

Each One, Teach One desert fiber arts

AUGUST 2025 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.

AUGUST 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

WORKSHOP: FIBER ART BOWLS

Saturday, August 23
1:00PM – 4:00PM @ DFA Studio

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INTRODUCING LABELS FOR FALL MARKET

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NEW FIBER FESTIVAL IN SPOKANE, WA

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Monday, August 4 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.



AUGUST 2025 STUDY GROUP DATES

August 2	EcoFriendly & Creative Reuse	10-11am	Zoom
August 2	Great Wheels	1-3pm	Richland Library
August 4	Basketry	1-4pm	DFA Studio
August 5	Great Wheels	6:30-8:30pm	Richland Library
August 6	Great Wheels	1-2pm	Traveler Espresso
August 6	Tapestry	1-3pm	DFA Studio
August 7	Sticks & Hooks	10am-12pm	DFA Studio
August 7	Handcrafting	7-8:30pm	Zoom
August 11	Rigid Heddle	1-4pm	DFA Studio
August 12	Drawloom	10am-12pm	DFA Studio
August 12	Great Wheels	6:30-8:30pm	Richland Library
August 13	Great Wheels	1-2pm	Traveler Espresso
August 14	Sticks & Hooks	10am-12pm	DFA Studio
August 14	Handcrafting	7-8:30pm	Zoom
August 17	Pop up Spin	1-3pm	DFA Studio
August 18	Basketry	1-4pm	DFA Studio
August 19	By the Book Knitters	6-8pm	Richland Library
August 19	Great Wheels	6:30-8:30pm	Richland Library
August 20	Great Wheels	1-2pm	Traveler Espresso
August 21	Sticks & Hooks	10am-12pm	DFA Studio
August 22	4-6-8 Weaving	1-3pm	DFA Studio
August 25	Rigid Heddle	1-4pm	DFA Studio
August 26	Great Wheels	6:30-8:30pm	Richland Library
August 27	Great Wheels	1-2pm	Traveler Espresso
August 28	Sticks & Hooks	10am-12pm	DFA Studio
August 28	Handcrafting	7-8:30pm	Zoom

August's Green Star Award Goes To...

Kathy Myers



The winner this month is Kathy Myers! To list just a few of her skills, Kathy unravels sweaters to use the yarn in weaving; she strips down older t-shirts to weave placemats and rugs; and she finds uses for bedsprings, empty yarn cones. She is also most generous with her time and willing to help others. Congratulations Kathy!

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

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Paper or Cloth napkins?

If 50% of the U.S. population used 3 paper napkins a day that would total 450,000,000 napkins for 1 day.

0.07 gallons of water is required to produce a 0.08-ounce paper napkin (not including water to grow the tree). It would take 31,500,000 gallons of water to make the 450,000,000 paper napkins used in just one day.

This is equivalent to 477 Olympic size swimming pools or daily water use for 315,000 to 393,750 people (according to the U.S. Geological Survey, on average each person uses 80 to 100 gallons of water per day).

For another example, let's look at a cloth napkin. 119 gallons of water is required to produce a 1.4-ounce cotton napkin, plus water for washing over the life of the napkin. — Greengroundswell.com

Are linen napkins really more eco-friendly than cotton fabrics?

While linen napkins are considered more eco-friendly than cotton, that's only true for regular cotton. Organic cotton, such as the ones used to make [these napkins](#), requires no pesticide or irrigation to grow. It is purely rain-fed making it one of the world's most water-efficient kinds of cotton. And since no fertilizer or pesticide is needed, it reduces nitrogen emission that goes into the atmosphere.

Moreover, organic cotton is almost carbon neutral, making it an even eco-friendlier alternative to linen napkins. It produces [94% less greenhouse gas](#) emissions. Beat that! So using these [organic cotton napkins](#) can help you reduce your carbon footprint more than paper and linen ever could.

Make your next cone of cotton organic....for Fall Market...all of my organic items have sold... patrons are looking for opportunities to do what is right as well as finding that special gift.

Do we need a Paper Study Group?

This is borrowed from one of the guilds at ANWG. There are many YouTube videos on spinning and using paper...I was down a 3-hour rabbit hole last night looking at all the ways to make and use paper yarn.

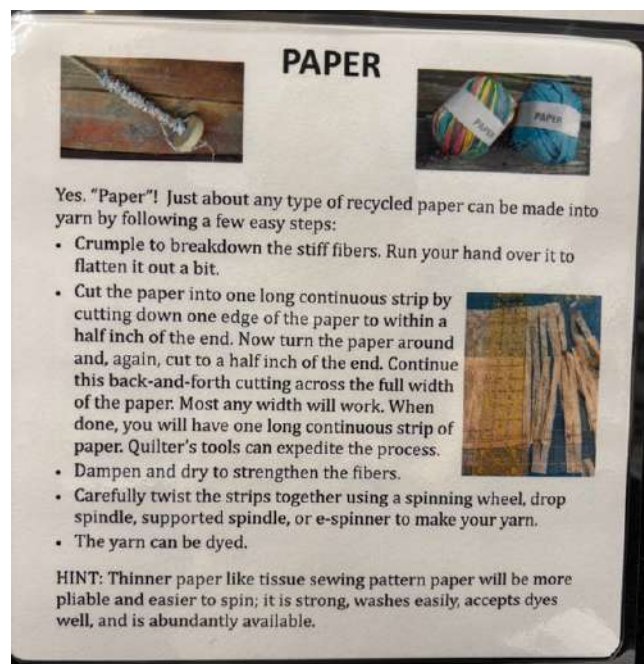
Check out the following YouTube videos:

[John Marshall's video](#)

on making Shifu cloth out of fine paper yarn

[Tanya McGuire's video](#)

on How to Make Paper Rope & Cord



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.

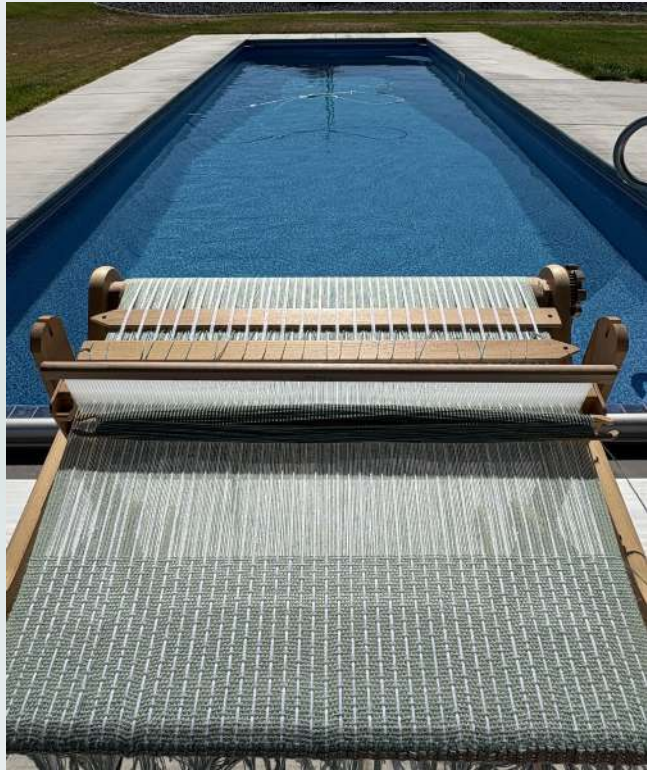


RIGID HEDDLE

In our Rigid Heddle Study Group several of us have woven patterns using pick up sticks, which enable us to add a more detailed pattern to the warp on our loom.

Kareena Anderson sent the following message and photos about her recent pick up sticks project:

"I am weaving two towels on my Rigid Heddle using the "A Day at the Beach Towels" pattern by Jenny Sennott (originally published in Handwoven May/June 2018, 56-57). The pattern utilizes two pick up sticks to create the different warp floats."



I am using double 8/2 un- mercerized cotton in the colors Seaton (green) and white (quadrupled).

I was inspired by the towels Carol Kaminsky wove earlier this year with this same pattern.

I also wove a plain weave version (no pick-up sticks) with the colored warp in the slots. For those towels, I used 8/2 cotton warp doubled (color quadrupled).

For weft I used natural color Malio cotton slub. I submitted one of my plain weave towels to the exchange at ANWG. What a fun experience!

HANDCRAFT GROUP UPDATE

The Handcraft Group meets weekly on Thursday evenings from 7 PM to 8 PM.

This month we have discussed several projects members are working on.

Shawna is taking a break from quilting and worked on a cross-stitch project. Sue is working on a beautiful and complex sweater. Peggy is working on a mystery crochet-a-long with tricky pattern work. Kaylee is almost finished with her lovely baby blanket.

We enjoy the interruptions of all our pets and have delightful discussions on what you are doing, reading, or planning to do in the future. The group is excited about the upcoming Art in the Park and, of course, the Benton-County Fair. Feel free to join us. We have knowledge on sewing, knitting, crocheting, tatting, weaving, and a wide variety of other subjects. Below is a top crochet by Peggy for Jane.



For a Zoom meeting invitation, please contact Peggy Larreau at plarreau@msn.com.

Please indicate first and last name. Thank you!

BY THE BOOK KNITTERS

***Our next meeting will be
Tuesday, August 19th at 6:00pm
in Conference Room A of the Richland Library***

Julie will be there for you, as I will be in Wisconsin for my nephew's wedding.

At the August 19th meeting, we will be knitting from Silk Hankies. This will be a fun ***"Try it at least once"*** activity.

Please bring several sets of knitting needles in different sizes and also bring several toilet paper tubes. The TP tubes will hold the yarn as you knit it.

The Silk Hankies really don't lend themselves to a whole knitted garment but are great as an accent or trim.

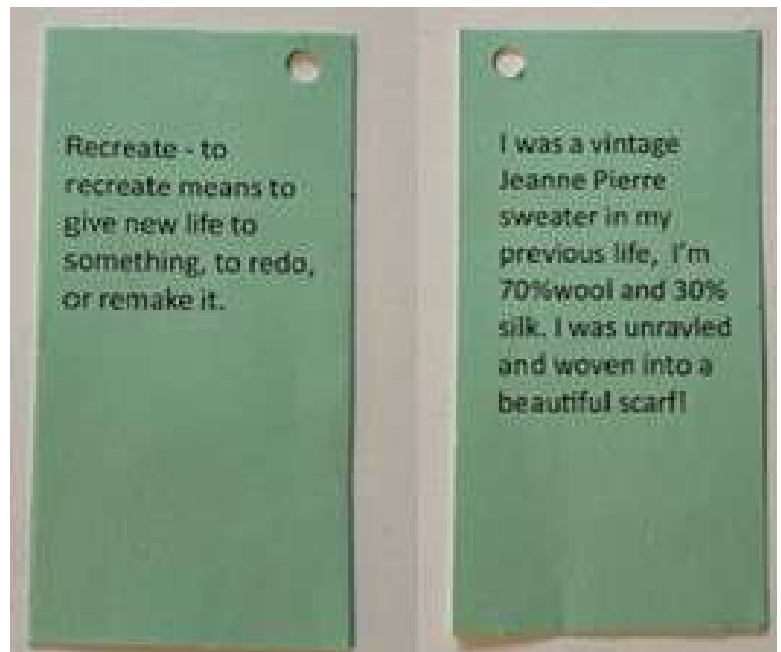
If you are interested in volunteering at the Benton Franklin Fair in the Fiber Arts Department let me know and I will pass along your information to the Department Supervisor. For volunteering 4 hours you get a Free Pass and maybe a parking pass (not exactly sure about the pass yet)



Labels for Fall Market / Allied Arts Show — 2027

The board has approved the green tags as discussed at the June 7th Eco Friendly meeting. MaryAnn Mae has been approved to manage the DFA social media accounts (Instagram and Facebook), as well as implement a QR code to be used to link stories and eco friendly information at fall festival and other events.

We would like DFA tags for items displayed at Fall Market or Allied Arts Show reveal the ecofriendly aspect/stories of our Reuse, Repurpose, Recreate theme. The idea suggested was to use our DFA tags but print Ecofriendly items on green card stock. Perhaps making our tags a folded tag with the story on the inside, keeping the normal info (name of artist, price, fiber type and technique, care) on the front and back of the folded card.



MaryAnn Mae (Mareelizabeth@gmail.com) offered to connect the stories using QR codes and Instagram. Since our June 7th meeting, Kathy Myers has already submitted a concept for what the labels would entail. Thank you, Kathy!

This is very exciting as social media can be utilized to further the mission of DFA, draw in new members, and to celebrate and encourage eco-friendly projects. MaryAnn will be able to tag other relevant accounts that also foster eco-friendly fiber practices.

MaryAnn's personal hope is to create a digital public history account of DFA since fiber arts are folklore (an interest of mine), it is special to documents the efforts of the members, and it might help us obtain grants in the future.

Thank you, MaryAnn, we are delighted to have you on our team!

A new fiber arts event in Spokane, Washington...

SAVE THE DATE!

SPOKANE FLEECE AND FIBER FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 20 – 21, 2025



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FEATURED PROJECTS

Cassandra Wald knit this cute bear and shared it with the Sticks and Hooks workgroup.

Do you want to show off a project you're proud of? Send pictures and anything about the project you'd like to share to the newsletter editor, and it can be featured in the following issue!

32" Kromski Harp Rigid Heddle Loom

Kromski 32" Rigid Heddle loom with 8 dent reed, stand, carrying case, and all the bits and pieces needed to weave.

Like new condition.

\$300 or best offer (\$759 value)

All proceeds will go to DFA



Includes:

- Stand
- Carrying Case
- Threading Hook
- 2 Stick Shuttles
- Pick-up Stick
- 2 Warping Clamps
- Warping Peg
- Set of 12 Warping Pegs
- Warping Helper



If interested, contact Carol Kaminsky

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August Birthdays

Breanne O'Hare

Cassandra Wald

Janet Schoel

Lori White

Nancy Klotz

Patti Elder

Peggy Berk

Robin Phillips

Wishing each of you a very happy birthday!

Please send articles for the newsletter to
dfanewsletter@desertfiberarts.org

*I tried doing a few things differently this month,
let me know what you think!*