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The Roving

September, 2024

September, 2024 Greetings, HWOTV!

Now, where is my Annie McHale Three Color Pick-up book? I got a new purse and wanted to make a three color pick up strap to match it, and I can't find that book anywhere! I currently work in an office, technically in a cubicle. Before I leave every day, I make sure everything is in its place. It is so neat and tidy! So why does my weaving room look like it was hit by an actual tornado? I know where a lot of things are, but I DON'T know where a lot of things are! Is it because at work I use the analytical side of my brain, and at home I'm using the creative side of my brain? Maybe it's because my weaving studio is also my fingernail studio, my closet, my gift storage, and my computer office? I have some time today, I could clean it up, or I could go in the bedroom where I have a different loom and just weave instead! Sounds like a plan. In the meantime, does anyone have Annie McHale's Three Color Pick-up book that they could bring to the meeting and let me look at really quickly? Hmmmm . . . maybe we have a copy in the library. That's gotta be better than cleaning my room!

Julie McIntosh, President

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**Guild Meeting:**

**Date:**

**September 14,  
2024**

**TIME: 10:00**

**Program:**

**Felt Painting!**

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

**Handweavers of the Valley  
General Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2024**

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by President Julie M.

II. **Guests/New Members:** We have a former guest, now new member, Marta, join us. She also brought her cousin as a guest.

III. **Minutes: Motion- To Accept the July Minutes**  
Charlotte P moved and Michelle J seconded. The minutes were accepted.

IV. **Treasurer's Report:** The guild made approximately \$80 from the mini-Weaver's Attic and \$200 in equipment sales, with more to come in shortly. Zoom, supplies, and rent were the only expenses.

**Motion- To accept the Treasurer's Report**

Nikki C moved and Tom F seconded. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

**IV. Treasurer's report**

**V. Old Business**

A. **Zoom-** It was brought up to drop the Zoom subscription to save \$190 a year, but still use the free version so members can still attend virtually.

**Motion: Drop the Zoom Premium Subscription and use free version as a substitute**

Nikki C motioned and Michelle J seconded. The motion carried.

**VI. Committee Reports**

A. **Library – no news**

B. **Workshops/programs/Calendar-** Monica is looking for 2025 program ideas. Judy A will teach felt painting in September (if you're interested,

be sure to sign up with her!) And October will be Show and Sale preparation.

C. Show and Sale- Julie M is looking to transfer her booth or a partial booth to someone; interested parties should reach out to her. Booth applications are due at the end of September's meeting and Bits and Pieces applications are due by the second Saturday in October. Judy A. oversees the foyer informational boards (20"x30" foam board). Laurie K is running Inspirational Gallery and is looking for items that taught you something or can teach others. Peggy B is running the outreach and is looking for helpers!

D. History- Hannah R is looking for any memories regarding any part of the guild's history

## VII. New Business

A. The Visalia Fox Theater is hosting TEDx, and we have an outreach opportunity on September 7, 2024 from 12-6pm to teach kumihimo disks in the lobby. Sign up with Monica R to volunteer for any hours you are available.

B. Spinning and Weaving Week (HGA) October 7-13, 2024, Monday through Sunday. Monica is looking for liaisons for the Porterville area and Lemoore to coordinate an outreach/demo day during this week.

## VII. Show and Tell:

Hannah- a purse made of her inkle bands inspired by Pinnacles Natl Park.

Michelle- an industrial salad spinner to experiment with draining water from wool.

Hope- spun DeeDee's roving from the mini-Weaver's Attic and some roving from Alaska.

She is dyeing the Alaska skeins at today's dye day.

Tom- his first inkle band is completed and he's on to his next inkle project.

Monica- spun up some more of the roving she solar dyed in July.

VIII. Drawings: Hope won the Showa and Tell prize and Tom won the Door prize.

IX. Announcements:

Tulare County Fair entries are due Sunday August 18 at midnight.  
Lambtown in Dixon is October 5 and 6  
Next meeting is September 14 at 10 am

X. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by President Julie M at 11:11.

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



August 10th was a colorful and exciting day. Thank you- a HUGE thank you to our dye masters. Thank you, Julie for taking and making magic with the vat dyes last month! Thanks, too, to Dee Dee for organizing the handoff of space dyeing. It was a lot of work for these members. Please thank them for sharing this knowledge with our guild!

Looking to September, we have felt painting for those who signed up in August. If you forgot to sign up and would like to take this opportunity, please email Judy or Monica. Judy A. will provide the materials. Don't forget to bring a pair of scissors (put your name on them) and a pencil. It will be a fun morning/afternoon activity!

On October 12th, we will meet for a short regular meeting followed by a Show and Sale mentor program. We will have answers to questions about the Show-half of the Show and Sale. Do you have questions about Inspirational Gallery items, Informational boards (see samples), the Outreach Area, and others? We will try to answer them. If you are a newbie at the of Show and Sale experience and would like guidance in pricing, presentations, displays, what to expect and other issues, we would like to help you.

If you haven't already, please mark your calendars for Saturday, **October 26, 2024** for our **Harvest of Handwovens** Show and Sale. We would love to have as many guild members participate in various ways as possible. Please consider working in the foyer to welcome our guests, answering questions about your favorite subject-FIBER, and/or working to staff the outreach area.

Save November 9th for the challenge reveal! Find something orange to wear and bring your **Orange You Glad You Used Orange?** project. Remember, this was a year-long challenge to incorporate orange into your projects. Be prepared to show and share your orange journey.

Save the Date: December 14th! 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!

TULARE COUNTY FAIR

Do you remember the days of building after building filled with desserts, jams, pickles, sewn dresses, table arrangements, quilts, woodworkers, and even lapidary work? There may not be building after building, but there is a place for our craft and art. Don't forget to visit the Tulare County Fair sometime between September 11th and September 15th. Look for our members who entered jams, sewing, spinning and weaving projects. General information is at tcfair.org.

SHOW AND SALE

Nikki oversees publicity. 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 this 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, again! We did not have time for our warping demonstration and tutorial. This month we will also address questions on slewing the reed and threading the heddles. In the meantime, keep working on various projects. If you have questions, please email Dee Dee or Monica.

SPINNING AND WEAVING WEEK

The festivities for **Spinning and Weaving Week (October 7-13)** are beginning to take shape. Monday, we will crash the knitting group at Panera and celebrate spinning and weaving and knitting and all things fiber. On Wednesday, we **think** we will be at the Visalia Library. We have demonstrations/celebrations at Mendoza's in Three Rivers and in Yokut's Valley (formerly Squaw Valley) on Thursday. We are trying to celebrate in Exeter on Friday. Stay tuned for more information. Handweaver's Guild of America (HGA) sponsors many online activities and talks during this week. Get involved!

TEDx VISALIA

We need 2 hours of your time 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!! If you can volunteer for a 2-hour shift (and share the workload), please let Monica know ASAP.

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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](mailto:saddleblankets@haydenranches.com) for further info.

**Squeekie's September Meetings will be 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>!** Remember that we are meeting at the Exeter Library. First meeting at 10:00 AM on the 20<sup>th</sup>; second meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sophieab@sbcglobal.net)  
See you in **September!**

Exeter Public Library  
230 E. Chestnut Street,  
Exeter, CA

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Used 24", 24 harness, AVL Dobby Workshop Loom for sale, \$2000, in good working order. Contact Lisa Sampietro [lasampietro@yahoo.com](mailto:lasampietro@yahoo.com).



**SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!**

