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the past



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the future

The Roving

May, 2017

President's Letter

*The world's favorite season is the spring.
All things seem possible in May.*

– Edwin Way Teale

Greetings HWOTV,

Spring has really arrived! We can look forward to warmer weather, blossoming fields and gardens, and endless possibilities in the fiber arts!

May Day has been a traditional day of festivities throughout the centuries – in many countries and cultures.

One activity for the observance of May Day has been the delivery of flower filled May baskets. We can remember making baskets with cones of colored construction paper, stapling or taping paper handles on, and then filling them with Virginia garden flowers. Several neighbors were the recipients, and it was important to hang the “baskets” on door knobs, ring the bell, and scamper quickly away.

We hope you have a colorful May day. We look forward to seeing many of you at the May HWOTV meeting. Susan Jackson will be sharing her knowledge of macrame knots and their application - particularly in micro-macrame earrings.

Leonora and Toni



May Meeting

When: May 13, 2017

Where: Exeter Memorial Building

Time: 10:00 AM

Members with last names beginning with **E-M**, please bring munchies and goodies.

May Meeting Program:
Susan Jackson – Macrame knots and their application. Demonstration and class on making micro-macrame earrings.

More on May's Program:

MICRO MACRAME
By Susan Jackson

We all “know” what macrame is. In the 1960s we made jute or rope plant hangers and “owls” or other wall hangings. It was easy, and large.

Today things have changed. Macrame can be tiny and highly decorative. It is called micro macrame, and usually used to make jewelry. The cord, a plied and bonded nylon “string”, usually ranges in diameter 0.8 to 0.2 millimeters. It comes in over 100 colors and is very colorfast. It takes and holds knots well. This next Guild meeting, I will be giving a very short lecture of the basic knots of macrame, and then leading an approximately 2 hour class on how to make simple but beautiful micro macrame earrings. Students will be supplied with a macrame board covered with cotton duck fabric. Also included are T pins, ball headed pins, cord, beads and jewelry findings enough to make 2 pairs of earrings. I had room for 10 students; 6 have already signed up. Materials fee is \$7.00, payable at the time of the class. If you wish to sign up, please call me at (559) 789-0882. Students must bring a pair of sharp scissors with a good cutting tip. Other suggested equipment is individual lamps and tweezers, but they are not required

Guild members are invited to observe the class, but please do not obscure the view of the students.

From Dee Dee King:

Peg Seaborn

A pioneer of our Weaver's Guild has passed away at 98. There are few of our current members who even know of Peg, but she was a powerful force that shaped our guild's early years. Peg, along with another of our pioneers, Janet Hughes, ran the Loom Room in Three Rivers where they taught weaving to many in the 1970's and 80's. The Loom Room was located on Peg's ranch in a little adobe house. In this small house was a dozen or more looms that members of the Loom Room could come and work on during the week. They had one day a week that was instruction day. Many of our guild members got their start at the loom room.

It was always a pleasure to visit with Peg when I was up at the Loom Room. She was enthusiastic about weaving and fascinated with all aspects of fiber arts. Peg was

tremendously smart; she was using computers before anyone had "Home Computers"! Peg and Jan loved to attend workshops all over the western U.S. She also was instrumental in our getting some "name" instructors for workshops here for our guild, like Jean Wilson, Candace Crocket, and Peggy Osterkamp.

Peg loved to teach as well. I remember one time Peg presented a seminar on cloth design to our guild. This took place in my small living room in our first house in Visalia. We were packed in (all forty of us!) to hear her speak and she serenely talked to us for an hour. I remember her telling the group that good cloth design has three elements - color, texture, and pattern. To have a successful cloth, you should highlight only two of these elements, or your cloth will be too "busy", a rule that still holds true today.

Peg had a wonderful sense of fun. One time she challenged Russ Groff, of Robin and Russ Handweavers, to a warping duel! Russ warped his looms using the sectional method, while Peg warped her looms using a warping board in the conventional manner. Peg even let Russ pre-wind his warping spools, and he allowed her to start with her warp already made. Peg would have beat him by a mile, but in the spirit of fun and play, dragged her threading out so that they ended in a "tie". It was a wonderful demonstration on two different ways to thread a loom, and we all learned a lot watching these two "pros" work.

Peg was always encouraging to new weavers and was endlessly patient with beginners. She enjoyed the teaching and sharing of her knowledge of our craft.
Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre King

Also from Dee Dee:

Mini Weaver's Attic/Wool Day Sale
June meeting

The June meeting for the Guild is guaranteed to be a fun one that should not be missed! Along with our annual wool day sale, the guild is inviting members to bring fiber-related items to sell in the Mini Weaver's attic. Used weaving and spinning equipment, yarn, and books will be available for purchase from other members; sort of a classy "yard sale" extravaganza. Start a box of things you would love to get rid of now so that you are ready for the fun in June. The details: You MUST reserve a table if you plan to sell items. Call Dee Dee King at 559-338-0322, or text at 559-259-4321, email is dking@unwiredbb.com. You may share a table with a friend. Each vendor is responsible for their own sales; the guild is not taking any commission of these sales. If you have any questions or aren't sure of what this is all about, contact me.

Thanks,
Dee Dee King



Birthdays for May: – if we've missed you, please let us know.

Sophie Britten

Chris Davis

Jackie Ireton

This is your month; have a wonderful Birthday!

Kaweah Konnection: Next meeting will be **May10, 2017**. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Presbyterian Church Conference Room in Three Rivers. Contact Sharon Warren if you're interested. Instructional weaving/spinning DVD's are occasionally featured and "Show and Tell" is always interesting.

Items for the newsletter (items for sale, new items, announcements, etc.) need to be received by Sophie Britten sophieab@sbcglobal.net by the 25th of each month.



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That's all, folks!

