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The best part of our show and sale is the active hands-on participation of so many guild members. We all get to be goodwill ambassadors for our guild and all of the beautiful fiber arts we make. As time goes on, our bodies change and it becomes more difficult to do the physical parts of spinning and weaving like we used to do. Looking forward, I would love for our guild to actively find ways for EVERY guild member to continue participating in the show and sale. Would it be possible to rearrange the bits and pieces concept a bit, perhaps by having an area where individual guild members can sit and sell their one or two favorite items they have made? Have a place where they can visit with guests, talk about why they love fiber arts and actively provide advice and encouragement to wannabe fiber artists. Perhaps offer a 10 minute (maximum) RED Hot Topic talk by a member every half hour to share some fabulous information. Allow a little more latitude to allow their one or two items for sale to be something hand knit or crocheted with commercial yarn, if that is something they have invested many hours to make and they are trying to pare down an accumulated stash of yarn at home. Let's make a special and honored place at the table where our guild member, present and future, will always be welcome to join in the fun of show and sale.

#2

For the 2025 Harvest of Handwovens Show and Sale (as an experiment), I propose that we allow, hand-knit or crocheted items using commercial yarns and marked as such. To ensure quality, I propose a jury of 3, to be named, to review the items beginning in September and concluding on October 24th.