

MAWS Grant application by Nancy Kaumeyer
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Grant proposal for a program on Navajo weaving from Linda Teller Pete.

Instructor — Lynda Teller Pete

Lynda Teller Pete is a 5th generation Navajo weaver who is known for weaving in the traditional Two Grey Hills pattern. Her father, Sam Teller, worked at the Two Grey Hills Trading Post in New Mexico, where she was raised with her two sisters and two brothers. The Two Grey Hills tapestry style is identified primarily by a double-diamond layout, intricate geometric design using natural colored, hard carded and hand spun wool as well as high weft counts. Teller Pete teaches Navajo weaving workshops with her sister, Barbara Teller Ornelas, including at Idyllwild Arts Academy's Native American Arts Program.

Along with her weaving, Lynda is collaborating with fiber art centers, museums, universities, fiber guilds and other art venues to educate the public about Navajo history and the preservation of Navajo weaving traditions. Lynda and her sister Barbara wrote Spider Woman's Children, Navajo Weavers Today in 2018. This book is the first book written about Navajo weavers by Navajo weavers since the time of Spanish and colonial contacts. She also has been featured on the "PBS Craft in America."

Class to be offered This is a description of the program from Lynda. I am applying for the second program she describes. I did not list the third.

"Thank you so much for your request. I have been doing zoom presentations since March and I have 3 different presentations with a power point and all are different lengths. The first one is a presentation just on my family of weavers through 7 generations and a sample of our works and it's about an hour long and it's \$150. The second one is a bit longer, a shorter version of the family stuff and added on Navajo weaving history, Navajo culture and what our family is doing to keep or re-connect Navajos with their linkages to their family's weaving history and practice, \$200. The third version is a custom one where I focus on the sponsor's requirements for a presentation. "

Date, time and place of the workshop

The program will be a Zoom program at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 19. It will be approximately 90 minutes.

Total cost to local guild. The cost of the program is \$200. I am requesting a grant of \$200 to cover the cost of the program.

Maximum number of participants. We would like a minimum of 20 participants. Based on a preliminary query of our local guild (Alpine Weavers and Spinners Guild) and MAWS and Missoula Fiber Guild members, this seems attainable. This query was done through Alpine Weavers and Spinners Facebook page and email, and MAWS website and Facebook page.

Plan for communicating to MAWS members. The program will be promoted through the MAWS website, Facebook and emails to area guilds.

Beginning registration date. Registration will begin as soon as I am notified the grant is awarded.