DFA December Meeting: Holiday Party! -Saturday, December 3, 1-3pm
at the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Dr, Richland. Enter the front doors. Turn right into that hallway. We’ll be in the meeting room ahead on the left. Bring:
A dessert or snack. Contact Leslie Wiberg to volunteer to bring a soup.
Also bring a wrapped gift for the gift exchange. We love handmade items/food. But any modest gift is welcome. No more than $20.
Don’t forget your napkin for the Napkin Exchange! Wrap it up. We’ll put a number on it at the party. Those who bring napkins will draw a number and take that napkin home.
[What napkin?! One you’ve woven, or a commercial napkin that you have embellished with any fiber art technique you want. This is simply a fun way to enjoy a tiny fiber art item from a fellow DFA member.]

Rigid Heddle Monday December 12th 1-4pm at the studio. Contact Kathy Myers kbmyers@gmail.co or Dorothy Mucha deemucha@outlook.com
Sticks and Hooks Thursday December 1st and 15th? 10 to noon at the studio contact Sue DeMerchant oswald@yahoo.com
By the Book Knitters December 20th 6-8pm at the Richland Public Library Contact Earlene Mokler emokler@gmail.com
Stafford Weaving Study Group
Tuesday, December 13, 10:30-12:30
At Cheryl Reed’s home, 2012 Anna Ave, Richland
Everyone is welcome.
RSVP, please. I know many are busy. cheryldavisreed@gmail.com
Cookies, tea/coffee provided. Or bring your own snack.
Wrap-up for our 2022 projects in block weaves. We’ll share daydreams of the things we’d like to weave in 2023. Bring your napkin from the exchange at the Holiday Party so we can have a close up look those creations. Of course, any other items you’d like to share.
Hello everyone,

Well, we made it through the Fall Market! And we did so with flying colors, lots of amazing help and a fabulous venue! All records were broken. The DFA items donated by members and small project groups added over $700 to our coffers. Thanks to everyone for an amazing Market.

And a special thanks to Susan Schmieman, who led the planning team to victory. She has already scheduled us at Central Church for next year. Mark your calendars for the first weekend in November 2023. Start projects now so we can be bigger and better next year!

Next is the Allied Arts Show at Gallery in the Park in Richland. I encourage all of you to enter your beautiful and well-done pieces.

DFA will be giving two awards at the show; Artistic Merit and the new Mary Thomas Award for a Wearable Garment. These will be judged by members of the Gallery and will be awarded at the reception on January 8th.

A new committee has formed to update our newsletter. Gayle Lawn-Day heads up her team of Liz Martini and Nancy Kally-Garvin. They will be modernizing our look and working with technology for a seamless presentation.

Don't forget to donate items or money to our landlords for their annual holiday gift. A box is in the studio. Questions can be directed to Cheryle Kierulff - 509-967-5515.

Our next Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the studio and by Zoom. My goal is to move the Board meetings to the first week of the month.

This year I am thankful for my DFA friends and the support we provide to each other. It makes DFA a fabulous place to hang out. I've learned so much from all of you.

May your Thanksgiving be peaceful.
Don't eat too much!

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**BASKETEERS: REMINDERS & PROJECTS!**
Remember to get your Allied Arts Forms into Betsy by December 1st. Projects don't have to be finished until mid-December. The form is just to set a tentative inventory & get the bar codes ready. The Basket Study Group are featured artists!

December 5th Basketeer Day 1-4pm -Decorative Casserole Basket for holiday potlucks!

Bring your casserole dish to the study group to customize your basket. Let Marion know so there will be supplies for you. marionmade55@gmail.com

January project: Basket to protect your delicate China. Select a delicate Victorian China plate in your grandmother's stash or at a thrift store. We will be creating a coiled rope basket to protect your fine China & make it into a tray or wall hanging. Here's what I found buried in my pantry stash. It's not great, kind of chipped but great to experiment with. Check out this Facebook post from the Pine Needle Basket Group for ideas. Does anyone have any waxed linen thread to weave the plates into our basket background? What colors of waxed linen thread do we want to order? Let Marion know. marionmade55@gmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/groups/920374554722198/permalink/5779574675468804/?sfnsn=mo&ref=share

**ALPACA PANEL AT NOVEMBER MEETING**
Jennifer Ely, Donna Noski, and Sondra Grumbein shared with us things they love about alpacas and their fiber. To touch a lock of raw fleece is to agree with them. During the break, Jennifer and Donna offered fibers and yarns in our studio front room. Sondra joined in via Zoom. She shared a YouTube video about the needle-felting machines she has worked with. See for yourself: “Needle-felting Machine Creates New Fabrics” on YouTube.

EMAIL FROM WORKING WASHINGTON!
Washington Department of Commerce
Thank you for participating in the Department of Commerce’s Working Washington Grants: Round 5 program. We have reviewed your application and determined that you are eligible to receive a grant in the amount of $8,825.70 for Desert Fiber Arts. This award payment was received the week of November 21, 2022. We did it!

FABULOUS (VIRTUAL) FIBER FIESTA!
The Northwest Spinners & Fiber Arts Association is organizing another online celebration of fiber art for Saint Distaff’s Day in January. [more info on St Distaff’s Day: http://www.conviviobookworks.com/blog/st-distaffs-day/]
Saturday, January 7, 10am-4pm
It’s free, but register at https://nwsfa.clubexpress.com/ Click on Events. Scroll down to the Fiesta. Click the green arrow on the right to register. You don’t need to be a member to enjoy the day.
This is a fun way to connect with fiber folks during our gray January days from the comfort of your own home. There are several break out rooms for various presentations. Chat rooms during lunch. A peek into fiber shops around the PNW. A good time to do handwork or spin while sharing the day with folks from all over WA, OR, and ID.
Attention vendors and teachers: Now is the time to sign up for a slot to share your products or to share a skill during the Fiesta. Last year the teachers had 25-30 minutes to share. Vendors gave a tour of their shop & products, shared their contact info in the chat.
Vendors, email Mimi Dillman for details, mimi.dillman@gmail.com.
Those with “Tips, Tricks & Techniques” contact Cat Snyder, csnyder999@msn.com.

WEAVE A TOWEL FOR CHRISTMAS OR THE NEW YEAR!
Sign up in the studio, there is a calendar (Nov 28-Jan 31) for each loom, 3 looms available each week!
$5 to rent the loom for one week or less
$3 per ounce of weaving including waste. (That is about $12 + rent per towel)
The looms are ready for weaving. Beginning weavers wove a towel in 4-7 hours. Experienced weavers can weave a towel in much less time
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Non-Members - $2.00 per vertical inch, 8 inch width.

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