

Weave to
re-create
the past



Weave to
create for
the future

The Roving

May, 2024

May, 2024 Greetings, HWOTV!

It is ironic that my last article talked about enjoying the anticipation, even when you don't get to actually enjoy your craft—seeing as we had to cancel the last meeting. I sure enjoyed looking forward to that meeting!!! Oh, well, now I am enjoying looking forward to the May meeting.

I was thinking the other day about commissions: someone asks you to create a specific item for them and you agree (either paid or for a friend). I hate them! I love the creativity of our craft, and I love the freedom of indulging in whimsy—doing exactly what I feel like doing exactly when I feel like doing it. When I occasionally accept a commission-against my better judgement, it is like a mill stone around my neck. If I am not working on that project, I feel guilty and don't enjoy what I am doing. I hear that little voice whispering in my ear saying, "Hurry, Hurry, Rush, Rush—they are waiting for you!"

In November, a friend asked me if I could design some placemats just for him. I immediately offered up the option of putting him in contact with one of you who weaves on a more regular basis. I explained that I work



Guild Meeting:

**Date: May 11,
2024**

TIME: 10:00

Program:

**Making a felted
lily!**

full time and that I had to first weave off the warp on the loom that I would use. He recently contacted me, and I had to say it would be summer at the earliest that I could start. He is still adamant that it has to be me. If he wasn't such a good friend of my family . . .

Oh, well. What do you think about commissions?

Julie McIntosh, President



**AND NOW,
News from
Our Vice-President and Program Chairman, Monica!**



May 2024

Thank you to the guild members who were able to lend a hand to the Basket and Gourd Conference on April 26th, 27th, and 28th! Many hands make light work!

Thanks to the group of spinners and weavers who represented Handweavers of the Valley at the Tulare County Museum Jamboree on April 27th. It is an amazing community event that allows many locals to see what we are all about. Thank you for your time and energy!

Last month's building snafu was certainly a surprise! Thank you for your flexibility and understanding. A new updated calendar will be posted on the website. There will be a few modifications in the summer months.

We will be moving Judy's Felted Lily to May 11th.

Because this is a program with a materials fee, please make sure you will be there on the 11th. If for some reason you can't attend the meeting/hands-on program, contact Judy Askins. If you were previously unavailable in April but would like to learn how to make the lily, please contact Judy. Remember, if you paid, you are registered. Do not forget to bring an old towel and a pair of scissors.

In June, we will have a program on Log Cabin. It is a complex looking weave but very simple to execute. You will want to attend this to broaden your weaving experience and perhaps, find some inspiration!

Get out your spa attire ready! **In July, the guild will hold a Aaah, A Spinning Spa.** You will have a chance to bring your wheel and dust, oil, and baby your wheel. While you won't have a facial mask, massage, and pedicure, you will enjoy a cool ice cream sundae at the end of the workday. Mark your calendar!

In August, we will have the Dye Hand-Off. This will be a perfect opportunity to dye a bit of wool because in **September Judy will return to teach painting with felt.** There will be more to come on this fabulous opportunity!

Show and Sale

Show and Sale is Saturday, October 26, 2024, with our set up on Friday, October 25, 2024. Mark your calendars!

Because of the delay in voting caused by last month's cancellation, we will vote on the proposed changes to the Show and Sale rules at the beginning of May's meeting. If you sent Monica your votes via email, know that your vote has been counted and recorded.

Applications for a Show and Sale booth will open on May 11th. There will be paper applications available at the meeting and Donna will accept your money.

Don't forget this is OUR Show and Sale. Even if you do not sell, consider putting a handwoven item in the Inspirational Gallery on October 26th Show and Sale. You have plenty of time to think about a special item you have created or will be creating. YOU will inspire others to create.

As Spring melts into Summer, think about presenting your focus of fiber in on Information Board for the foyer at Show and Sale. Last year, we received a lot of attention and many positive comments from the public about these boards that highlighted everything from Inkle Bands to Dyeing to Tapestry. Judy will remind us of the dimensions in an upcoming meeting. Stay tuned!

If you want to play during the Show and Sale, consider offering your talents as a demonstrator of spinning, weaving felting, and other aspects of the fiber world! Feel free to demonstrate in your booth!

Last year, there was an amazing group called the Make-It Committee. On an occasional day, the group would meet at the Visalia Unified Learning Center (near Lifestyles) to make our Kumihimo disks, cardboard looms, cut basket forms, ball yarns, and package items for our Show and Sale. If you would like to get in on this fun opportunity, please contact Monica (rooksworld@sbcglobal.net). Thank you!

EXTRA! EXTRA!

When we meet in May, EXTRA! EXTRA! folks will talk about their weaving experiences and trouble shoot any problems! In June, we will explore how to finish your project!

There is still a bit of yarn from the last estate donation. It will be on display (suggested donation= \$2/skein) at the meeting on the 11th!

The Inkle Looms and Small Looms Interest Group will meet on May 13th at 7PM. If you would like to join them for some good conversations and techniques, please contact Nikki or Hannah.



Kaweah Konnection: Kaweah Konnection meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Three Rivers Community Presbyterian Church, 10:00AM. Please contact Linda Hayden saddleblankets@haydenranches.com for further info.

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT Squeekie Wheels: **There are now two opportunities during each month to gather and spin!** Laurie & Julie have started a second get-together on the fourth Friday of the month.

Squeekie's May Meetings will be 17th & 24th! . Remember that we are meeting at the Exeter Library. First meeting at 10:00 AM on the 17th; second meeting on the 24th at 3:30. Be sure to bring your show and tell items so we can all see what you've been spinning, weaving, knitting, or crocheting! Any questions? sophieab@sbcglobal.net

See you in **May!**

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SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

