

Weave to
re-create
the past



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the future

The Roving

March, 2026

March 2026 Greetings, HWOTV!

A message from our President, Sharon:

March is the month when fiber artists begin emerging from winter hibernation,. . . . usually surrounded by yarn, fleece, cones of thread, mysterious bags of wool, and at least three projects that seemed like a brilliant idea in December. By now many of us have reached an important seasonal milestone: realizing we started more projects than winter actually had days. Somewhere in our homes there is:

- A knitted scarf that only needs “ten more rows.”
- A bobbin of handspun that was supposed to become a second bobbin... months ago.
- A loom patiently waiting for the rest of the warp to be threaded.
- A felting project that currently resembles a slightly confused wool pancake.



Guild Meeting:

**Date: March
14, 2026**

Time: 10:00 AM

Where:

**Arvada's House
Springville, CA**

Program:

**Road Trip to
Springville**

● And fiber we absolutely do not remember buying.
Spring has a way of renewing our motivation. Suddenly we feel inspired to organize our yarn, finish projects, clean the spinning wheel, dress the loom, and make sensible crafting decisions. This feeling usually lasts about 12 minutes, right up until we see beautiful new fiber.

Guild meetings are one of the few places where the following statements are completely normal:

- “I’ll just spin a little before bed.”
- “Warping didn’t take as long as I expected... only three days.”
- “It looked easier in the felting tutorial.”
- “I meant to knit a small sample, but now it’s becoming a blanket.”

And of course, the classic: “I’m not buying anymore fiber until I use what I have.” I have found that fiber people are extraordinary problem solvers. We can calculate yardage, estimate twist per inch, troubleshoot loom tension, rescue dropped stitches, and hold entire conversations while counting stitches. More importantly, we encourage each other, admire beautiful work, laugh at our mistakes, and occasionally enable each other’s “entirely reasonable” fiber purchases. As we head into spring, bring:

- Your spinning experiments
- Your weaving projects
- Your felted creations
- Your knitting and crochet works in progress
- And any fiber you are willing to admit followed you home

Remember, in this guild no project is judged, no fiber purchase is questioned, and every tangled skein, fleece, or warp eventually finds its destiny. Until we meet againmay your yarn stay untangled, your bobbins full, your selvages straight, and your felting shrink exactly the amount you planned.

Sharon Farrar, President



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



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." — **Winston Churchill**

Thank you for making Friendship February a special day. Thanks to all who made and brought the food and desserts. Folks were very generous! All were appreciated and yummy. There was a nice hum during lunch as the conversation bounced back and forth at each table. It was nice to see members making connections with other bright faced members. Thank you!

We have new members and long-term friends who have experienced important life changes in the last year. Don't forget to bring the completed writing task to the next meeting or send to rooksworld@sbcglobal.net. The prompts are suggestions. Don't forget your name and all your fiber interests. Share only what you are comfortable sharing. Remember, this task is about getting to know all about you!

Learn about *Austin C*, one of our youngest and newest members, later in the newsletter.

Who supports/ surrounds/inspires you (family, friends, pets) in your world

What you do/did in your professional life and what were the most important skills you developed

What you enjoy doing, besides fiber arts

As you look forward to 2026, what do you want to accomplish or what are you anticipating (does not have to be fiber related)

What Fiber skills do you have and which ones do you use most often

What skill or skills do you want to pass on to others (public, guild members, family, friends)

Have you begun your project, Roses in January and June? Let us know how you are doing with the planning or the threading of this very fun weave structure. Please remember to reach out to your guild, if you are experiencing challenges. Don't forget you will bring your effort in June and share with the guild. Have fun experimenting, learning, and creating.

Programs

In March, we are going on a road trip to Arvada's home. Arvada is an old (but young at heart) friend of HWOTV. Although she is no longer able to join us at the meetings and such, she is opening her home to our guild. We will spin, card, weave, and/or knit in the foothills above Springville (near Scicon). So, remember to bring your favorite current project ready to share with our members.

Watch for the map and instructions to Arvada's home which will be sent separately, as it is private and the Roving is posted on the World Wide Web. Out of respect for our hostess, Arvada (and her husband), please follow the parking instructions included in the map.

Remember the guild's calendar is tentative ... because life happens.

There may be a change in plans for the April meeting. We have been invited to the Tulare County Museum Jamboree on April 11th. At our February meeting, a member suggested we all meet at Mooney Grove (10 AM) for a brief meeting and offer community outreach at the same time. The Jamboree is 10-3. We have participated in this event for the

last 2 or 3 years. The guild will discuss the pros and cons of this opportunity and post the decision in April's Roving.

Show and Sale

Remember, if you are planning on selling at Show and Sale (October 24, 2026), your dues must be paid by April 30th.

Mark your calendars now for October 23rd and 24th. We need the help of all members. All members can be a part of our Show and Sale; you have much to give!

It looks as if the format of our Show and Sale will remain very similar to what it has been in the past 3 years.

We will continue the Giving Tree (make and donate Christmas or Holiday ornaments) which will benefit charity.

Again, the Community Table will be available to anyone who would like to gain experience of selling (two pieces of) work.

With the vote of the members in February, we will continue allowing juried knitted items using commercial yarns, as we did in 2025.

There will be a short meeting in May to address questions and concerns. At the end of the meeting on June 13th, applications for Show and Sale will open. We will try to keep booth size/prices the same as we have in the past 4 years.

Show and Sale Timeline

January - Discuss post card and poster changes with Nikki/Publicity

February -

March -

April 30th - Dues must be paid to participate as a seller at Show and Sale.

May - Short meeting for questions, concerns.

June 13th - End of meeting- Applications open.

July 30th - Begin Social Media Campaign.

July & August - Ask for volunteers to spin, weave, demonstrate, music, odd jobs, prize basket, Weaver's Attic

September 12th - End of guild meeting- Booth applications due.

October 10th - End of guild meeting- Bits and Pieces applications due.

October 23rd - Set up for Show and Sale

October 24th - SHOW AND SALE

November - Surveys due

The Bag Challenge

This month's bag pattern is brought to you by Laurie. She has an amazing library of bags, bags and more bags. Remember, you do not have to make every single bag pattern. You do you! Just have fun with the discovery, decision-making, and creation of the Challenge Project!
<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/maze-pouch-cosmetic-bag>

Please Meet...

Hello! **My name is Austin Cronk** and my hometown is Hanford, CA. I attend school at Reedley College. I'm currently studying Animal Science to go to Vet School to be a livestock veterinarian.

I first started working on wool arts about a year ago when I was in high school. My Ag teacher, Ms. Rook, introduced me to Shetland Wool Sheep. Currently, I own two Shetlands. I process the wool from raw wool to yarn. I did get myself into inkle weaving which is currently my favorite fiber art activity. I am also a Sheep and Goat Herdsman at Reedley College, so I live on the campus farm.

People who inspire me in wool arts are all the people in HWOTV guild. I love seeing their creations. Monica Rook has had a big impact on my life regarding wool arts. She gifted me a wool carder and a cricket loom,

which I love. She and other members of Squeekie Wheels taught me how to spin.

My goal later in life is to attend vet school and pass. I would like to continue to work with sheep and other livestock. I am so grateful to be a part of the HWOTV Guild.

Thanks, Everyone!

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**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!** Two days for Squeekies this month: the 20th at 10:00 AM and the 27th at 3:30 - both at the Exeter Library. Remember also - there is an extra spinning wheel there for anyone who wants to try this wonderful, satisfying craft!

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From Donna Smith:

8 harness Dorothy Loom (Re-furbished) w/table \$350

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24" 4-harness Structo Loom (Re-furbished) \$150

Contact: Donna Smith

Springvilledonna@gmail.com or 559-359-5450 (leave message). (See pics below)





SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!