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the past



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## The Roving

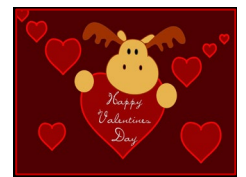
February, 2025

February, 2025 Greetings, HWOTV!

I was recently watching a post-apocalyptic drama (after an atomic war). This drama took place immediately following the world-wide violence. Things like food were in short supply, but people who survived still had their clothes, blankets, cloth furnishings, etc. However, I couldn't help thinking that if I were in that situation, I would have the skills to be a productive member of society in a way that not a lot of people are prepared to contribute. Of course, I have no wish for that to happen! And I don't think that is going to be a selling point for getting new members, either. Our society is now so dependent on manufacturing and technology, that it is satisfying to create things in a more traditional fashion.

Julie McIntosh, President

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Board Meeting to Discuss Budget – 9:00AM



**Guild Meeting:**

**Date: February  
8, 2025**

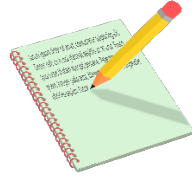
**TIME: 10:00**

**Program:**

**Meet new  
friends &  
greet the old!**

**(Plus lunch)**

**Board Mtg-9:00**



## **If you weren't able to attend January's Guild meeting, here are the Minutes:**

Handweavers of the Valley

General Meeting Notes

1/11/2025

### I. Call to order:

Meeting called to order by President Julie McIntosh at 10:00.

### II. Guests/New Members:

Sharon Ferrar from Hanford is a new spinner

### III. Minutes 12/14/24:

**Motion**: Accept the December minutes. Toni moves/ Sophie seconds/  
passes

IV. Treasurer's report. Ending balance of 12,873.63. No income and rent was the only expense in December.

**Motion**: Accept Treasurer's Report. Nikki moves/ Charlotte seconds/ passes.

### V. Old Business.

A. Volunteers are needed for a Bylaws Revision Committee. Please email Julie McIntosh for suggestions of any changes. Current bylaws in last email.

B. The Small Looms weaving group is now meeting the third Thursday a month from 5-7 at Walnut Park Senior Living Community in Visalia.

### V. Committee Reports

C. Library. New books in the library.

D. Workshops/programs. New programs for 2025 are felting with Judy, dyeing, and Tour de Fleece.

1. Next meeting will be Friendship February. Bring materials to make a new lanyard. Email Monica to sign up to bring items for luncheon.
2. Red Hot Topic is a 5 to 10 minute “taste” of a topic. Will be presented after New Business.

E. Show and Sale. Email proposed changes to Monica; will discuss in February and vote on in March. To sell you must have dues paid by April 30th. Show and Sale info can be found on the website.

F. Historian. No new info, Hannah will make contact with the Jackson family.

V. New Business.

G. Membership dues due today

H. Officers. Laura will replace Hannah as secretary, Amy will replace Donna as treasurer.

**Motion:** Ratify new officer appointments until the end of current term.  
DeeDee moves/ Terri seconds/ passes.

C. Arveda Spina’s Fleeces. She donated 15 tubs of fleeces. We need to process clean fleece, contact Julie if you know of a mill.

C. Steamer for sale \$40. Contact Nikki to purchase.

VIII. Drawings:

Terri won the door prize, Joy won the sharing prize

IX. Show and Tell:

Mazlyn showed a lanyard and keychain she make using her inkle loom, Kathleen shared two new clothing items and her woven yardage, Laura showed her new supported spindle, Sophie shared beautiful shadow weave scarf in bamboo, Joy showed beaded gourd inspired by the sunflowers theme, and Julie shared her spun merino and silk yarn.

- X. Announcements
  - A. Toni Best offering a class, info on website.
  - B. HGA virtual retreat on January 25, up to 4 people can attend, contact Julie.
- X. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Break

XII. Program

- A. Using Nature as Inspiration by Hannah:

Questions to ask yourself: Is this going to be abstract or realistic? What is your focus: color, design, feature, texture? Do I have the yarn in my stash? Will this be a plain weave or pick up? Images from nature calendars were used to practice. Info on using programs like Canva to extract color themes from photos.

- B. Red Hot Topic by Lisa:

Overshot Weaving. Lisa shared info on extended twill weaving with designs created by Bertha Gray Hayes. Samples of her first projects were shared. She suggested starting with a coaster.

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



**Thanks to all who paid the 2025 dues. If you have not paid dues, please do so today by mailing your**

[check using the coupon at the end of this newsletter!](#)

## Programs:

### February 2025

Thanks to the Rock (ROC) Stars who joined together for a great time of Spinning on Roc Day or Distaff Day. The group spun for almost three hours and then met for a celebratory lunch in lovely Exeter! What a nice way to get back into the groove and begin the new year.

In January, we thoroughly enjoyed the talk on using nature to inspire work from Hannah. Not only did she offer her gorgeous photos of nature, but her process to translate the photograph's subject into a weaving. Hopefully, all have used Hannah's practice exercise to tease out the focus, the intent (abstract or realistic), the materials, the method of execution. There were many deep conversations about nature and inspiration in the audience during this activity. Well done! Thanks for your thoughtfulness and inspiration!

Lisa set the tone for our RED HOT TOPIC! Wow! In 10 short minutes, Lisa presented the work of BERTHA GRAY HAYES. Not only did we learn about this amazing designer, Lisa offered the audience additional information about overshot, Structo looms, and many rich resources. Her information was enough to activate curiosity! Have you completed your Bertha Gray Hayes-inspired project yet? Get on it!

February's program will allow us to meet new friends and keep the old near to our hearts. We should have NEW name tags and badge sleeves for all members. It is also a time to make your new cording or lanyard for the spiffy new tags. The program will offer time to work on a

lanyard/band/cord/braid as a way to adorn your name tag so bring your inkle loom and yarn OR your spool knitting and yarn OR your kumihimo disk (there will be extras) and yarn OR a lucet and yarn OR a rope machine (there will be at least one available for use) and yarn OR a completely different idea. Do you have to finish this project in an hour? No! This is a chance to gab and work... get to know someone else or inspire or be inspired.

Lunch will follow. We will have a variety of warm soups and bread with dessert. If you forgot to sign up for a soup or dessert at January's meeting, please email [rooksworld@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rooksworld@sbcglobal.net) and let us know what you will share at the February lunch-meeting!

Thanks to those who offered to bring items. A reminder (we all need them) will go out on February 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>!

In March (3/8/25), we will offer another program on felt painting. As we look toward Spring, Judy will teach us how to paint California Golden Poppies using wool. If you would like to participate, please sign up at the February meeting so she can make the correct number of kits. Contact Judy or Monica to sign up if you won't be attending the February meeting. To save resources, Judy is requesting those who participated in the last felt painting program and participating in this one to bring your needles and felting pad along with scissors and a towel. If you want to watch, please feel free to stay and observe the process. It is a pretty amazing experience!



In April, Dee Dee will be helping us look at a 4 shaft Summer and Winter project. As she teaches, Dee Dee will offer insight into reading drafts, floating selvages (do you really need them?), and wise yarn choices. The plan is to warp this project on your home loom, weave it, finish it, and share it with the guild in June, just before the Summer Solstice. Of course, there are always strange encounters in weaving. We want to hear about them in June AND we want to hear of your successes.

### **SHOW AND SALE**

There is a Timeline for Show and SALE on our website, [www.hwotv.org](http://www.hwotv.org)  
Take a peek!

**If anyone would like to propose a change to the rules, please contact Monica by February 3<sup>rd</sup>.** It will be introduced in writing at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will vote on any changes in March.

### **2025 TENTATIVE CALENDAR**

The Tentative calendar is also on the website (cleaner version to print off for the fridge).

## 2025 Tentative Calendar

-Dates	Times	Place	RED HOT TOPIC (10 minutes max)	Program	Presenter	Rooms needed
January 11, 2025*	9:30 a.m. Social Time 10:00 a.m.	Exeter Veterans Memorial Building South Room	Write Any Verse (Jill)	Using Nature as Inspiration	Hannah	1
February 8, 2025*	9:30 a.m. Social Time 10:00 a.m. Meeting	EVMB South Room	How to read a draft/ Pinnacles	February Fun (with lunch)	Guild	2
March 8, 2025*	9:30 a.m. Social Time 10:00 a.m. Meeting	EVMB South Room	None	Felt Painting	Judy	1
March 29 & 30 2025		Tulare County		South Valley Art Tour		0
April 12, 2025	9:30 a.m. Social Time 10:00 a.m. Meeting	EVMB South Room	Where to Buy Fibers (Suzanne Wheat)	Summer and Winter Sampler How to read a draft/ floating notedges/frame	Dee Dee	1
May 10, 2025	9:30 a.m. Social Time 10:00 a.m. Meeting	EVMB South Room	What is Novelty?	Get ready for Tour de Fleece	Laurie	1
June 14, 2025*	9:30 a.m. Social Time 10:00 a.m. Meeting	EVMB South Room	Color Dyeing	It's Summer...Let's experience YOUR Summer and Winter	Guild	1
July 12, 2025	10:00 a.m. Meeting	EVMB South Room	Legging Revisited	Christmas in July... Novel Ornaments	Guild	1
August 9, 2025	9:30 a.m. Social Time 10:00 a.m. Meeting	EVMB South Room	Taping Resources (Dore)	NEGT	Lisa T	1
September 13, 2025	9:30 a.m. Social Time 10:00 a.m. Meeting/Tour	EVMB South Room	A Fibers Art Book Lists Karee (Christine)	Ice Dyeing	Guild	1
September 2025		Tulare Fairgrounds		Tulare County Fair: Outreach?		0
October 6-12, 2025		Tulare/Kings County		Spinning and Weaving Week	HGA/HWOTV	0
October 11, 2025	9:30 a.m. Social Time 10:00 a.m. Meeting/Tour	EVMB South Room		Show and Sale Prep...technology, kid projects, marketing, presentation...	Guild Mentors	1
October 25, 2025	No Meeting	EVMB All Rooms		SHOW AND SALE	Guild-ALL HANDS- ON DECK	ALL
November 8, 2025	9:30 a.m. Social Time 10:00 a.m. Meeting	EVMB South Room	Do Squeekie Thoughts	Year of the Sunflower Challenge Reveal	Guild	1
December 13, 2025*	9:30 a.m. Social Time 10:00 a.m. Meeting	EVMB South Room	Other	Celebration/Party	Guild	1
Squeekie Wheels Meets Third Friday of Each Month				Kaweah Konnection meets Second Wednesday of Each Month		
Related Community Events			Tentative- please refer to the Roving or Social Media for updates			

\*Board Meeting at 9:15 (Please check newsletter/social media/website for confirmation)



**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 Wheels has resumed our regular schedule!** Plan to bring your wheels and spin up a storm on **February 21<sup>st</sup>** at 10:00 and then our second Squeekie get-together **February 28<sup>th</sup>** at 3:30. 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](mailto:sophieab@sbcglobal.net)  
See you on **February 21<sup>st</sup> & February 28<sup>th</sup>!**

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:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY- State \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

ZIPCODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: HOME (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CELL (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

RENEWAL ( ) NEW MEMBER ( )

WEAVER ( ) SPINNER ( ) DYER ( ) OTHER ( )

DUES

Individuals \$25.00 Family \$35.00

AMOUNT PAID \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: HWOTV**

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