



JULY 2024  
NEWSLETTER

*Each One, Teach One*



## STUDY GROUP CALENDAR



**DFA  
BOARD MEETING  
SATURDAY JULY 20TH  
1:00PM  
@DFA**

- Jul 1 Basketry 1-4 DFA
- Jul 2 Great Wheels 6:30-8:30 RichLibr
- Jul 3 Tapestry Group 1-3 DFA
- Jul 3 Great Wheels 1-3 Travellers
- Jul 4 NO study groups Happy 4th!
- Jul 6 First Saturday 1-3 Richland Libr
- Jul 8 Rigid Heddle 1-4 DFA
- Jul 9 Great Wheels 6:30-8:30 Richl Libr
- Jul 9 Drawloom 10-12 DFA
- Jul 10 Great Wheels 1-3 Travellers
- Jul 10 Band Weaving 6-8 DFA
- Jul 11 Sticks & Hooks 10-12 DFA
- Jul 11 Handcrafters 7-8:30pm Zoom
- Jul 12 Evening Weavers 6-8 DFA
- Jul 16 Great Wheels 6:30-8:30 Rich Libr
- Jul 16 BytheBookKnitter 6:00 Rich Libr
- Jul 17 Great Wheels 1-3 Travellers
- Jul 18 Sticks & Hooks 10-12 DFA
- Jul 18 Handcrafters 7-8:30 Zoom
- Jul 22 Basketry 1-4 DFA
- Jul 22 Rigid Heddle 1-4 DFA
- Jul 23 4-6-8 Weaving 10:30-12:30 DFA
- Jul 23 Great Wheels 6:30-8:30 Rich Libr
- Jul 24 Great Wheels 1-3 Travellers
- Jul 24 Band Weaving 6-8 DFA
- Jul 25 Sticks & Hooks 10-12 DFA
- Jul 25 Handcrafting 7-8:30 Zoom
- Jul 26 Evening Weavers 6-8 DFA
- Jul 29 Basketry 1-4 DFA
- Jul 30 Great Wheels 6:30-8:30 Rich Lib
- Jul 31 ~~Great Wheels 1-3 Travellers~~

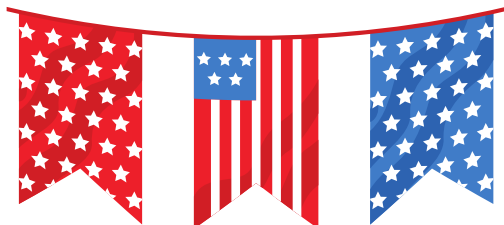
MID-COLUMBIA LIBRARIES &  
DESERT FIBER ARTS GUILD PRESENT



FIBER & FRIENDS

**Monday, July 1 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.

# WHAT THE DFA BOARD MEANS TO ME

BY BETSY DICKINSON

After two years as Board President, I thought I'd write some nice things about DFA. However, I realized that most of our membership already knows that DFA rocks.

What most members don't know is what the DFA Board of Directors rocks the rockin' DFA!

I often hear from members that they don't want to sit through a three hour board meeting, so they automatically won't consider themselves for a position.

But here's what happens at the board meetings.

Great ideas are brought to fruition

Team problem solving makes DFA a better place to hang out

Financial decisions are made that bring cool stuff to the studio

Friendships are born

The BIG PICTURE remains constant

Leadership talents are supported

Important decisions are made for the betterment of the guild

We laugh a lot

We take bathroom breaks as needed.

And most importantly, **NO ONE STANDS ALONE**. We all help each other do our jobs well.

I could not have managed being president without the help and support of quite a few wonderful people. And we are all there for whoever steps into any board position in the future.

I strongly encourage you to attend a board meeting when you can. Bring your thoughts and ideas. It's an open forum for any member.

Any opportunity to volunteer to help with DFA activities will give you insight into what it takes to keep DFA a great place to practice our fiber arts. We stretch ourselves with our fiber skills, take an active role in our guild, and stretch your leadership skills.

We all need each other.



# **ANNUAL DFA MEETING**

**We had a great turnout for the 2024 DFA Annual Meeting. Thank you to our illustrious organizers and fantastic Members-at-Large, Lyn Backe, Sue DeMerchant and Chris Love. It was great to see so many members come together for good food and fun conversation.**

**We welcomed our new Board Members. Our current officers are:**

**President: Kareena Anderson**

**Co-Vice President: Breanne O'Hare**

**Co-Vice President: Nancy Klotz**

**Secretary: Ord McConaghy**

**Treasurer: Patti Elder**

**Past President: Betsy Dickinson**

**Members-at-Large: Lyn Backe, Chris Love, Sue DeMerchant**

**I reviewed the accomplishments this year and gave gifts to a few well-deserving members.**

**The following members were recognized:**

**Dorothy Mucha and Kathy Myers for their leadership in the Rigid Heddle Study Group.**

**Mickie Chamness for her years of managing the physical upkeep of the studio.**

**Jane Campbell for her years of leading various groups at DFA**

**Cheryle Kierulff for her role as Librarian for over 15 years.**

**Carol Kaminsky for setting up the equipment lending library and many other things.**

**I reviewed the accomplishments of DFA this year. They are:**

**Contracting with a bookkeeper**

**Contracting with a web master**

**Selling of unused items**

**Receiving grants (Thanks Marion H.!)**

**Re-starting the Newsletter (Thanks Denice Lovejoy!)**

**The REACH Museum display**

**Fabulous Fall Market - broke all records**

**Changing equipment rentals to equipment lending library. (Thanks Carol Kaminsky and Cindy Jewell)**

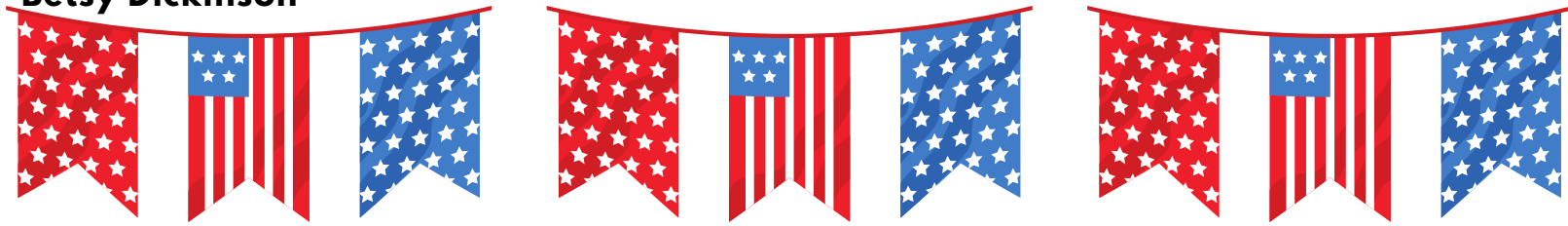
## **ANNUAL DFA MEETING CONT**

**Stash Extravaganza donation from Sharon Ofsthun  
Front room painting completed  
Updated and beautiful nametags (Thanks Chris Love!)  
Some great workshops  
Connecting with local native artists (Thanks Marion H.)**

**Our organizers asked us to say a few things about DFA and our experiences. So many positive stories were shared about what the guild means to our members. It's clear the our members are serious about our motto, "Each One, Teach One."**

**Our Annual Meeting was a fun celebration to end the year. I hope everyone has a great summer!**

**Betsy Dickinson**



## **DFA MEMBERSHIP**

**Thank you to everyone who renewed your membership to Desert Fiber Arts! Welcome to all new members, I know you are going to enjoy this year of learning new skills and sharing your progress and your projects.**

**(If you have not renewed, soon you will not receive newsletters and information via blasters, and you will not be listed in the directory. If you meant to renew and just forgot, you can go ahead anytime to get your privileges back.)**

**Sincerely,  
Membership Elves**

## BENTON FRANKLIN FAIR NEWS

Hello everyone. It is time to start thinking about what you plan to enter into the fair this year. Even though the fair is not an official DFA event, it is a great event to show off all of the interesting things that we do at DFA.

Registration for the fair begins June 1 and closes August 1. It is just \$10 to enter and that includes an entry ticket for the fair and “premium points” are paid to exhibitors depending on the ribbons they earn. There are some special awards for things like best use of color, best handspun, best original pattern design, etc. Here is the link for the exhibitor’s guide for the Fiber Arts department (Dept 25) so that you can see for yourself. [2024 exhibitor’s guide benton franklin fair & Rodeo \(saffire.com\)](http://saffire.com)

As always, we will ask for volunteers to help with take-in, setup, demonstrating, and teardown. There will be fair tickets available for those who volunteer for 4 hours. Last year they also included a free parking pass. The more entries in the department the more demonstrator passes available. It would be great to see a huge number of entries this year. It is always a great time and it would be fun to have the different study groups meet at the fair together to educate the public on your particular fiber art.

If anyone would like to help me come up with an educational display for the department, email or call/text me. We won the “best department” award last year under Susan Smith’s direction and it would be nice to do that again this year.

We wish Susan well in her chemo treatments and hope to see her back in charge of the fair again next year.

For more information, don’t hesitate to contact me.

Hope Harkins ([brianharkins@msn.com](mailto:brianharkins@msn.com)) (509)378-8220

### WANT ADS

**Cranbrook Countermarche 8-shaft loom**

**12 treadles**

**48” weaving width**

**Like new. Lightly used.**

**Footprint: 70” wide, 86” frame length, 71” at highest point.**

**Lots of quality accessories.**

**Value new = over \$9300.**

**Price: \$4700**

**Contact Sharon Ofsthun for more details. (509) 212-3096**

**[sofsthun@gmail.com](mailto:sofsthun@gmail.com)**



## **4-6-8 WEAVING GROUP**

**4-6-8 WEAVING STUDY GROUP  
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 10AM-NOON.  
DFA STUDIO, 101 N UNION ST,  
KENNEWICK**

The 4-6-8 Weaving Study is a cozy mix of beginning and intermediate weavers. We share our discoveries, ask how to fix our mistakes, and show off our current completed projects. It's a safe place for beginners to ask their questions. Those questions force those who have a bit more experience to explain concepts and processes without using weaving lingo. So everyone grows. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Email Cheryl Reed, [cheryldavisreed@gmail.com](mailto:cheryldavisreed@gmail.com)

We will continue through the summer, meeting on the 4th Tuesday each month, from 10am-noon. We may try to listen to Betty Davenport's interview on Handweavers Guild of America's Textiles and Tea on the TV at the DFA Studio July.

Submitted by Cheryl Reed



## **RIGID HEDDLE**

The Rigid Heddle Study Group had a memorable meeting June 10. We celebrated the founding of our group and 12 years of leadership by Dorothy Mucha and Kathy Myers. We shared delicious refreshments, gave them cards, and enjoyed talking about our memories of events in our group. At meetings we set up our looms and weave and visit. Dorothy and Kathy bring weaving projects, but most of the time they circulate and help new members learn to thread their looms and start weaving. They help more experienced members with problems that have arisen as they were weaving with new yarns, new patterns, etc. Dorothy and Kathy also present and demonstrate new project ideas that challenge us to try new patterns of weaving.

Dorothy and Kathy will continue to help us with our weaving questions, but other members of Rigid Heddle Study Group will take over their projects like locking and unlocking our studio, setting the thermostat, vacuuming, checking the coffee pot, and writing notes for our DFA Newsletter.

Thank you Kathy Myers and Dorothy Mucha from the Rigid Heddle Study Group.

By Mary Fraser and the RHSG

## BY THE BOOK KNITTERS

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 16th at 6:00pm in Conference Room A of the Richland Library. We will discuss how to mend hand knitted and crocheted items.

### Books We Read:

100 Knitted Tiles by Various Knitters

84 Charing Cross Road by Helene Hanff

A Brief History of Earth by Andrew H. Knoll

A Suitable Vengeance by Elizabeth George

All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

All that she carried by Tiya Miles

Amigurumi Loveys & Blankets by Ariana Wimsett

Becoming Free Indeed by Jinger Duggar Vuolo

Corrupt by Penelope Douglas

Crochet Every Way Stitch Dictionary by Dora Ohrenstein

Crochet in a Weekend by Salena Baca

Crocheting Adventures with Hyperbolic Planes by Daina Taimina

Danielle Walker's Eat What You Love by Danielle Walker

Eruption by Michael Crichton and James Patterson

I'm Glad My Mom Died by Jennette McCurdy

of the Heart by Daisy Newman

Invisible Women by Caroline Criado Perez

Kindred and Parable

of the Sower by Octavia E. Butler

## TAPESTRY

Come to Tapestry Study Group on Wednesday July 3, from 1 - 3 pm at the DFA Studio. If you would like to try tapestry for the first time. We have looms and yarn that you could try to see if Tapestry is a fiber art you would like to learn.

Submitted by Karen Lamar



## HANDCRAFTERS STUDY GROUP

The Hand Craft Group meets every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom (you can stay home and work in your workspace!). Please contact Peggy Larreau at [plarreau@msn.com](mailto:plarreau@msn.com) for a Zoom Link. submitted by Peggy Larreau







## STICKS & HOOKS

Sticks & hooks meets every thursday from 10-12 at the guild. We are so excited how we are growing! So many new members. We are presently working on squares for the Nevern Throw that will be raffled off during the fall market. We have so many talented members. Here are a few of our current projects.



NEVERN THROW



**STICKS & HOOKS PICS**



**Peg Hilton, sharing her beautiful Redwork quilt**



**Jeanette and Anne showing their felted baskets. Jeanette also wearing her colorful knit top**



**Hope's pretty blue sweater**



**Pat's lace shawl**



**Earlene's red lace shawl**



# FALL MARKET 2024 UPDATE

**Fall Market 2024 is November 1-2, only 150 days away! Your faithful team met in May and made key decisions.**

**Take-in of donated projects: October 11-12, 10-2 Friday and Saturday. Donated projects include small projects and any other items created by DFA members where 100% is donated to DFA.**

**Take-in of Membership Items: October 25 & 26, Friday and Saturday, 10-2. Like last year, if you can volunteer two hours toward Fall Market your donation to DFA for sold items is 20%. If you are not able to help, donation is 30%.**

**We will be increasing our street signage this year by including larger signs. Keep an eye out for good locations.**

**Tentative workshops during Fall Market will be needle felting of ornaments by Melanie McKenna. We will also have a family craft of potholder weaving. More details to come.**

**Our next zoom meeting will be July 13, Saturday 10AM. We make every effort to keep the meeting to 1 hour. All are welcome. Questions: Susan Schmieman, [weaveyourartout@gmail.com](mailto:weaveyourartout@gmail.com)**





## RECIPES

### 4TH OF JULY DRINK

Red punch or juice

Blue punch

White punch

Make sure all the drinks have different sugar content.

carefully pour each punch 1 at a time into clear cup. The punches will separate according to the sugar content. Don't stir.

My gkids love this!!

## UPCOMING FIBER FUN!

May 24-Sept 2 Slow yarn crawl  
[www.slowcrawl.com](http://www.slowcrawl.com)

Aug 9-11 Flock Fiber festival  
Seattle, WA

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Please send articles the 20th through the 25th of the month. If you need to reach me before the 25th of the month, contact me at 509-539-9413 or [dlovesocks@gmail.com](mailto:dlovesocks@gmail.com)

For articles and pictures send to [dfanewsletter@desertfiberarts.org](mailto:dfanewsletter@desertfiberarts.org). Thanks!!

## GOOGLE CALENDAR GOES LIVE

You may have noticed the new look on the DFA website. Huge thanks to Carol K., the website committee and Terry, our website consultant. The website work will continue to help simplify postings and management.

The big calendar news is that we have moved over to a Google calendar.

Check it out here:

<https://www.desertfiberarts.org/calendar/>

When you open the DFA website and click the calendar button, the entire monthly calendar comes into view. You then can click on any event to get more info. Right now, all the information for Study Groups is what we have seen on the previous DFA Event Calendar. Our new Google calendar allows us to customize each event. Check out the entry for the Basket group on July1st. Study group leaders will be able to customize their entries to include information and even pictures of what will happen at their event. This can be done by sending the information to Marion OR Study Group Leaders can add the information themselves after being trained.

Way Cool!

By Marion Halupczok

