

Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds, Inc.
Meeting Agenda September 27, 2025 1 PM Zoom

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order by President Carol Byrne at 1:00 PM
A quorum was established.

Name	Position	Guild Memberships	
Carol Byrne	President	Weaver's West Guild, Az Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild	X
Mary Rooney	Vice President	Az.Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild	X
Marilyn Tschetter	Secretary	Weaver's West Guild	X
Nancy Wilson	Treasurer	Verde Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild	X
Helene Couture-Hall	Representative	Arizona Weavers and Spinners Guild	X
Ruth Greenspan	Past President, Zoom Manager	Arizona Weavers and Spinners Guild	X
Ruth Demar	Representative	Fiber Artists of Northern Arizona	X
Diane Braun	Website Manager	Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild	X
Paula Rudnick	Representative	Telerana Fiber Arts Guild	X
Ellen Hansen	Representative	Tucson Handweavers and Spinners Guild	X
Sue Sitko	Representative	Twisted Threads Fiber Guild	X
Melanie Drake	Representative	Weaver's West Guild	X
Deborah Jarchow	Representative	Mountain Spinners and Weavers Guild	X
Carol Conlin	Representative	Verde Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild	X
Susan Bollinger	Representative	Valley Fiber Arts Guild	X
Karen Webber	Representative	Sun City Artistic Weavers and Fiber Artists	X

Name	Position	Guild Memberships	
Kathleen Burns	Representative	Sun City Artistic Weavers and Fiber Artists, Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild	X
Kathleen Orloff	Representative		X

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Carol Byrne

No special report.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Mary Rooney

SECRETARY'S REPORT. Marilyn Tschetter

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2025 meeting by Helene Couture Hall and seconded by Mary Rooney. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT Nancy Wilson

Nancy reported a beginning balance of 13,643.30 as of May1,2025. Traveling teacher expenses were 1,701.84. State Farm Insurance was\$191.00, Zoom subscription \$159.90 for total expenses of \$2052.74. Deposits totaled \$850.00 from Festival Sponsors. The account balance as of September 26,2025 was \$12,440.56.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Individual Grant

Kathleen Burns was the recipient of the 2025 Grant. She gave a report of her time in Michigan to learn sectional warping. Kathleen brought her knowledge back to the Oakmont weavers in Sun City to successfully load a community loom using a tension box. The project with the lengthy warp was to weave mats for homeless people. The goal was also to load a loom with 40-50 yards of warp. She will be developing a tutorial for Federation dispersal.

TRAVELING TEACHER 2027 – Ruth Demar

Topics that have been explored for a traveling teacher for 2027 include Sashiko, felting of viscose, making a felted ball and weave a pattern on the ball, and weaving without a loom. It was decided to develop a committee to select classes. Board members are to contact Kathleen if they wish to serve on this committee. Kathleen will also send information gathered from demonstrations at Fiber Festival.

A discussion also pointed out that the purpose of a Traveling Teacher was to bring in out of state people that the individual guilds could not afford to do. Another suggestion included having the teacher teach on Zoom so multiple guilds could access the teaching. Since the teacher would not be traveling in person, expenses would be greatly reduced. Deborah Jarchow reported that she has Zoom teaching experience and that the teacher should have several presentations that they can do. It opened up the possibility of having several teachers present by Zoom.

Contact Ruth if you are interested in serving on a committee to explore options.

INDIVIDUAL GRANT 2026

No one applied for the 2026 grant. Discussion centered around ways to get the word out that grant money is available. One suggestion centered around making the grant for a fiscal year and sending reminders for the application closing time.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE – Sue Sitko

Susan requested a write up by October 25, 2025, from Kathleen Burns, the grant recipient from 2025 outlining how she applied the grant monies. She requested each guild submit a report on their traveling teacher experience. Sue plans to produce a newsletter in late November for a winter edition.

WEBSITE UPDATE – Diane Braun

Diane has had requests to post newsletters from guilds on the website and a discussion was held on safety for members if information is published that could compromise safety. It was suggested that guilds only send articles from their newsletters. Also the guild has a Facebook page that could have pertinent announcements placed between newsletter editions.

Guild Report Forms have been requested to be accessed from the website. Diane is checking with Gary, IT support, on how to get forms posted.

Also members have asked for a replacement for the Forum that advertised member's equipment for sale.

NEW BUSINESS

New business centered around the planning the details of the Arizona Fiber Arts Festival to be held in Verde Valley April 9-12. Kathleen Orloff gave a progress report on details. Overall events and planning are on schedule. 20 workshops and seminars have been scheduled. 11 will be 1 block classes, 8 are two block classes, 1 three block class of basketweaving, and 1 four block class of weaving are scheduled. One block is one half day. There are also seminars scheduled. The on line brochure outlining classes and seminars is about 50% finished. It is scheduled to go live November 1, 2025. Registration will open November 15 for Guild members and November 30 for all others. A logo for the Fiber Arts Festival is being designed. Publicity is to be put in place 3 months before and all guilds are requested to promote the classes. Booths featuring each guild will be manned by the guilds. Smaller guilds can share a booth. Raffle baskets and goodie bag items will need to be donated by each guild and volunteers will be needed to fill baskets and bags. Sponsorships from IGA, Fiber Creek, and Ashford have been secured. People also discussed how the festival could promote weaving.

GRANTS for 2026

Applications were due Sept. 1, 2025. No one applied for 2026. Discussion centered around how to promote the grant. Suggestions included changing the application time and sending a reminder to each guild to remind members of the deadline for applying.

INTERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS AZ REPRESENTATIVES

Beki Welsch and Nancy Wilson are representing the AZ Federation at the Intermountain Weavers gathering. Members attending can send input to them. The Conference will be held in 2027.

MEETING DATE – Saturday, January 31, 2026, 1 PM ZOOM

The next meeting date is Saturday, January 31, 2026 by Zoom at 1P.M. That meeting will be finalizing all details for the Fiber Fest.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Tschetter, Sec.