

Each One, Teach One

# desert fiber arts

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

## Our Mission

Desert Fiber Arts Guild's Mission is to preserve, share and promote fiber arts through education, collaboration, outreach, and sustainable practices.

## Our Vision

Desert Fiber Arts Guild strives to create a thriving, inclusive community of fiber enthusiasts, connecting generations, celebrating creativity, honoring sustainability, and inspiring positive change.

## JANUARY 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

### DFA General Meeting

**Saturday, January 10**  
10:00AM – 12:00PM @ DFA Studio

### Board Meeting

**Saturday, January 24**  
1:00 – 3:00PM @ DFA Studio

### FIBER ART BOWL CLASS

**Saturday, January 17**  
12:00 – 3:00PM @ DFA Studio

The first in a series of workshops in support of the 3 R's, Reuse, Repurpose, Recreate to make a more ecofriendly planet.

Led by Cindy Jewell and back by popular demand..

MID-COLUMBIA LIBRARIES &  
DESERT FIBER ARTS GUILD PRESENT



FIBER & FRIENDS

**Monday, Jan. 5 at 6 pm**  
**Monday, Jan. 19 at 6pm**

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.



# JANUARY 2026 STUDY GROUP DATES

THU	January 1	<b>Handcrafters Zoom</b>	7-8:30pm	Zoom
FRI	January 2	<b>Sticks &amp; Hooks</b>	10am-12pm	DFA Studio
SAT	January 3	<b>EcoFriendly &amp; Creative Reuse</b>	10-11am	Zoom
SAT	January 3	<b>Big Weave Team</b>	1-3pm	DFA Studio
MON	January 5	<b>Basketry</b>	12-3pm	DFA Studio
TUE	January 6	<b>Handcrafts</b>	6-8pm	Richland Library
WED	January 7	<b>Tapestry</b>	1-3pm	DFA Studio
THU	January 8	<b>Sticks &amp; Hooks</b>	10am-12pm	DFA Studio
THU	January 8	<b>Handcrafters Zoom</b>	7-8:30pm	Zoom
MON	January 12	<b>Rigid Heddle</b>	12-3pm	DFA Studio
TUE	January 13	<b>Handcrafts</b>	6-8pm	Richland Library
THU	January 15	<b>Sticks &amp; Hooks</b>	10am-12pm	DFA Studio
THU	January 15	<b>Handcrafters Zoom</b>	7-8:30pm	Zoom
SUN	January 18	<b>Pop Up Spin</b>	1-3pm	DFA Studio
MON	January 19	<b>Basketry</b>	12-3pm	DFA Studio
TUE	January 20	<b>By the Book Knitters</b>	6-8pm	Richland Library
TUE	January 20	<b>Handcrafts</b>	6-8pm	Richland Library
THU	January 22	<b>Sticks &amp; Hooks</b>	10am-12pm	DFA Studio
THU	January 22	<b>Handcrafters Zoom</b>	7-8:30pm	Zoom
FRI	January 23	<b>Drawloom</b>	10am-12pm	DFA Studio
FRI	January 23	<b>4-6-8 Weaving</b>	1-3pm	DFA Studio
MON	January 26	<b>Basketry</b>	12-3pm	DFA Studio
MON	January 26	<b>Rigid Heddle</b>	12-3pm	DFA Studio
TUE	January 27	<b>Handcrafts</b>	6-8pm	Richland Library
THU	January 29	<b>Sticks &amp; Hooks</b>	10am-12pm	DFA Studio
THU	January 29	<b>Handcrafters Zoom</b>	7-8:30pm	Zoom

## Announcement:

**Tapestry Study Group Resumes as of Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at DFA studio from 1-3:00pm**

# BY THE BOOK KNITTERS

*Our next meeting will be  
Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
in Conference Room A of the  
Richland Library*

Our Christmas Tea and Cocoa Party was a blast.

We discussed Game of Wool: Britain's Best Knitter. It's a free reality TV show similar to the Great British Baking Show. You can watch it on YouTube or online at Channel4.com. You have to create a registration on Channel 4 but it's free.

You can also watch the Great British Sewing Bee also free on Roku TV

Happy Holidays, may all your projects be Merry and Bright

# HANDCRAFTS

Happy Holidays from the Handcraft group! We continue weekly meetings via Zoom at 7 PM to relax and unwind (well hopefully not literally if you're spinning). We enjoy encouraging each other on our various projects and watching the wonderful assistance from our various pets. To get the meeting link contact Peggy Larreau. We hope to see you soon!

## RIGID HEDDLE



At our last meeting we were admiring Karen Dodson's new beautiful scarf. She wove it from merino wool, which she had hand spun. Her scarf is 2 yards long, not counting the fringe.

She had purchased hand-dyed merino wool from Malabrigo Yarn Company. The company had dyed the merino roving in sections of green, yellow, blue, purple, and brown.

Karen spun the yarn and plied it back on itself, which combined the colors. Then she wove the scarf on her Rigid Heddle loom. As she wove the scarf, the colors created their own pattern. She now has a colorful elegant scarf.



# DRAWLOOM

This is just a reminder that the Drawloom Study Group will now be meeting on the 4th Friday of the month from 10-12. This comes before the 4-6-8 Study group that meets at 1 on the same day. I would call that a two-fer!

If you haven't woven on the drawloom, make 2026 the year you try something new. An opportunity to weave small images on your cloth in a damask weave structure. It is This first meeting of 2026 (January 23) will be used to give an overview of the loom and how to use it for those who are unfamiliar with the drawloom. If you have woven on a floor loom, you will easily adapt to weaving damask cloth on the drawloom. The loom is currently warped with off-white cottolin.

Susan Schmieman is available for coaching and getting you started.

*Questions: Contact Susan [weaveyourartout@gmail.com](mailto:weaveyourartout@gmail.com)*



## *The Green Corner* By Susan Schmieman



The EcoFriendly and Creative Reuse Team will be meeting January 3, Saturday, 10AM – 11:00. If you haven't joined in one of our zoom meetings, this is a good time to find out what we are up to in 2026. Plans for our part in the next DFA Allied Arts show are beginning. We also would like to see some Creative Reuse workshops throughout the year. Let us hear from you with ideas you would like to see regarding our 3R's—Reuse, Repurpose, Recreate! We always open our time with a 3R share and tell; our meetings rarely go over an hour and always on Saturday morning.

*Questions: Susan [weaveyourartout@gmail.com](mailto:weaveyourartout@gmail.com)*

### *Zoom Meeting Information*

**Topic:** EcoFriendly & Creative Reuse

**Time:** Jan 3, 2026 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

**Zoom meeting link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84216685191?pwd=xFwMyelGyGhoqWbdfNgSvqj8Q4xgQy.1>

Hope to see you there, Happy New Year!



So, what did I do for Christmas gifts this year you might ask? I loaded up natural baskets with bamboo toilet paper, bamboo paper towels, plastic free dishwasher tablets, locally grown almonds, responsibly raised smoked trout and, of course, a reused bow from last Christmas along with a few other, of course, organic foods. These are things I don't think my own family would think about buying but this gives them the opportunity to consider how they might make a difference in future purchases. How about you?



*If you have a green fact or story to share, please feel free to submit an article to DFA Newsletter Editor. We would love to hear what you are doing or learning to make our world healthier for the land and its inhabitants.*



# ***Allied Arts and Fall Market Coordinators needed!***

In January of 2026, we will be at Gallery in the Park, showing off the best of our fiber arts at the Allied Arts Show.. A coordinator is needed for this show, and it's not too early to start planning.

Fall Market planning also needs to get started in the new year. So I thought I would give you a brief description of each of these positions.

Allied Arts/Gallery in the Park Coordinator(s):1. Serves as the primary contact with the Gallery.2. Gathers a committee to help with planning. Meetings should start in February at the latest and occur at least monthly.3. Provides the Gallery with the list of artists and inventory on a spreadsheet one month prior to the show.4. Maintains deadlines as determined by the Gallery.5. Reports to the Board as needed.6. The Committee determines the theme, the featured study group or artists and the plans for take-in and tear down.

Fall Market Coordinator(s):

1. Gathers a group of volunteers to manage all aspects of the Market.2. Primary responsibility is to make sure goals are being met by committee members in a timely manner.3. Holds regular planning meetings by Zoom or in person.4. Manages the budget for Fall Market.5. Reports to the Board on a regular basis.6. The committee is responsible for marketing, planning transportation, communication with the venue, take-in, set up and tear-down, cashiering, inventory process, workshops and or demos, door prize baskets, wrapping and probably some other things that I can't remember right now!

Notice I say that the COMMITTEE is responsible for the details. The coordinators are responsible for making sure the goals are met.

My experience with both of these positions is that you will have lots of help. We are a highly motivated group with a lot of skills to offer.

Please let me or someone on the board know if you would be interested in leading one of these projects.

Strong-arming and/or guilt trips will begin in February if we don't hear from someone!

***Happy Holidays!***  
***Betsy Dickinson***  
***[betsyd1207@gmail.com](mailto:betsyd1207@gmail.com)***

# *Upcoming Event:*

## ST DISTAFF'S DAY CRAFTERS GATHERING

ALL WELCOME  
RICHLAND LIBRARY  
Doris Roberts Gallery  
955 Northgate Drive, Richland  
JANUARY 10, 2026  
11AM-3:30 PM

**BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT**



### Free classes

12:15-2:30 pm How to Warp a Rigid Heddle Loom - 6 max

Bring a working/complete loom with 10 or 12 dent heddle. Check your manual or MFR's website to make sure you have all parts

1:00 - 2:00 Beginning Knitting - 12 max

2:15 - 3:30 Counted Cross stitch - 10 max

To register for a class, send an email with the class you want, your name, and phone(optional) to [tricitescrafterscollective+distaff@gmail.com](mailto:tricitescrafterscollective+distaff@gmail.com) If the number of people requesting a class exceeds the maximum, names will be drawn on 1/7 and you will be notified by 1/8. Non-participants may view/listen to classes as space allows.

### Please bring finger food to share

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and  
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# *Thank you, Central Church*

We are donating to Martha's Cupboard at Central Church as our way of thanking them for their generous hospitality. Without them our Fall Market would not be nearly as successful. Let's show them our appreciation by an outpouring of items for Martha's Cupboard. We will be loading up these items on January 6 (Tuesday) from the studio and transporting them to the church on Wednesday, the day the Martha's Cupboard team sort and distribute items. If you have items to bring, there is still time to get them to the studio.

Thank you, generous DFA members!

## Martha's Cupboard *Care Bag Shopping List*

- All Purpose Cleaner (16 - 20 oz.)
- Bar Soap (wrapped individually)
- Deodorant (male and female)
- Dish Soap (12 - 15 oz.)
- Laundry Soap (42+ oz. liquid)
- Paper Towels (single roll)
- Shampoo (18 - 22 oz.)
- Toilet Paper (4 roll packages)
- Toothpaste (6 oz. tubes)



## Martha's Cupboard *Baby Care Bag Shopping List*

- Baby Lotion (10 - 20 oz.)
- Baby Shampoo/Wash (10 - 20 oz.)
- Bath Towels
- Bibs
- Blankets
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Diapers (sizes 1 - 5)
- Wipes





# *January Birthdays*

**Anne Springer**

**Bill Watson**

**Bruce Nicoll**

**Jeanette Mendell**

**John Myers**

**Karen Whooley**

**Mark Halupczok**

**Mary Fraser**

**MaryAnn Mae**

**Melanie McKenna**

**Reta Britton Zyph**

*Wishing each of you a very happy birthday!*

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***Happy New Year!***  
***I hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season!***

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