

Weave to
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the past



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the future

The Roving

October, 2024

October, 2024 Greetings, HWOTV!

The saying goes, "If you want something done, ask a busy person." Case in point is our very own Monica R. She has kept us educated and entertained with programs on meeting days and other special activities for years-- and I know she is quite busy with other activities as well. Other people must believe this saying as well, because people keep asking me to do things, too!!! I recently asked a new acquaintance what his hobbies were, and he replied, you mean in my "spare time"? and went on to say he doesn't have time for his own interests. When he turned the question around, and I answered that I am a fiber artist (spinner & weaver) he replied, "I see you MAKE time for those things." I know I can be heard complaining that I don't have enough time for fiber arts, but for a busy person, I DO make time to pursue my passions. So to all our busy guild members out there, don't forget to MAKE TIME to do what you love.

Julie McIntosh, President

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**Guild Meeting:**

**Date: October  
12, 2024**

**TIME: 10:00**

**Program:**

**Ready-Set-  
Go!**

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

**Handweavers of the Valley  
General Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2024**

- I. **Call to Order:** President Julie M. called the meeting to order at 10:00.
- II. **Guests/New Members:** One of our new members, Marta, brought her friend Jan today.
- III. **Minutes:** Motion- Accept the minutes for the August General meeting  
Charlotte P moved, Terri J seconded, motion to accept passes
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** Donations are rolling in and they have covered our insurance for the year.

Motion: Accept the Treasurer's Report Nikki C moved/ DeeDee K seconded/  
motion to accept passes

- V. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Spinning and Weaving Week** will be held October 7-13 with our guild visiting Visalia, Exeter, Three Rivers, Lemoore, and Yokuts Valley. We are looking for volunteers and demonstrators to help for a few hours and as your schedule allows.
  - B. **Tedx Talks Report:** Most everyone who walked by was interested in Kumihimo disks, especially after learning they were samurai braids. Most of the audience we saw were young professionals in their 30s, making some unique connections for potential collaborations. And a big thank you to Stephanie who went above and beyond on publicity for the guild.

VI. **Committee Reports:**

IV. **Treasurer's Spinning and Weaving Week (HGA) October 7-13, 2024, Monday through Sunday. Committee Reports**

- A. Library – There is a possibility that Annie MacHale’s Three Color Pickup may be added in the future.
- B. Workshops/programs/Calendar- October’s program is Show and Sale Prep if you need help preparing or you would like to help mentor. November is the Challenge Reveal and December is the Holiday party and Boutique. 2025 still has room for program ideas, so send them to Monica when you get that ah-ha moment.
- C. Show and Sale- Hand out posters and flyers to your friends, family, and community. We are still looking for outreach volunteers and demonstrators. And let Judy A know if you want to make an informational board for the foyer. And set up on Friday and Saturday will run similar to 2023’s; look for update emails from Monica.
- D. Historian – Hannah received 30 years of newsletters from Nikki to look through and a memory of the Squeekie Wheels’ origins from Sharon W. Hannah is looking forward to your contributions!

VII. New Business: no new business

VIII. Show and Tell:

Julie- dyed some pants “forest green” but they really turned out Kelly green and going to try overdyeing.

Shelley- brought her pulled warp samplers from her workshop in Portland. Unfortunately, the teacher Susan Iverson is retiring, so we look to Shelley for her experiences. Shelley recently lost her daughter and has kept weaving in memory of her daughter.

Sophie- showed off her Bamboo shadow weave prototype scarf and will have some available at Show and Sale. She also had a 5/2 Bamboo shawl that she made for her neighbor.

Kathleen- has been working on yardage and had a space dyed vest that she recently made.

Monica- has been taking advantage of the last summer day with more solar dye roving.

Hope- found a felted vest that she hopes to rework with her soon-to-be newfound felting knowledge. She also solar dyed some yarn. She also found some silk on commercial shuttles and spun into 2 ply.

Nikki- brought a few rep-weave examples and sampler and recommended a book on Rep-weave by Kelly Marshall.

Hannah- showed off a new rug for her bedroom because she's learned how to crochet.

- IX. Drawings: Shelley H won the Show and Tell prize and Chris D won the Door prize.
- X. Announcements:
  - A. Five members entered projects into the Tulare County Fair and everyone placed at least once.
  - B. Lambtown in Davis, CA is October 5-6; people can enter skeins of yarn to be judged.
- XI. Adjourned: President Julie M adjourned the meeting at 10:54.

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



Thanks to Judy A for an outstanding felt painting program. The finished products were gorgeous. I hope everyone brings their work for Show and Tell on the 12th of November.

Thanks to all who entered the Tulare County Fair. Plan to enter the TC Fair next year.

Thank you to all who participated in the outreach at TEDx Visalia. Not only was it fun, but our guild's name was highlighted many times.

Congratulations to Lisa T! She has been a busy, busy person over the last month as a finalist for the 2024 Heritage Craft Prize. The NEST and Kendra Scott teams, gathered talented craftswomen in Jackson Hole, WY, to offer support and cultivate women-led businesses with emphasis on entrepreneurship, community engagement, collaboration and innovation. Lisa bonded with the mentors and the other finalists and will be happy to share her memories of that wonderful experience. Here is the link to The NEST Guild(<https://www.buildanest.org/next-guild>) and be sure to ask Lisa about her wonderful week!

Congratulations to Linda H of Haydenranches.com for her show in Colorado. She was surrounded by horse enthusiasts and art collectors who valued her weaving. She was able to share that special handwoven horse blanket (that went under the very special \$45K saddle) with an admiring community.

Programs

October 12th... Ready...Set...Go! There will be a program on Show and Sale details. The program will be a series of Hands-On activities to help us through Show and Sale with grace and calm. Since we found out last year that social media posts are a new avenue to reaching a different demographic, we will have pointers and practice in setting up and taking photos for this purpose. Booth set-up can be tricky, so you will have the opportunity to experiment with some new ideas. If Show and Sale is new to you or if it is your only romp into selling fiber items, a few of the more experienced members will be on hand to answer pricing questions.

For those who will be demonstrating or working in the Hands-On area, we will have training and practice in Kumihimo, cardboard loom weaving, baskets, and paper weaving. You will be an expert before you leave the meeting.

Show and Sale... we need all members to volunteer for this event. Our Show and Sale is on October 26th and we need people to demonstrate and share our guild with the public.

November 9th is our challenge reveal for **Orange You Glad You Used Orange?** Bring your **orange** project and be ready to share (1-2 minutes, max) the details of your process. It will be exciting to see what some of you have done with **orange**!

On December 14th, we will meet to close the year and celebrate each other at this special time of year. It is a potluck (more information to come), gift exchange (\$20 maximum) and a boutique from and for your friends- only HWOTV friends.

Celebrate Spinning and Weaving Week

Celebrate Spinning and Weaving Week (OCTOBER 7-13, 2024). This is an HGA, Handweavers Guild of America, project to share fiber arts with the general public. The guild will be at various locations in Tulare County. We need folks to come out to these locations and share what you love to do, whether it is spinning, weaving, knitting, felting, or something else. There is a schedule of locations and times.

Grab a guild friend and head to one (or more) of these events!!!

Check out the calendar below:

Celebrate Spinning and Weaving Week Schedule

Date	October 7 Monday	October 8 Tuesday	October 9 Wednesday	October 10 Thursday	October 10 Thursday	October 11 Friday	October 12 Saturday
Location	Visalia Panera's 4103 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia, CA 93277	Lemoore Save Mart Shopping Center 105 W Hanford Armona Rd, and 18 th Ave. Lemoore	Tulare Co Library, Visalia 200 W Oak Ave, Visalia, CA 93291	Yokut's Valley Community Center 30572 E Kings Canyon Rd	Mendoza's, Three Rivers 40869 Sierra Dr Unit C, Three Rivers, CA 93271	Exeter Library 230 E Chestnut St, Exeter, CA	EVMB Exeter Regular Meeting
Time	10AM-12	10AM-12	10AM-12	6 PM-9 PM	10:30AM- 1~ish	10AM-12	
Contact Person	Laurie K	Peggy and Dale	Lisa & Wendy	Dee Dee and Terri	Sophie	Veronica	
Things to bring!	Suggested Items	Table/Chairs/Table Cloth/Suggested Items	Suggested Items	Suggested Items	Suggested Items	Suggested Items	

Show and Sale

We will need demonstrators, mannequins, greeters, inspirational items (open to all members, not just sellers) and chit chatters! Get ready!

Postcards will be mailed shortly. Nikki and her husband are addressing and stamping the 450+ postcards. Thanks, Nikki and Rich! Share posters with your community's shops. If you would like to post a few in your community, please contact Nikki. She will get them to you. Speaking of publicity, share our posts on FB and Instagram. Lisa T and Hannah R will be manning the social media platforms again this year. Remember, send them a picture of one of your items and they will post it.

Laurie K is still looking for Inspirational Gallery items. She will need them on October 25th. Think of Toni's latest WOW gourd, one of Leonora's lovely jackets, Kathleen's amazing yardage, a felt creature -you get the idea....

Donna S will take care of the guild booth again this year. If you have any donations for the Weaver's Attic, please consider donating items, as it is pure profit for the guild. Please make her job a bit easier by sprucing them up before you bring them to the EVMB on Friday (10/25/24). Attractive attracts!

Extra! Extra!

There will be no Extra! Extra! this month as noted on the calendar. Continue to work on your towels! Keep weaving! We will gather in November to discuss trouble shooting difficulties.

Other Notes

Lambtown in Dixon, California will be held on October 5-6, 2024. The link, <https://www.lambtown.org> will open to the festival's website. It has plenty of information.

Message from Laurie K: Learn. Create. Inspire. This year I would like to add to our Inspiration Gallery by including items that we have learned and created over the last year. As a new member, I have been blown away by everyone's creations, but also by how educational and supportive our programs have been. We've learned how to create beautiful felted flowers and "paintings" by Judy, a Log Cabin weaving by DeeDee, and how to dye and create custom colorways for yarn and fiber, just to name a few! Our guild and its members have so much knowledge and creativity to share with our community. My hope is to inspire new people to join us and learn as well. Yes, I want your amazing tapestries, your beautiful handmade garments, your art pieces that deserve a spot in a

museum. I also want your "refrigerator" pieces, your "look at what I learned today" art, your "I learned this, and it came out so nice!" creations. You are all so amazing and I'm inspired at every meeting, I want to highlight that community at the Show and Sale. Please bring your pieces to the next meeting, I will have tags to attach to them so they don't get lost.

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**Kaweah Konnection:** Kaweah Konnection- Meets second Wednesday of the month at the Community Presbyterian Church in Three Rivers. Please contact Linda Hayden - [saddleblankets@haydenranches.com](mailto:saddleblankets@haydenranches.com) for further info.

**Squeekie's October Meeting will be 11<sup>th</sup> only!** Our normal meeting day (the 18<sup>th</sup>) is cancelled due to carpet laying at the Exeter Library. We will be there on the 11<sup>th</sup>! Remember that we are meeting at the Exeter Library at 10:00 AM. (No other meeting this month.) 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 on **October 11th!**

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

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Donna Whitney's loom has been refurbished and is looking for a new home. It's a very nice 45", 4 harness Leclerc. It comes with #3 Dent

(yes, #3) and #12 Dent reeds. Asking \$400. The loom is located in Three Rivers. Contact Linda @ 568-6895.



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**SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!**



