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the past



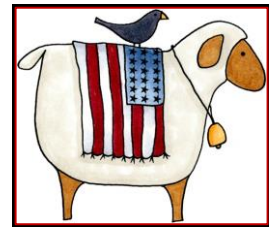
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The Roving July, 2024

July, 2024 Greetings, HWOTV!

One of the things I love about weaving is that it can be very efficient-not if you just make one scarf, but if you put on 10 yards of towels, that's 10 projects with the set up time that is much less than setting up for 10 separate towels! The most I've done before was a 14-yard warp for towels. **THIS** time, I decided to be as efficient as possible. My warping board holds 19 yards, so I wound a 19 yard warp. As I was feeding the warp chain through the heddles and winding it up, I realized I had overlooked something. You know how the closer to the end of your warp chain you get, the more tangles you have to comb out? It makes sense; there's nowhere for the tangles to go until you get to the end, so they keep piling up until right before you're done. Well, the difference between the amount of tangles on the last 3 yards of a 14 yard warp and the last 3 yards of a 19 yard warp is exponential! I'm going to have to reevaluate whether it's actually more efficient to do that long of a warp for towels.

While I am on the subject of tangles, did you realize there are games you can get on your phone where you untangle things?



Guild Meeting:

**Date: July 13,
2024**

TIME: 10:00

Program:

**AAH - A
Spinning Spa!**

when I saw they had various untangling games, you bet I downloaded one of them. More on the subject of tangles--one project waiting for me in my loom room is one of those skeins of yarn that you put on your swift to roll into a ball, but for some reason it just doesn't come off right? I've already spent about three hours untangling this one, and I'm too stubborn to get rid of the yarn. Happy untangling, friends!!!

Julie McIntosh, President

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

Handweavers of the Valley  
06/08/2024  
General Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to order: Vice President Monica R called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.
- II. Guests/New Members: Marta found us online and joined us today as a guest. Tom F's granddaughter, Megan, is a weaver from the Bay area joined us today as well.
- III. Minutes: Nikki C motioned to accept the minutes and Juliet V seconded. The minutes from May's meeting were accepted as read.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: We had approximately \$794.00 as income from Show and Sale Booth fees, estate yarn, and cookbooks. Our only expenses were for the website and Zoom. Donna S will be keeping some cash out to continually use for silent auctions. Nikki motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report and Charlotte P seconded; the Treasurer's Report was accepted.
- V. Old Business:
  - I. Historian- Stepping into the role as HWOTV historian, Hannah R issued a "challenge", write (or type) a little background information about yourself, why you joined the guild, and what's kept you as a member. Bonus for longtime members: if you are willing, write about some memories good, or bad, about the guild. Email or give to Hannah by the end of the August meeting please and thank you!
  - II. Voting: We clarified the voting results from last month's Show and Sale proposals which are: 1. All items sold must be made by the guild member, with

the exceptions previously laid out. 2. All items hand knitted or crocheted must be made using handspun and labeled as such. (However, weaving is allowed to use commercial yarn). 3. Show and Sale ends at 3 PM and sellers cannot break the booth down and pack up before then.

VI. Committee Reports:

- I. Library- no new changes
- II. Workshops/ Programs- thank you to Judy A for teaching us the felted lily! July is our busy month with a Spinning Wheel Spa, ice cream social, and Mini Weaver's Attic. August is our Acid (protein) dye day. September is felt painting with Judy. Monica is also looking for program ideas for 2025; please reach out with your suggestions.
- III. Show and Sale- 10 booths have been sold with 13 members selling for setup on October 25 and S&S on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Laurie K is overseeing the Inspirational Gallery and Judy A is in charge of the informational boards for the foyer, so start thinking! Lastly, the Make-It committee for outreach is looking for people to help make looms and kumihimo disks for our Kid's Corner and beyond.

VII. New Business: No new business.

VIII. Show and Tell:

Tom F showed off some of his new scarves and says dish towels are the new project. Amy P finished her second project; a gorgeous rainbow that is turning into a shawl. Nikki brought her Fibonacci towels and explained her process for the new members. Monica and Jaque showed off their beautiful, felted lilies from last month and both say they're going to practice another. Mindy H brought her first finished rigid heddle project and will be taking it off with help and re-warping at the Little Looms study group. Marta raises alpacas and brought two different fibers; one is from the back and can be turned into yarn and the other doesn't have as many uses, so she made a hanging nesting material stop for birds. Hannah showed off a 3-color pickup inkle band in the pattern of a Diamondback Rattlesnake.

- IX. Drawings: Tom F won the Show and Tell prize and Glennice M won the Door Prize.

X. Announcements:

- I. The Little Looms Study group is meeting the second Monday of the month at 7pm in Visalia.
- II. Tour de Fleece runs from July 1-23. It's a spin at your own pace to reach your personal goal!
- III. Monica is looking for interested people to potentially demonstrate and do outreach at the Tulare County Fair (which runs September 11-15).

- XI. Adjournment: Vice president Monica R adjourned the meeting at 10:56 am.

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**Announcement from our new Historian, Hannah Rook:**

I'm looking for your memories!

Some examples would be: your favorite memories of the guild, your start in weaving, spinning, felting, etc., guild history tidbits, or anything similar. You can type or handwrite, your choice, but I'd like to have your thoughts by the end of August's meeting (8-10-24). And if you finish up sooner, I will happily take them. Currently, the end goal is to have a little booklet (or binder) for Show and Sale, so the public can look through; become inspired or give them a push into joining us.

Thanks for your help and I'm excited to peek into the past through you!

-Hannah R (your new Historian)

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



-Have you started your log cabin weaving project? Get started if you have not! Congratulations if you have begun the task. Thanks, Dee Dee, for the instruction and the inspiration during last month's program!

-It was good to see so many of you in person last month. Remember, make a special day of the second Saturday of each month. After the meeting and program, shop in Exeter, have lunch with new guild friends, drive up to the lake and check the level of the water or create your own adventure!

-July 13th will be a very busy day. We have a 8 guild members who are cleaning closets, emptying bins, and collecting knick-knacks. They will bring surplus yarn, accessories, and equipment for those who are looking for a good deal. The Mini Weaver's Attic will open at 9:15* in the East Room and continue until 10 AM and beyond. Each seller will be acting as their own banker/negotiator. Buyers will find many treasures.

*For Sellers: set up begins at 8:30 in the East Room.

-Our business meeting will begin at 10 AM. The program, **Aaahhh, A Spinning Spa,** will follow. Don't forget to bring your spinning wheel, instruction booklet, downloaded booklet (most companies have the information on their website), or make a call to the company. Most fiber arts companies have a fabulous Customer Service Department; they will guide you to the information you might need. If you don't spin, bring your table loom, and spiff it up. The guild will provide members with rags, a variety of tools (including tweezers), Q-tips, Murphy's Oil Soap, a nice wax to pamper your wheel/loom. If you want to bring your own tools/equipment, please put your name on your items!

Now, to top this off, **ice cream sundaes** will be served to one and all by your guild! It will be a nice end to a very busy day!

-August is the dye hand-off. Gather your wool, silk or other protein fiber for this fun day in August!

-In September, Judy A. will teach you how to paint with wool... AKA Felt Painting! Stay tuned for more information!

Tour de Fleece

Tour de Fleece begins on the 29th of June and continues until July 21st. You do not NEED a team. Grab a guild member/friend/friends and work with them to create

your own spinning challenges. If you are shy, create the challenges for yourself. The important part of the Tour de Fleece is that you are spinning and learning and having fun! Thank goodness, we do not have to climb the Alps. We just have to spin!!

Tour de Fleece (TdF) Adapted from Ravelry Guidelines (NOT RULES):

Spin every day the Tour rides, if possible. Rest on the days they rest. Challenge yourself on their toughest days. Unexpected collapses, ambushes and twists of all kinds could be on the cards, so remember to have fun despite the unexpected!

- **Spinning Days:** TdF Saturday, June 29 through Sunday, July 21. **Rest Days:** Monday, July 8 and Monday, July 15.
- **Challenge Days:** Spin something challenging on the challenge days (usually the toughest high mountain stage) **TdF:** the first one is Stage 9, on Sunday, July 7, when a demanding week comes to an end with the first authentic mountain test. The second is stage 15, on Sunday, July 14. **TdF finale:** Saturday, July 21.
- **Colored Jerseys:** Wear yellow on Sunday, July 21st to announce victory. Why not wear yellow on any day you feel particularly successful? **Yellow** is the color of the race leader in the Tour - but here we are all 'race leaders'. **Green:** sprinter - think FAST. **Polka-dot:** climber - as in uphill. **White:** rookie.

Show and Sale

- ❖ Applications for 2024 Show and Sale booths are open! The application is on the website (HWOTV.org) for your convenience. The cost is \$75 for a booth. Share a booth with a friend, if you don't think you have enough

inventory or you would like to start small. If you have questions, please ask. To date, 15 members have reserved 12 booths for our Show and Sale. Don't forget about Bits and Pieces Table (they are for those who are unsure of life's path). A Bits and Pieces Table is \$25 and can be reserved until the 2nd Saturday of October.

- ❖ Since we have our *SHOW* and Sale, don't forget to submit an item for the *Inspirational Gallery*. You have plenty of time to think and choose an item; please do not worry! This is an opportunity for your piece to be displayed during the event and hopefully inspire the public who come.
- ❖ Again, this year, Informational Boards will be in the foyer to educate the public. If you wish to contribute a board about your art form, Judy A is the person to see!
- ❖ We need help with the Outreach activities, demonstrations, and/or volunteers for ease of the day.

2025 Programs

If you have an idea for next year's programs, want a specific topic, or would like to present a program, please speak to/email your officers (Julie, Monica, Donna, Hannah) ASAP.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

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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 July Meetings will be 19th & 26th! . Remember that we are meeting at the Exeter Library. First meeting at 10:00 AM on the 19th; second meeting on the 26th 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?

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See you in **July!**

Exeter Public Library
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Exeter, CA



NOTHING FOR SALE THIS MONTH-



BUT.....SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

