

JULY 2025  
NEWSLETTER

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fiber arts

# Each One, Teach One



## STUDY GROUP DATES

- Jul 1 – Great Wheels 6:30–8:30pm Richland Library
- Jul 2 – Tapestry 1–3pm DFA Studio
- Jul 2 – Great Wheels 1–2pm Traveler Espresso
- Jul 3 – Sticks & Hooks 10am–12pm DFA Studio
- Jul 3 – Handcrafting 7–8:30pm Zoom
- Jul 5 – Great Wheels 1–3pm Richland Library
- Jul 7 – Basketry 1–4pm DFA Studio
- Jul 8 – Drawloom 10am–12pm DFA Studio
- Jul 8 – Great Wheels 6:30–8:30pm Richland Library
- Jul 9 – Great Wheels 1–2pm Traveler Espresso
- Jul 10 – Sticks & Hooks 10am–12pm DFA Studio
- Jul 10 – Handcrafting 7–8:30pm Zoom
- Jul 12 – Pop-up Spin 1–3pm DFA Studio
- Jul 14 – Rigid Heddle 1–4pm DFA Studio
- Jul 15 – By the Book Knitters 6–8pm Richland Library
- Jul 15 – Great Wheels 6:30–8:30pm Richland Library
- Jul 16 – Great Wheels 1–2pm Traveler Espresso
- Jul 17 – Sticks & Hooks 10am–12pm DFA Studio
- Jul 20 – Pop-up Spin 1–3pm DFA Studio
- Jul 21 – Basketry 1–4pm DFA Studio
- Jul 22 – Great Wheels 6:30–8:30pm Richland Library
- Jul 23 – Great Wheels 1–2pm Travelers
- Jul 23 – Band Weaving 6–7pm DFA Studio
- Jul 24 – Sticks & Hooks 10am–12pm DFA Studio
- Jul 24 – Handcrafting 7–8:30pm Zoom
- Jul 25 – 4-6-8 Weaving 1–3pm DFA Studio
- Jul 28 – Rigid Heddle 1–4pm DFA Studio
- Jul 29 – Great Wheels 6:30–8:30pm Richland Library
- Jul 30 – Great Wheels 1–2pm Traveler Espresso
- Jul 31 – Sticks & Hooks 10am–12pm DFA Studio
- Jul 31 – Handcrafting 7–8:30pm Zoom

### DFA BOARD MEETING

SATURDAY, JULY 19  
1:00pM – 3:00PM  
@ DFA Studio

MID-COLUMBIA LIBRARIES &  
DESERT FIBER ARTS GUILD PRESENT



FIBER & FRIENDS

**Monday, July 7 at 6 pm**

Kennewick Library | 1620 S. Union  
St.

Calling all knitters, crocheters, weavers,  
spinners, embroiderers, and other fiber  
artists! Join the Desert Fiber Arts Guild at the  
Kennewick library for an evening of creativity  
and comradery as we work on individual  
projects and share tips and tricks.



# June's Green Star Award Goes To...

*Melanie McKenna*



Not only does Melanie practice eco-friendly fiber art, she is extremely generous and enables other members to do the same. We will award Melanie her star at our next general meeting.

*If you would like to nominate a DFA member for this award,  
please contact Jeanette Mendell.*

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## Hemp

Industrial hemp has been used for fiber production for thousands of years. Hemp fiber is incredibly versatile and is used to make a wide range of products, including clothing, bedding, rope, twine, paper, and building materials. Hemp fiber is strong, durable, and has excellent insulation properties. It is also naturally resistant to mold and mildew, making it an excellent choice for textiles and building materials.

### Strong & Durable

The bast fiber surrounding the hemp stalks provides us with one of nature's strongest fibers. Hemp fibers have a higher tensile strength than cotton, creating sturdy fabrics. When hemp is blended with other fibers, including silk, it adds its strength and unique properties to the mix.

### Breathable

The porous nature of the hemp fiber allows air to circulate freely. At the same time providing an insulating layer, keeping you cool in summer and warm in winter.

### Anti-Microbial

The hollowness of the fiber allows for the circulation of oxygen, hindering the growth of anaerobic bacteria present in perspiration. Therefore, hemp fabrics have less of an odor when you sweat.

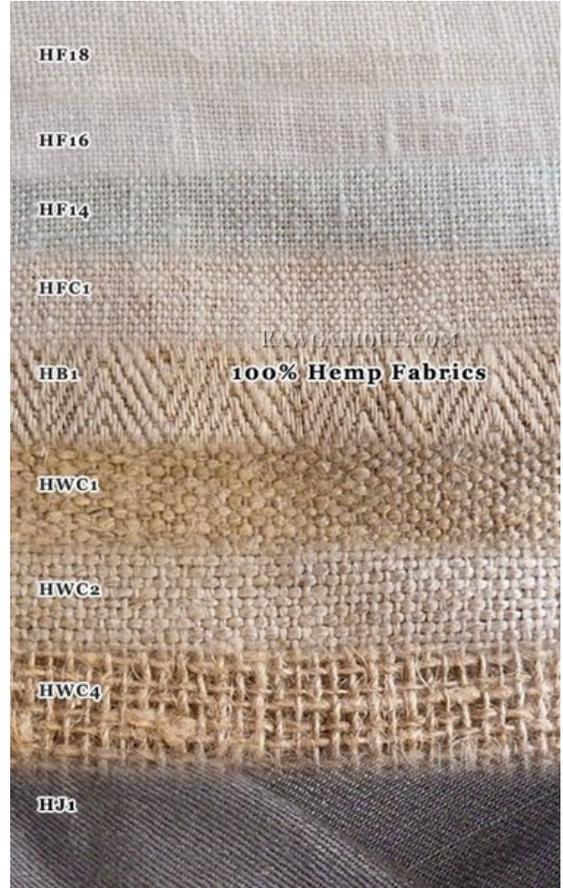
### Absorbent

Hemp's porosity provides the fabrics with great absorbency. This is ideal for towels and sportswear as it will naturally draw moisture away from the skin, keeping you feeling dry.

### Vibrant Colors

Being a hollow fiber, hemp naturally has more surface area for dye molecules to bind. This characteristic allows hemp fabric to attain vibrant colors which are less likely to fade.

At the end of their life, products made from hemp return to the earth. Cellulose fibers typically decay within weeks or months, providing nutrients back to the soil. Therefore hemp will not contribute to the global waste crisis, making it a sustainable choice for textiles.



*This photo was taken at an ANWG guild booth at this year's conference. Wish I could tell you which guild...*

*Next month we will look at making yarn out of paper!*



### LINKS:

For more information on hemp, [click here](#)

To find hemp yarn, [click here](#)

To watch video on sustainability in the textile world that gives a bigger picture, [click here](#)





# June Birthdays

**New newsletter addition!**

The newsletter will now list guild members who have birthdays during the current month!

**Carol Kaminsky**

**Fernanda Eckert**

**Janice Salsberry**

**Kathy Myers**

**Lisa Saget**

**Liz Martini**

**Marion Halupczok**

**Ord McConaghy**

**Vicki Hughes**

*Wishing each of you a very happy birthday!*

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