the blue hues, introduces an empowering mix of newness.
MESSAGE FROM OPHIR:

I've attached an image with the list of elements from the table for convenience. I am also open for new ideas and suggestions regarding what elements of the landscape are significant or inspiring and can be added or even replacing ones that are listed.

Please note that each element belongs to either the 'man-made' landscape or the 'natural' one, which implies what materially it should be made out of- reclaimed man-made waste (such as electric wire and plastic bags) or natural fiber remnants (such as reclaimed cotton and leftover wool). The only exception is the woven panels of the river which I hope will include both.

IT WAS A WONDERFUL PARTY!

GREAT WHEELS SPINNING GROUP

Don’t worry about bringing a Great Wheel, no one has a great wheel except Vickie

Starting January 4th the Richland Library will be back to normal hours! This means Tuesday Night Spinning is back on with slight changes.
· Time 6:30pm or whenever you arrive
· Mask OF COURSE

To celebrate we will have a Spinning Challenge. The coordinators of Fiber With a Twist have offered to purchase the fiber for the participants. The fiber will be dyed and distributed and spun, then knit or wove or skeined. We will have a display at the Benton Franklin Fair to show off the many many skeins.
BY THE BOOK KNITTERS

The next meeting will be January 18th at 6:00pm in Conference Room A at the Richland Public Library. Bring crayons or colored pencils to start your Sock Project.

Our Christmas Party was relaxing and chatty.

2022 will be the 13th year for By the Book Knitters (the DFA Knitting Study Group). Coming to the meetings and knitting squares is how I learned to be a knitter. Listening to the others knitters has taught me how to enjoy the art of Knitting. And after 13 years I finally found another Knitter who purls like I do. It gave me warm and tingly feelings to show her how to compensate and to know I’m not the only weird knitter.

For 2022, we will discuss how to design self-stripping yarn for socks.
- Choosing colors
- Sketching out the stripes on the sock
- Choosing toes and heels
- Discussing what makes a good sock yarn and how much yarn do you need
- Knitting needles, Magic Loop or 2 circulars
- Computing the amount of yarn for each stripe
- Designing a skein to hold the design
- Dyeing the yarn
- Knitting the sock

Books we Read
Becoming Mrs. Lewis by Patti Callahan
Bibliophile: An Illustrated Miscellany by Jane Mount
Every Vow You Break by Peter Swanson
Joyful by Ingrid Fetell Lee
Ruth Galloway Series by Elly Griffiths
Saving Savannah by Tonya Bolden
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson
The Last Chance Library by Freya Sampson
The Whistler by John Grisham
The Wife Upstairs by Rachel Hawkins
Viral by Robin Cook
Why We're Polarized by Ezra Klein
Winter Solstice by Rosamunde Pilcher

WELCOME ONE REJOINING MEMBER TO DFA ON 12/04/2021
Lyn Backe
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Fiber Interests: Knitting
Involvement interest: Annual Fund Raising Sale, Demonstration Events, Biennial Membership Show, McCurley Fund Raising Drives

Presents
STAFFORD WEAVING STUDY GROUP
No meeting in January
Video release January 20.
Discussion February 1, time and place TBD.
January starts Season 6 of Jane Stafford’s School of Weaving TV. This year we’ll study units, block weaves and profile drafts. That means mixing twill and laces, monk’s belt, overshot, crackle, name drafts, M&O’s, summer & winter. We’ll learn a 3-step process to analyze blocks. We’ll be working primarily on 4-shafts with a few 8-shaft opportunities. Watch Jane’s description of the 10 lessons for 2022 here:
As always, everyone, a DFA member or a guest, is welcome at our discussions. We discuss the lesson and anything else folks want to share…other handcrafts, gardening, pets. But if you want Jane’s video lesson or her plan for weaving those concepts, you need to subscribe to the School of Weaving TV here: https://www.schoolofweaving.tv
With your year’s subscription, you have access to all the lessons in all 6 seasons. The cost for the year is about $10 per lesson and each lesson is a workshop-worth of information.
The Stafford Study is updating our email list. If you want to be added or taken off the list, email Cheryl Reed, cheryldavisreed@gmail.com. The emails include Zoom links and a summary of our meeting. They are emailed about every 5 weeks.

NEW MEMBER
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Rigid Heddle Study Group

The RHSG will meet January 10 & 24, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.,
101 N Union St, Suite 208, Kennewick, WA
The RHSG is planning a weave-along in January on how to weave a scarf with sprang motifs. The weave along is open to anyone that would like to try the technique. The inspiration for this weave-along comes from a scarf with sprang motifs designed by Deanna Deeds in the March/April 2016 issue of Handwoven magazine. Instructions will be sent out in a blast.

NwRSA Awakening!
Sunday, January 2, 2022, 10am-4pm A day of virtual spinning and fiber celebrations. For spinners, knitters, weavers, crocheters, felters, dyers, & all ways to have fun with fiber.

The current plan for the event is to have a “Welcome!” space where you will be when joining the Zoom event. There will be help in the “Welcome!” room for understanding how the event will function, schedule information for the day, help getting you to the room you want to join, and to support your changing to different rooms when you want to visit another room. Currently planned rooms are:
“Spinning Circles”
For smaller group experiences.
You can move between circles!
“Innovation and Inspiration”
Mini-workshops
Time slots can be 15 or 30 minutes
“Vendor Marketplace”
Vendors/member vendors can share their fibers, products and tools
Vendors/member vendors can provide information/links for contact
Files with contact info will be available in meeting chat, on the event page and emailed on request
Time slots can be 15 or 30 minutes
“Fiber Games”
Spinning blindfolded; plying blindfolded; spinning while wearing gloves; drop spindling standing on one foot; spinning with opposite hands from your normal; drop spindling opposite handed
Game rules: 3 minutes of actual spinning, participant supplies fiber of choice, measuring spun fiber on the honor system
Winner’s prize(s): Bragging Rights!
Each game will begin on the half hour
“Farmhouse Kitchen” room for lunching and food talk or whatever!

Register here to receive the Zoom link.
To attend: NwRSA Awakening! 2022
To volunteer/teach/share:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44abac2caaffc43-volunteering
As a vendor: https://forms.office.com/r/qn0E95jk8F
Book Sale—January 14 & 15

11:00 AM – 3:00PM

-Guild House

An opportunity to create space on your bookshelves and add revenue to DFA, a great way to begin the New Year!

DFA has a collection of books that we need to move out of the Guild House. Between now and January 14 there is an opportunity for you to clear out some of your no-longer-used, fiber-related books and donate them to the guild for the sale. You may leave your books on the table under the white board in the classroom. Books not sold at our sale will be reviewed by Powells bookstore in Portland and hopefully sold. Unsold books will be donated locally. All money earned will be added to the DFA treasury.

I am hoping I don’t come home with more books than I have donated! That is the challenge.

Questions: Susan Schmieman. 509-528-3782
Basket Study Begins January 7, 2022
Register on the Website for the Basketeers’ Study Group to learn more about the art of Basketry!
The Basketeers will meet twice monthly on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, tentatively from 11-2pm.
Basket materials are provided by DFA. Donations will allow the Basketeers to pay for future supplies.
A small donation is requested in the form of cash or check payment.
The Basketeers are stepping outside the box & moving beyond the patterns.

January 7th kicks off the new year for making a CACHE Basket.
Judy and Marion have 10 kits prepped to make a 5” wide circular Cache basket to store your special Caches. We’ll be bringing out the colored reed for those who would like to add a spark of color. Member Donation request $10/Non-member donation request $20.
The Garlic Basket is a free-form basket that can be unique to the maker. Beads and colored reed will be available to personalize your basket.
Member Donation request $10/Non-member donation request $20.
Please register online to enable a ten person accounting for attendance. All fees/payments will be made in person at the time of the class. Please pay in cash or check, payments on the website come with fees.

Bring any unfinished projects to the Basketry Study Group if you’d like some help finishing your project!
You can be a part of the Desert Fiber Arts Guild. To join send a $40 check along with your name, address and phone

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

Happy Together

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