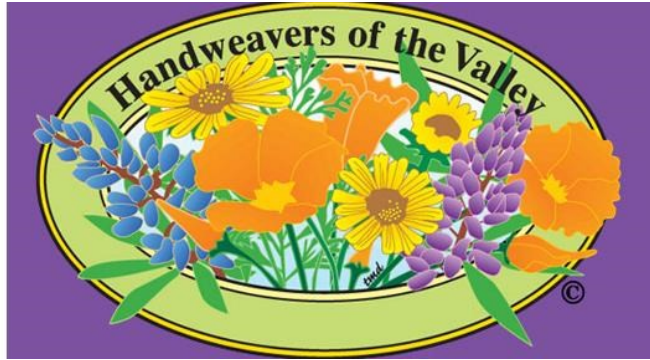


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The Roving

December, 2024

December, 2024 Greetings, HWOTV!

"Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful ... " It's raining on and off today. I know it can be a big inconvenience and rain bothers a lot of people, but on a cold day, I love cuddling up by the fire with a good . . . fiber arts project!!! (Yes, it is also nice to read a book in a warm bed on these days). In addition, since the Show and Sale is over for the year, I can just enjoy spinning, weaving, knitting, felting, dying, etc., without a particular timeframe in mind. I may end up going at the same pace, but it doesn't feel rushed. Although for many things, I do much better with a deadline, I prefer to do my fiber arts whenever I feel like it. Oh no, wait a second: I forgot about Christmas presents! Oh well.

Julie McIntosh, President

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**AND NOW,**



**Guild Meeting:**

**Date:**

**December 14,  
2024**

**TIME: 10:00**

**Program:**

**Christmas Fun  
Party!**

**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  
November 9, 2024**

- I. Call to Order: President Julie M called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.**
  
- II. Guests/ New Members: We had several new members join us today: Emma, Kaye, and Rain. We also had a current member Mazalyn bring her husband and grandma.**
  
- III. Minutes: Motion: Accept the October minutes as is  
Charlotte P moves, Peggy B seconds/ motion passes**
- IV. Treasurer's Report : Motion: Accept the Treasurer's Report  
Correction: \$12,663.63 is the current month's end balance  
Nikki C moves/ Charlotte P seconds/ Motion passes**
  
- V. Old Business: None**
  
- VI. Committee Report:**
  - A. Library: Three new books have been tagged and added to the inventory: Gourd & Basket Conference Reflections and 3 Color Pickup for Inkle.**
  - B. Workshops: December is our Holiday Party and potluck along with the Boutique and gift exchange. January is Warping Nature and Inkle Weaving. Other 2025 programs may include NEST review from Lisa T, felt painting, Christmas in July, Marketing, etc.**
  - C. Show and Sale: Reviewing the survey, the weather was too warm for many winter items and more chairs need to be added for visitors. However, we loved seeing so many members volunteering, showing up in support, and/or shopping!**
  - D. Historian: Nikki C found and donated some photos from a Summer 2004 Dye Workshop today! Many thanks Nikki!**

## **VII. New Business:**

- A. Silent Auction: Donna S is looking for a new person to run 6 times a year. Contact Donna for the box of items and bank. Terri J has volunteered to take over the Silent Auction**

## **VIII. Show and Tell: Orange Ya Glad you Used Orange Review**

- Donna S showed off one of her first weaving projects- a vintage 1979 scarf and metal leaf accessory.**
- DeeDee K brought dryer balls, potholders, and some hand-dyed handspun**
- Terri J brought her first dishcloth that is also orange and handspun made from DeeDee's color braids.**
- Kaye had a knitted Merino scarf and adorable knitted bookmarks. She also showed off her recent Kumihimo jewelry!**
- Dale brought woven gourd pincushions and his newest addition created from a coconut shell used in a Costco sherbet set.**
- Peggy modeled an orange mosaic knitted scarf; it complimented her orange inspired outfit.**
- Mazzalyn showed off her first project with a complicated pattern from her new loom**
- Marta had some hats that someone knitted using her alpaca's fiber.**
- Joy showed off a photo of a granny square scarf that she made during her hospital stay to brighten her recovery.**
- Patty had her first inkle band that was a gorgeous orange. Way to go Patty!!**
- Nikki brought her Fibonacci dishtowels, mug rugs, and some warps for more towels and even some scarves.**
- Rain told us about their current project: a mattress. Orange wasn't in their plans, but the craft store was out of stock of the original color.**
- Amy made some thick and thin art yarn by using a new technique; Irish tension rather than her go-to, Scottish tension.**
- Donna H showed off a gorgeous baby blanket with pastel orange that was on its way to its new owner: DeeDee!**
- Sophie brought a peachy rayon scarf and a bamboo shadow weave scarf too.**
- Chris had a recent project that she finished: a striped blanket with a heart design.**
- Lindsay had some neon placemats and said all four of her orange jackets sold and sold quickly at Show and Sale.**

**-Tom has finished weaving all his Christmas presents: placemats for his kids using yarn from his trip to Lambtown.**

**-Mindy brought her second rigid heddle project, except this one was still attached to her loom as she lost her needle.**

**-Charlotte modeled a hat and scarf using handspun. She looks very warm!**

**-Karen B told us about her purse bags made from her inkle loom and showed us her Key Fob made from a mystery yarn bag from the LA guild.**

**-Lisa is kicking off another year of her Emotional Support Chickens. This one was made with handspun from DeeDee's braids.**

**-Julie told us about a hat whose floats made the hat bunch in odd places for anyone who didn't have a small head. She then gifted the California Poppy hat to Kaye!**

**-Monica told us about her distaste of orange but wanted to use some yarn up and made an orange dishtowel that she thought turned out "not so bad."**

**The 2025 challenge is "Sunflowers" Color, season, texture- it's up to you!!**

**IX. Drawings: Terri J won the Door prize and Dale B won the Show and Tell prize.**

**X. Announcements:**

- A. The guild can send up to four delegates to the virtual HGA conference in late January. Let Monica R know if you would like to attend.**
- B. The Visalia Farmer's Market is hosting a Holiday Pop Up in December for those who want to sell their items.**
- C. Take a donated book from the donation library and make a project, then sell both at Show and Sale next year.**
- D. The Holiday Bazaar in Three Rivers is another good selling opportunity coming up.**
- E. Marta is hosting a Country Christmas Boutique on November 30 in the Madera area.**

**XI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by President Julie M at 11:03.**

## News from Our Vice-President and Program Chairman, Monica!



Thank you for an incredible study of all things **ORANGE**! Wow! We have an amazing group of people who will rise to a challenge and create belts, scarves, placemats, towels, blankets, and even an orange emotional support chicken. **Aren't You Glad You Used Orange?**

Thanks, Dee Dee for the challenge. We look forward to Dee Dee and Terri's 2025 challenge: **Sunflowers!** Think **SUNFLOWER!** This snippet is from **Calendar Girls**, a movie from the early 2000's.

The flowers of Yorkshire are like the women of Yorkshire. Every stage of their growth has its own beauty, but the last phase is always the most glorious.

Then very quickly they all go to seed.

Which makes it ironic. My favorite flower isn't even indigenous to the British Isles, let alone Yorkshire. I don't think there is anything on this planet that more trumpets life than the sunflower. For me, that's because of the reasons behind its name.

Not because it looks like the sun but because it follows the sun. During the course of the day, the head tracks the journey of the sun across the sky.

A satellite dish to sunshine.

Wherever light is, no matter how weak, these flowers will find it. And that's such an admirable thing and such a lesson in life.

Contemplate the season, the colors, the role, the texture, the lesson... or another interpretation. It is wide open! Enjoy thinking about this challenge. You have until November 8, 2025, to create and celebrate the **SUNFLOWER!**

**December's meeting is always very busy and fun!** To help with the planning, I will send out a *GOOGLE* form to help us count tables and create a welcoming atmosphere for all. Please complete the form by December 8<sup>th</sup>.

First, we have a short meeting. Then we enjoy a potluck. Look through those beloved cookbooks and find something you would like to share with your guild friends. Please indicate on the *GOOGLE* form whether your dish/crockpot will need electricity. Your guild provides Hot Apple Cider, Hot Chocolate, Coffee.

With tummies full, we laugh and play an untraditional gift exchange. Of course, it is an optional activity (but everyone takes delight). Bring a wrapped gift worth no more than \$20, but **no identifying tag**. Put it on the *GIFT* table and wait for the fun to start!

We will also accept donations of hats, scarves, mittens, and other handmade items for those in our communities who might need a little warmth and TLC this season. This is an optional opportunity.

**Finally**, by demand, we will hold the **HWOTV Holiday Boutique** for the third year in a row! If you have handmade items from Show and Sale or just 'cause and would like to share them with guild friends, price them and bring your bank. You are your own banker and chief negotiator. Let us know you are interested in participating so we can order the correct number of tables.

Remember, watch for the *GOOGLE* link by the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. If you don't want to do *GOOGLE*, please email or text me.

Do you have questions about the December meeting activities? Please ask (rooksworld@sbcglobal.net).

## **Programs**

Looking forward to 2025, we have sunflowers, some felting, inspiration, Christmas in July, dyeing, and oh, so much more!

EXTRA! EXTRA! folks, please bring your projects! Share the many things you have learned with the other members. We would love to learn from you!

HGA will hold its Virtual Guild Development Retreat on **Saturday, January 25, 2025**, (8AM-4PM). This one-day virtual learning experience is designed to educate, motivate, and inspire fiber art guilds and their leadership. Through panels and discussions, HGA hopes to strengthen guild leadership, unite organizations, and provide a platform for the sharing of ideas. If this opportunity tickles your fancy, please let Julie or Monica know.

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Here is a message from our own DeeDee King:

BREAKING NEWS!

After an amazing response from our guild members to this year's Orange challenge, I am excited to announce the challenge for 2025: SUNFLOWERS. I can hardly wait to see what our amazing weavers/spinners/felters create using sunflowers as a focus for their inspiration. You could use color, shape, or even emotion to point the way to your creations. By the way, when I researched a bit about sunflowers, I discovered that they come in many colors; rust, yellow, red, and even orange. The centers of the flowers can be a rich brown to a black. Don't forget the snazzy black and white stripes on the seeds. The shape of sunflowers is that of the sun, which could lead you to wonderful results. Finally, how do you feel when you see cheerful sunflowers growing alongside the road or in the field?

Please remember that the yearly challenge is just for fun. There are no "rules", just use these ideas to help spark your creative process. I hope you enjoy the journey.

DeeDee King





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 for further info.

Squeekie's Regular Schedule is resuming! Plan to bring your wheels and spin up a storm on **December 20th!** Also 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 on **December 20th!**

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



Lisa Sampietro has a loom for sale; Used 24", 24 harness, AVL Dobby Workshop Loom for sale, \$2000, in good working order. Contact Lisa Sampietro lasampietro@yahoo.com





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**SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!**

