

Weave to
re-create
the past



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the future

The Roving

October, 2025

October, 2025 Greetings, HWOTV!

My husband is not a big fan of going to a party or event where teachers will be socializing with each other and bringing their spouses and significant others. One of his reasons is that he often has no clue what we're talking about, because we use so many education-specific words.

Handweavers of the Valley is gearing up to do a lot of public outreach this month between Spinning and Weaving in Public Week, the Taste of Visalia event, and Show & Sale. One thing that we need to remember is to be careful of speaking weaverese or spinnerese or felterese, etc. Just like teachers, religious people, military personnel, and any other group with lots of specific vocabulary, we need to be careful not to talk about what we do in a way that nobody else can understand it. For example, "Yes, this scarf is woven with



Guild Meeting:

**Date: October
11, 2025**

**Time: 10:00
AM**

**Where: Exeter
Memorial
Building**

**Program:
Preparing for
Show & Sale!**

shadow weave, and when I warped the loom, I sleyed the reed with 15 EPI. The pattern called for eight heddles, but I redesigned the tie up so I could use only six." or "Well this is a Rambouillet, and so of course the fiber behaves differently. For this one I decided to dye the roving in a braid, and I didn't full it or split it before I started spinning. It's been quite a project!" If you talk like that about your projects to the public, they will have no idea what you were saying! I have a challenge for you: before you attend a public event this month, try testing it out on a friend or relative who doesn't know a thing about your craft. Try explaining a few things and have them stop you every time you say something they don't understand. You may be surprised at how much fiberese you use!

PS - Over the past two years, HWOTV has added many wonderful members to our guild. One such addition was Tom F. At 92 years young, he embraced our group, our love of fiber arts, and shared much with us. Nancy and Family wanted us to know that Tom passed on August 3rd. She thanked US for the love, attention, and encouragement we gave to Tom. Tom reciprocated with humor, wisdom, encouragement and inspiration. Please keep Nancy and her family in your thoughts and prayers. We will miss Tom, the twinkle in his eye, and his many amazing woven projects.

Julie McIntosh, President

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



**Ice Dyeing Day** was a wonderful success. It was filled with enthusiasm and all the colors of the rainbow. Thanks to all! Members helped set up the materials and cleaned up. Wow! What teamwork!!

Do not forget to bring your projects to the October meeting for our Show and Tell portion of the meeting. Share the experience with all!

**October is a very very busy month!** Not only do we have to get ready for the Show and Sale, but we have several outreach events so please read the newsletter carefully!

### **PROGRAMS**

**Our October meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>** will be focused on the smooth delivery of Show and Sale. We will have several topics including pricing, display ideas, ideas for photographing your items for Social Media. For those who will be demonstrating or working in the Hands-On area, we will have training and practice in Kumihimo, cardboard loom weaving, straw weaving, and DVD weaving. You will be an expert before you leave the meeting.

At the meeting, we will collect the handmade ornaments. Make sure you have a price on your item(s) - yes, you can donate more than one ornament. Remember, these ornaments will be sold and the proceeds will benefit Cancer Research.

**Also**, if you have any knitted/crocheted items you would like to be juried, please bring them, finished and ready for show.

**November** is always a fun meeting. On November 8th we will have our **Midwestern Sunflower Challenge** (thank you Dee Dee and Terri) reveal! If you haven't started, the challenge is to incorporate the elegant sunflower into your work! Simple, yes. Complex, perhaps. Do-able, definitely!

**Don't forget to bring your Summer and Winter sampler, along with notes about the process.**

**December 13<sup>th</sup> is our party!** 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), and gift exchange (\$20 maximum). It is always a very nice event so put it on your calendar now!

## SPINNING AND WEAVING WEEK

Celebrate Spinning and Weaving Week (OCTOBER 6-12, 2025). 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 fun-filled events!!!  
Celebrate Spinning and Weaving Week Schedule

| Date             | October 6<br>Monday                                  | October 7<br>Tuesday                                     | October 8<br>Wednesday                                      | October 9<br>Thursday                                                 | October 10<br>Friday                         | October 11<br>Saturday                  |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Location         | Visalia Panera 4103 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia, CA 93277 | Orange Cove Library 815 Park Blvd, Orange Cove, CA 93646 | Tulare Co Library, Visalia 200 W Oak Ave, Visalia, CA 93291 | Mendozas, 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                                                     | 10:30AM-1~ish                                                         | 10AM-12                                      | 9:30-12:00                              |
| Contact Person   | Knitting Grp                                         | Charlotte                                                | Laurie K                                                    | Sophie                                                                | Veronica                                     | Julie                                   |
| Things to bring! | Suggested Items                                      | Suggested Items                                          | Suggested Items                                             | Suggested Items                                                       | Suggested Items                              | Ice dye items and questions about S & S |

### TASTE OF VISALIA

Have an extra hand? We need you to volunteer for our Taste of Visalia on **October 18<sup>th</sup>**. That's a Saturday, in the Garden Street Plaza area. We meet the public from 10 AM -5 PM. Please consider volunteering your time and talents. Stay the whole day and enjoy the vibe OR volunteer 2 ½ hours or so, and enjoy a quicky vibe. We

will be demonstrating our love of fiber arts and offering lessons on several easy projects.

### **SHOW AND SALE**

Please consider loaning the Show and Sale extra mannequins, easels, or stands. In the last years, many have generously offered items to other members of the guild for use --- wherever. Please take an inventory of your display items and offer them at the October meeting.

Postcards will be mailed shortly. Share posters and postcards with your community's shops. If you would like to post a few in your community, please contact Nikki or Monica. We 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 and description of one (or more) of your beautiful handmade items and they will post it. Social Media is a great way to inform the public of our event.

Judy A is asking for the Informational Posters documenting your beloved fiber arts process. Make a new poster (foam core board at the Dollar Tree) or freshen last year's. These posters ignite wonder in our guests; they serve as an educational tool.

Laurie K is looking for Inspirational Gallery items. These items are for display (NFS) only. She will need them on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Sharon F is curating Weaver's Attic 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 (10/24/25) or bring smaller items to the meeting (10-11-2025) as Sharon is willing to store them. If you have larger/heavier items please let Sharon know so she can plan the space.

You may still purchase a Bits and Pieces (\$25) table or a place at the Community Table (\$5). They are available until the end of the guild meeting (10-11-25).

| Area                        | Coordinator |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Demonstrators               | Amy P       |
| Inspirational Gallery Items | Laurie K    |

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| Donations for Weaver's Attic | Sharon F           |
| Informational Posters        | Judy A             |
| Outreach Area (Kids Area)    | Kaye, Peggy, Mindy |
| Community Table              | Lisa T             |

We always need extra hands and great brains. If you have the time, even a few hours, volunteer your talents to these coordinators. All would appreciate your help!

Thank you!

**PLEASE MEET**

**My name is Kaye Leavens.** I taught myself to knit at age 10. I made a blue variegated uneven lap blanket. I had many mistakes or "love spots" but I was hooked. I still knit every day. I crochet as well. I also sew. I have created macrame pieces and quilted. My mother had two family quilt tops that did not get done. I felt the best thing to do was to make table toppers, and runners to share with all the ladies in our family. With the scraps, I also made small hanging hearts to share with the girls. What a joy it was to know that our family's dresses, aprons, and men's shirts will be with us forever. I have been married to Rick for 53 years. We have 3 kids, 8 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. I worked in the medical field for 30 years. I enjoy my senior life... doing all I want to do! Blessings!

**AND...**

**I am Donna Hilligas.** I did the metal potholder looms as a kid and finished them! I started to sew in school. I think I was in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. I started to crochet in my 30's because my husband, Don, was at sea and I needed something to do. I started to weave in my late 60's. Jan Finrock showed me how to weave. I love it! I started weaving scarves and went to baby blankets because my daughter was having a baby, and I liked doing that. Don and Jan got me into weaving. I was married to Don. Sadly, he passed recently. We have 4 kids, only one of my daughters is interested in weaving. For years, I was working as a medical repair tech (medical machines) in San Diego. When we moved to Porterville in the 90's and Jan took me to the guild and here I am!!!





**Kaweah Konnection:** Kaweah Konnection meets the 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!** We are baccckk! Remember to check out the Spinning and Weaving in Public schedule for the month. Our regular day - October 17th - will be at the Exeter Public Library 10:00.

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The following items are NOT for sale; they will be **given away** by a very kind lady in Three Rivers who does not weave. They were previously owned by another weaver who gave them to the current owner. One is a 60-62 inch Macomber floor loom.

The other looks like it may be handmade but with some TLC, should be functional. See pictures below.

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**SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!**

