

Ring's Reflections

by Bob Ring

Magic of Tucson

Two years ago at this time I was counting teapots and tea cozies for Pat who was helping her weaving buddies get ready for their biennial fashion show and luncheon. This time I have been promoted to "official watcher," as Pat takes on the co-chair role of the 2013 Tucson Handweavers & Spinners Guild Fashion Show, Luncheon & Boutique. Quite a mouthful isn't it?

Let it be known, that I am a watcher rather than a doer, because I flunked out of a Navajo weaving class a few years ago.

Well, your official watcher can report that this "lunch" is quite a big deal. These weavers and spinners really know how to have a good time and they work hard to pull it off for the enjoyment of participants and the benefit of many others. Pat and her co-chair partner, Karen Herhold, have labored for months on the project. There are committees for this and committees for that – sort of a mini "Moon-Landing" project, without the rockets.

The theme for the big event is the "Magic of Tucson." The co-chairs are leaving the interpretation of the theme to individuals who are preparing brilliant-colored hand-dyed silks, rich-textured and lush draped hand-woven clothing and accessories, table centerpieces artistically formed from Tucson desert materials, and unique art.

Sounds to me like a wonderful combination of creativity, passion, and hard work! See the details below.

Luncheon

On Saturday, March 2, 2013, the Tucson Handweavers & Spinners Guild will hold a Fashion Show, Luncheon & Boutique at the DoubleTree Hotel Reid Park, 445 S. Alvernon Way, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

"Magic of Tucson" pieces will be available to view or buy in the Boutique from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Education exhibits and demonstrations to entice one's creative spirit will begin at 10 a.m. and end at noon.

Raffle Baskets filled with exciting hand-crafted items, gift certificates, and donations by local merchants can be had for a \$5 ticket and a lucky draw. Winners will be announced during the Fashion Show, but entrants need not be present to win.

These events are open to the public and free of charge. Pat has been whispering in my ear that "this is a not to be missed event for anyone interested in textile art."

The Luncheon will start at noon, followed by the Fashion Show featuring the creative artwork from the THSG Community. Luncheon and Fashion Show cost is \$40 per person.

Registration forms for the Luncheon and Fashion Show can be found on the THSG website, www.thsg.org, under the “Fashion Show” box icon. Deadline for registration is February 23rd.

Guild

The Tucson Handweavers & Spinners Guild, a Fiber Arts Community and non-profit organization, supports and encourages creative expression in weaving, spinning and other fiber related endeavors through gatherings, education and promotion of public appreciation for these arts and crafts. Day and evening meetings are held throughout the year, with diverse programs and a variety of workshops taught by renowned fiber artists.

Through Study Groups, members share an intense focus on a specific area of fiber arts: weaving, spinning, tapestry, basketry, felting, surface design, knitting, rug weaving, book arts and wearables.

To promote fiber arts, members offer educational displays and demonstrations. Through donations, the Guild supports textile preservations and fiber arts endeavors around the world. From 35 founding members in 1973, the Guild has grown to over 200 current members.



Lynn Davis shows off Pinki Nutter’s “Ski Ensemble” at the 2011 TWSG Luncheon.
(Courtesy of Ted Fleming)



This "Desert Cowboy" table centerpiece was created by Suzanne Guilbeault for this year's TWSG luncheon. (Courtesy of Pat Wood)