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ARTISTS EQUITY

Artists Equity is a national organization for professionals in the visual arts working to improve conditions for all artists. The following are some of the inequities AE is working to correct.

- The creator of a work of art may deduct only the cost of materials from his taxes when he donates it to a museum. The collector when he donates the work may deduct its full market value. The same work, if it remains in the artist's possession at the time he dies, will be assessed by the IRS at its full market value.
- In 1976 Congress passed a tax law designed to compel the artist to live and work on separate premises or lose the business deductions for the expenses of his work space. As a result of the same law, the artist is treated as a "hobbyist" if his studio is in his home.
- There is no moral rights law to protect an artist's work from being altered, defaced, or destroyed after it leaves his studio.
- When the copyright laws were revised for the first time in 67 years, the right of visual artists were not considered by the legislators.

- In many cases, through entry fees, artists pay all the expenses of group exhibitions, but often their work is not protected by insurance and the artist must pay for shipping.
- Every day artists work with materials that are hazardous to health. These problems have not been fully studied, and the labels on artists' materials are inadequate and often misleading.

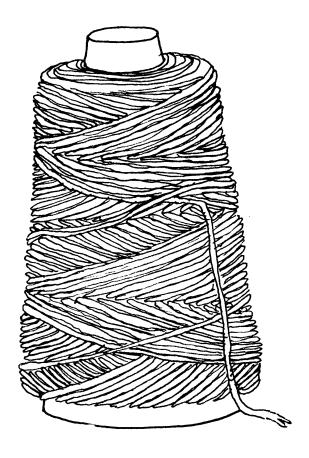
For information about the local Artists Equity chapter, call Sara Church, 822-9880.

MARY PENDLETON TO GIVE FARGO WORKSHOP

Mary Pendleton, Owner of the Pendleton Shop, Sedona, Arizona, and author of *Navajo and Hopi Weaving Techniques*, will be in Fargo, North Dakota, May 23-24, 1980, for a two-day workshop on *Navajo Weaving*. The Fiber Craft Guild of Fargo-Moorhead invites you to share this experience. The registration fee will be \$25.00 for the two-day workshop. Housing will be available at Guild member's homes.

To register write the Fiber Craft Guild, P.O. Box 335, Fargo, ND 58102, or call Lily Grafsgaard (218) 233-2203.

We hope to have a good turnout for this very special event.



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