

Weave to
re-create
the past



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the future

The Roving August, 2024

August, 2024 Greetings, HWOTV!

I can't wait, I'm dying for our next meeting! Even though I don't find myself doing it very often, dyeing is one of the things I enjoy most about fiber arts. I absolutely love working with color. That's one of the reasons why I generally use a plain weave, because what I've done with color in the project would not show if I did something complicated like summer and winter or an overshot. Now I just have to figure out what I am going to dye and what I'm going to use it for! I'd love to dye a warp for some towels, but that will depend on if I have time to wind it on my board. At our recent yarn donation, I bought several skeins of both a super bulky and a worsted weight white yarn that I would love to dye. I just hesitate to do it without a project in mind. I have quite a bit of white roving that would be lovely to dye. That's probably what I'm going to end up bringing, because it requires the least prep work and thought. Maybe I'll dye some rug warp to use on my inkle loom as well. Have you decided what to bring yet? See you there. Oh, and unless you intend to dye the clothes you are wearing for something special, you might want to wear something old instead!

Julie McIntosh, President



Guild Meeting:

**Date: August
10, 2024**

TIME: 10:00

Program:

**Dye Day Hand-
off!**

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**For those who weren't able to attend the Guild meeting in July, here is a copy of the minutes submitted by our Secretary, Hannah Rook:**

**Handweavers of the Valley  
General Meeting  
7/13/2024**

- I. Call to Order: President Julie M called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.**
  
- II. Guests/New Members: Amy D brought her friend Rain as a guest.**
  
- III. Minutes: The minutes for the June meeting moved to accept with no corrections. Charlotte P motioned and Nikki C seconded; the minutes were approved.**
  
- IV. Treasurer's Report: We had a beginning balance of \$11,834 and our only expenses were Zoom, meeting supplies, and rent. However, with Show and Sale booth rentals and the silent auctions, we have an ending balance of \$12, 041. Karen B motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report with Nikki C as a second. The Treasurer's Report was approved.**

**IV. Treasurer's report**

**V. Old Business**

**A. Tulare County Fair: We reached out to the fair to inquire about demonstrating. They do not hold demonstrations, but we are welcome to buy a booth for \$600 approximately, so we will not be demonstrating at the fair. DeeDee K says at the Fresno County fair, they also do not have demonstrations. She also tried to suggest changes to make the weaving and spinning categories easier for people to enter but did not have any luck this year.**

**B. Other:** Because the Minutes and The Roving go out onto the website, we are slightly changing our naming protocol to “first name, last initial” when naming people are necessary. This is to help give a layer of anonymity for cyber security.

**C. History:** Hannah R is still looking for your written memories regarding the guild. You can post them, email, or hand them to her by the end of the August guild meeting.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

**A. Library:** no new changes

**B. Workshops/programs/Calendar:** August’s program is Protein Dye Handoff, September brings back Judy A to demonstrate felt painting, October is Show and Sale preparation, November is the challenge review/ reveal, and we wrap up our year with a holiday party in December. Monica R is also looking for program ideas for 2025, so reach out with your thoughts.

**C. Sale and Show:** 12 booths have been sold with 17 sellers so far. Booths (3 tables) are \$75 and Bits and Pieces (1 table) is \$25, and the applications are on the website. Judy A is head of the informational boards for the foyer. Laurie K is overseeing the Inspirational Gallery. And Peggy B is holding down the outreach/ kid’s center. She is searching for helpers; let her or Monica know if you’re interested in volunteering.

## **VII. New Business**

**A. Other:** no new business

**VIII. Show and Tell:** Hope O ice dyed some tank tops for her granddaughter and showed off the small collection of hair she’s combed off her new Abby. Julie M visited Judy T up in Northern California and learned she had been warping her loom with double the needed work for many years. Laurie K tried to use avocado to dye and failed, so she used Kool Aid- solar dye to fix the color. Tips from Laurie- wear a mask and be careful with the Tropical Fruit Punch! Juliet made her first dish towels, but they ended up a little small for her liking. She is also working on a baby blanket for her first grandchild! Nikki was asked to weave placemats to match a friend’s dish set, and after she had started working, the friend bought new dishes. Monica showed off her pile of yarn and roving she

solar dyed during the extreme heat wave. She and DeeDee explained their individual process for solar dyeing. Tom finished his table runner and started his first set of dish towels. They turned out too small, but he's going to keep them and perhaps use them as beautiful napkins. Hannah brought out a Baltic pickup mushroom key fob that she made for her sister and a hummingbird band inspired by some of Sophie's fiber.

IX. Drawings: Tom F won the Show and Tell prize and Dale B won the Door Prize.

X. Announcements: Nancy R is looking for potential lessons in inkle weaving or have inkle weaving added to the 2025 programs. Michelle J has lambs that are looking for homes.

XI. Adjournment: Julie M adjourned the meeting at 11:05 am.

Next meeting August 10, 2024, 10:00 am— Exeter (in person) and Zoom

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



Ahh, A Spinning Spa was a great success! It was a messy and necessary day. There was so much grime on those spinning wheels! In addition, the Mini Weavers Attic was well attended by vendors and shoppers. Thanks to all for making the day a **very busy** day, it was a great success!

PROTEIN-wool- silk- yak- buffalo-camel-alpaca-animal- Dye Day is coming in August. Remember, this is the hand off from Dee Dee to the guild members. Find that perfect protein roving or yarn to dye in the pot or in the microwave. The guild will provide the dye and the other supplies (plastic wrap, gloves, paper towels, squirt bottles, and so on). Dress in your grubby clothes if you plan to dye. Come to watch the process, if you wish!

In September, Judy A, an outstanding felter/crafter/teacher will demonstrate how to paint with felt. Take notes on her process and try it at home. Feel free to put this technique into your fiber art tool box. Can you imagine adding this technique to a book, folder, photo album, diary, or checkbook, or hand knitted/felted hat? Start dreaming!

On October 12th, we will discuss Show and Sale. This day has been set aside for questions and work on the Inspirational Gallery, Outreach Area, pricing, finishing, and Informational Boards for the foyer.

Mark your calendars for the October 25th set-up and October 26, 2024, as our Show and Sale day!

Buckle your seat belts! November is our Orange You Glad You Used Orange? Challenge reveal. Bring your orange projects from the year's work and share the stories behind them with the others. You might inspire or entertain some folks in the guild.

On December 14th, our guild will close the year with our Holiday Gathering and member boutique. For the new members, this is a time to gather around the potluck table and toast 2024 and look forward to good times in 2025. In the past few years, we have had a gift exchange game and a members-only boutique for those last-minute gifts. It is a nice time to share with friends!

On September 7, 2024, Handweavers of the Valley has been invited to connect with the audience of the Visalia TEDx before the show and during the breaks. We have offered the organizer, Stephanie Heiser, an easy flexible outreach project, our Kumihimo/friendship bracelet kits. On the 7th, we will need volunteers to help with this great opportunity. Remember, it is a way to publicize our guild and Show and Sale 2024!!

Don't forget to enter the Tulare County Fair which runs September 11, 2024, to September 15, 2024. Showcase your spinning, hand wovens, sewn items or other items. The catalog of rules is online at tcfair.org.

SHOW AND SALE

Currently, we have 12 booths and 1 Bits and Pieces table reserved for our Show and Sale which will be manned by 18 sellers. Nikki oversees publicity postcards and posters. Judy A heads the foyer decoration committee. Peggy B is in charge of the outreach (kids/big people with kid hearts) area. Laurie K orchestrates the Inspirational Gallery. If you would like to help or have questions, please ask.

Deadlines are coming soon. Booth registration closes at the end of the September meeting. Applications for the Bits and Pieces tables close on the 2nd Saturday of October. If you are interested, applications are at www.HWOTV.org website.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

It's warping time! After a speedy quick Dye Day clean up, Extra! Extra! participants will have the opportunity to watch a demonstration on how to use a warping board. If you have questions, please email Dee Dee or Monica.



Kaweah Konnection: Kaweah Konnection-no meeting for the summer. Will resume in the Fall. 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 August Meetings will be 16th and 23rd! Remember that we are meeting at the Exeter Library. First meeting at 10:00 AM on the 16th; second meeting on the 23rd 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 **August!**

Exeter Public Library
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Exeter, CA

More:





Sandy Willey is giving this horizontal warping reel to **anyone** who wants it!

Contact her at: mypointedears@gmail.com



SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!



