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DESERT FIBER ARTS (DFA)
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As always, please continue to go to the DFA website at desertfiberarts.org, click on Events, for the most current and detailed information.

PRESIDENT'S BLURB:

Spring is just around the corner. I know this because all the seed and flower catalogues are arriving in my mailbox. I promptly hand those over to my husband, who’s the gardener guy.

Every Board meeting is filled with lots of information and ideas. All are welcome to attend.

We have two new committee chairs. I’m happy to introduce Cathy Porfilio as the Workshop chair. Please reach out to her with ideas for future workshops.

A big thank-you to Cindy Jewell, who is taking over the Equipment position from Rose Rehfeldt. Rose, thanks so much for your help over the last few years. It’s not easy working full time and keeping up on rentals.

The Finance Committee will begin working on the budget for the next fiscal year. We will whittle down our large item wish list using Grants (thanks Marion Halupczok!!). Start thinking about what the guild and the study groups might need for next year and inform Dorothy Mucha, our illustrious Treasurer.

Kathy Myers has proposed an idea for a Spring Challenge...and it has to do with springs! Check out the information below and contact her for more information about this cute idea for our next Fall Market.

DFA will have a booth at the Quilt Show in March. Leslie Wiberg is making those arrangements. It’s a fun place to demonstrate your skills and get a sneak peek at some fabulous quilts.

The nominating committee is looking for leaders for next year. The positions of Vice-President (can be two co-Vice-Presidents) and Secretary are open. I have agreed to run for President one more term. If the new by-laws are passed, we will also be electing up to three members-at-large. A member-at-large will be a representative of the guild, and will be a voting member of the Board. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Pam Root and Cathy Porfilio.

Thanks to all of you for supporting DFA. It’s a pleasure to be at your service.

Betsy Dickinson, 509-366-3486, fiberpres@gmail.com

DFA FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Mar 1, 8 and 22 - The Band Weaving Study Group meetings occur on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, at the DFA Studio, 5-7pm, email Jane Campbell, janecamel@gmail.com with questions.

Mar 1 will be an extra meeting to make up for last month’s missed meeting due to weather.
Mar 6 & 20 - Basketeers Study Group, meets March 6th & March 20th from 1-4pm in the DFA Studio, contact Marion Halupczok, Marionmade55@gmail.com with any questions/RSVP.

Weave a Cat Head Basket. New techniques to learn are: Creating basket feet, continuous TWILL weave and a Saw-tooth rim. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

Mar 8 - Stafford Weaving Study Group meets from 10:30am-12:30p At the DFA Studio, contact Cheryl Reed, cheryldavisreed@gmail.com with questions

Discussion topic: Fiberworks Weaving Program, members should bring their laptops so folks can try out the program. “Each one teach one”. Everyone...members, friends, visitors are welcome.

Mar 8 - Tapestry Study Group, 1-3 pm at the DFA Studio, Contact Karen Lamar with questions, karen.lamar@gmail.com

Everyone is welcome! Bring whatever Tapestry you are working on or have to share with everyone. You can get help if you’re stuck on a technique or need help warping or just to talk about tapestry with like-minded people. The group just received 3 new looms, thanks to additional DFA funding. So, this is a good time to try Tapestry weaving. You can rent a loom and find out if this fiber art is for you. Our members have wide variations in skill levels and we welcome everyone.

Mar 9 & 18 - DFA Felting Study Group will meet at the DFA Studio from 1-3 pm, Contact Leslie Wiberg @ 509-460-3127 or ld_wiberg@hotmail.com

The month of March has St Patrick’s day. We will think of something green to felt, or eat, or drink. 🍀🍀 We could have a little fun with it.

Mar 9 & 23 - Daytime Knit and Crochet Group, Sticks and Hooks will meet at the studio from 10am to noon, Contact Sue DeMarchant at oswald1@yahoo.com or Kathy Thorndike at kthorndike@msn.com if you have any questions.

Come join us as we work on our individual projects. Stuck on a project and need help? Come to the meeting to get lots of help. We will also be discussing a new group project.

Mar 13 & 27, Rigid Heddle Study Group will meet at the DFA Studio, 1-4 PM, contact Kathy Myers, kbmymers@gmail.com or Dorothy Mucha, dee.mucha@outlook.com

Everyone is welcome! Sure hope everyone is ready to try cantenpile! You don’t have to be a rigid heddle weaver to join in. Bring whatever project you are working on and join in the fun.

The cantenpile technique is the invention of Jessica Lambert. She wrote an article in the Fall 2022 Little Looms magazine on how to create interesting designs crocheting loops together as you weave.
The technique can be used on scarves, table runners, pillows and just about anything you can think of. Check out her table runner in the Fall 2022 Little Looms magazine or her pillow in the Spring 2023 issue. These magazines are now in the DFA library.

**Mar 16 - DFA All-Member Monthly Meeting**, in DFA Studio, DAYTIME meeting, 10:00 am-Noon. Questions? Cheryl Reed, cheryldavisreed@gmail.com

Program: details will be announced when finalized

**Mar 21 - By The Book Knitters** meets Tuesday, March 21st at 6:00pm in Conference Room A of the Richland Library, contact Earlene Mokler, emokler@gmail.com with questions

Leah B brought in many hats, mittens and items for babies as part of her charity knitting. Rosanne, Julie and Gayle were working on Squares for the Afghan. 12 squares have been turned in so far! Lissa was knitting the Leicht socks for Sock Summit while Jen was knitting black socks two at a time on a magic loop. Melany wasn’t here but she sent an email with her project the Bonnie and Clyde Carry-All bag from Paradise Fibers. The oldest McCord girl was crocheting a baby bib called Finley the Fox and her sister was crocheting a Lapghan. Leah was knitting a shopping bag. Julie demonstrated the Mobius Fidget Toy she learned how to crochet. Lisa was knitting a scarf. Priya learned how to bind off her Lavender Scarf. Sue is working on a Needle Punch Kit.

Due to family, DeeAnna is putting her house on market and moving to another state. She has donated some yarn and pattern books to the quilt show donation room, but has lots of beautiful yarn and books left. If you are interested in obtaining some of her stash at a deep discount, contact her at radgalbraith@gmail.com

Our February book list can be found on the DFA events calendar.

**Mar 24- 25 - Tri-City Quilters Guild Annual Show and Merchant Mall - DFA will be there!!!**

Each Spring the Tri-City Quilters Guild hosts their annual Quilt Show at Three Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick. And, each year DFA is invited to have a booth in their Merchant Mall. This year’s theme is “Take Flight”. Look for DFA's landing pad and hangar full of every imaginable fiber art, from spinning and weaving to knitting and felting. Perhaps even a few of our basket makers will be on hand as well. Come enjoy all the ways the heritage fiber arts compliment both traditional and innovative quilting at this exciting show.

**DFA will need several volunteers. Dates and times as follows:**
Set-up: 4:00 pm, Thursday, March 23
Take down 5:00 pm, Saturday, March 25
Show dates & times:
Friday, March 24th 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday, March 25th 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

NOTES OF INTEREST:

• **Registration is CLOSED for Braided Alpaca Rug Class** but there is a waiting list!
  Saturday, March 4, 1-4pm in DFA Studio. Registration = $25. Materials Fee = $45.

Two Volunteers Are Urgently Needed at the Braided Rug Class
1. To clerk the payments & distribution of bumps of alpaca rug yarn.
2. To help students start their rugs and make their first turn on their rug.
March 4, Saturday, 12:45p-2p. (The class goes until 4p. So you can leave before the class is over.)
Questions: Cheryl Reed, cheryldavisreed@gmail.com

• **Spring Bedspring Challenge**

Hard to believe but spring is just around the corner!! So, it’s the perfect time for a spring challenge!! All it takes is one bedspring and a little imagination to see what you can create! The finished products will be sold at the Fall Fundraiser with the proceeds going to DFA. There is even a rumor going around that they will be on display at ANWG in June!!

The only requirement is that you use some sort of fiber on the spring, it could be felted, knitted, crocheted, reed, or whatever! Let your imagination run wild! Bedsprings will be available at the studio.

Any questions contact Kathy Myers at kbmyers@gmail.com

Here are some examples to get the creative juices flowing!

• **ANWG Conference (Association of Northwest Weavers Guild)**

Look here to know how to register for the ANWG Conference.
Registration: [https://anwgconference2023.com/registration/](https://anwgconference2023.com/registration/)
Details page by page of registration: [https://anwgconference2023.com/registration-details/](https://anwgconference2023.com/registration-details/)

Registration Dates:
January 17-March 19: Register for Conference Package, which is only available during this period, and for all workshops.
March 27-May 22: A la carte registration for all seminars, evening events, and workshops; subject to seat availability.
June 11-17, Conference Week: A la carte registration for all seminars, evening events, and workshops that have openings. Questions? Cheryl Reed, cheryldavisreed@gmail.com

CLASSIFIED ADS

Updated information (see pictures below): For Sale: 5 cones of 2/14, 80% alpaca/20% silk. Never used so they are full cones. $10 each. Contact: Karen Lamar at Karen.lamar@gmail.com if interested. Cash only pick up at Studio.