

Weave to
re-create
the past



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create for
the future

The Roving January, 2025

January, 2025 Greetings, HWOTV!

Most people use the new year as a time to try new things. I have actually ended the year, trying several new things. This summer, I tried stranded knits, and I'm not ready to give them up yet. Recently, I've done a three color pick up strap for my new purse (I've previously only done two color and plain weave on my inkle loom). About 20 years ago I made a couple of socks-they were done top down, and I quit after a couple of pairs when I got to the toe of a sock and didn't have enough yarn to finish. At the request of a cousin who to whom I owe a favor, I'm re-learning how to make them. The pattern I've chosen is toe up, and I am doing two at a time on a magic loop, so that if I run out of yarn, I can just put a new yarn at the top of the sock and pretend like it was a design choice. I've even made some improvements to the pattern! Soon I should be able to weave again (I have been on a weaving hiatus due to back surgery). A while back I had seen some rep weave mats made with fabric and seagrass. I'm not a big fan of



Guild Meeting:

**Date: January
11, 2025**

TIME: 10:00

Program:

Using Nature

as

Inspiration!

working with fabric, and I've discovered seagrass is very expensive. However, I was inspired to plan some rugs made with rug warp and jute, hemp, or twine. After looking around for a while, I discovered a good, inexpensive source of jute, so I'm going to give it a try soon, maybe even before the new year, but I've only got a couple of days for that. For the rest of you reading this, the new year is about to begin. After having tried several new things this year, I highly recommend it. It has been stimulating and enjoyable. It wasn't the safe, same old thing (even though I do enjoy the safe, same old thing!).

Julie McIntosh, President

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



**Programs**

**January 2025**

Welcome to 2025!!! 2024 was full of new learning adventures and fun activities. In December, we celebrated the holidays and each other with a very nice party jam-packed with good food, laughter, and love! Thanks!

**Catch up with other guild members between 9:30 and 10:00 on January 11<sup>th</sup>.**

The business meeting is called to order at 10:00! See you then!

As we look forward to the new year, we are excited to begin another 365 days of learning and challenging our creativity... and each other.



On **January 11<sup>th</sup>**, Hannah will present the program, **Using Nature As Inspiration**. Whether you are a weaver, spinner, felter, dyer, or knitter, Hannah's presentation will highlight how she translates nature into her inkle bands, such as Benito (see above). Perhaps you can apply some of Hannah's insight to your next special project!

♪ Make new friends and keep the old, one is silver and the other's gold. ♪

Song from a Brownie Troop

On **February 8<sup>th</sup>**, we have a special program for the month of friendship and love. Get ready to break some bread and share some warm soup as we welcome new members into our guild and reacquaint ourselves with (old) guild friends. Plan on bringing a smile, and a curiosity for others in our guild.

Back by popular demand...felt painting!. On March 8<sup>th</sup>, Judy will treat us to another felting project. Check your calendar so you can reserve an active spot in her program.

The 2025 Tentative Calendar of Programs will be published on the website after the January meeting. Sophie will also send it out to all members.

Remember, life happens, weather happens (like 2 years ago) so the calendar is a guide for our guild.

**Don't forget to pay your dues!** (individual -\$25/ family at same address- \$35). Membership forms are on the website and also at the end of this newsletter, if you wish to pay your dues on January 1<sup>st</sup>: otherwise, update your information and pay at the January meeting.



Remember to think about the 2025 challenge of Sunflowers which is due NEXT November. Consider color, texture, line, shape, space, value, and form.

The sky is the limit! GO CREATIVITY!

Have you ever heard of Roc Day or Distaff Day? It falls on January 7<sup>th</sup> of 2025.

There is a nice article by Anne Merrow in the January 2024 issue of Spin-off.

<https://spinoffmagazine.com/saint-distaffs-day-rocks/>



(Engraving of Old Woman with a Distaff by Enea Vico after Parmigianino. Courtesy of the National Gallery of Art, Gift of W.G. Russell Allen.)

If you would like to join the spinning action on Roc/Distaff Day, we will be **celebrating at the Exeter Library on January 7<sup>th</sup> from 10-12.** For those who would like to try spinning, the Exeter Library (230 E. Chestnut Ave, Exeter) has an Ashford Spinning Wheel. They allow visitors to use it during library hours. At noon, you might shop downtown Exeter OR go to lunch with friends!

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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 for further info.

Squeekie's Schedule is temporarily changed this month! Plan to bring your wheels and spin up a storm on **January 7th to celebrate ROC Day** and then we have our other Squeekie get-together **January 24th from 10-12.** (The Library is closed on the 17th; we will resume our regular days next month.) 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 **January 7th & January 24th!**

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



No items for sale this month; let me know if you have any items you wish to sell.



SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!



(See below for membership form)

MEMBERSHIP FORM - Handweavers of the Valley

Please complete the following HWOTV Membership Form & return with payment of dues:

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