

Weave to
re-create
the past



Weave to
create for
the future

The Roving May, 2026

May 2026 Greetings, HWOTV!

A message from our President, Sharon:

May arrives with energy and momentum. Where April invited us to begin, May encourages us to keep going, refine our skills, and bring our ideas more fully to life.

By now, many of us have projects underway. Some are moving along smoothly, while others may be testing our patience. This is the stage where persistence matters most. The middle of any project, (whether spinning, weaving, dyeing, or stitching) is where real craftsmanship is developed. It's where we make adjustments, solve problems, and often discover unexpected beauty in the process.

I was reminded of the strength of our shared craft and community during a recent



Guild Meeting:

**Date: May 9,
2026**

Time: 10:00 AM

**(Board Meeting
9:30)**

**Where: Veteran's
Memorial
building, Exeter,
CA**

Program:

Protein

DYE Day

business trip to Las Vegas. With a little time to spare, I visited a local yarn shop and found not just beautiful fibers, but a circle of knitters gathered together. Without hesitation, they welcomed me to sit and join them. It was a simple moment, but a powerful one, an immediate sense of belonging created through a shared love of fiber.

That lovely experience stayed with me. No matter where we go, fiber people have a way of finding one another and building connection. It's a reminder that what we have in this guild is something truly special: a community grounded in creativity, generosity, and a willingness to share both knowledge and time.

As a guild, this is a wonderful time to strengthen those connections. I encourage you to share what you're working on, the successes and the challenges alike. A quick conversation, a show-and-tell, or a simple question can spark new ideas and help someone else move forward.

If you've been considering getting more involved, May is a great time to step in. Volunteer for a small role, contribute to a discussion, or help welcome a new member. These small actions are what sustain and grow our guild. Most importantly, take time to enjoy the work of your hands. In a busy world, the act of creating something tangible remains both grounding and meaningful. Whether your pace is fast or slow, every thread you spin or weave adds to your journey.

Thank you for continuing to make this guild a vibrant, generous, and inspiring place.

Sharon Farrar, President

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



*"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands  
— one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." — --  
-Audrey Hepburn*

Thanks to all who joined the guild for the Tulare County Museum Jamboree. Attendance at Mooney Grove, even with uncertain weather, was estimated to be 600+ people, so we had many curious folks stopping by our area. As always, the idea of spinning, dyeing, weaving, and making is foreign to most folks. Outreach and education will always be important.

Thanks to Lisa for donating the canning jars for the dye day. They came in handy as vessels for the dye stock.

**PROGRAMS**

Our protein dye day will be May 9th. The goal is to offer experience to those who may not have the set-up to experiment with dye. The lovely thing is that ALL willing members will have the opportunity to try one or both dye techniques.

**Dye Day Reminders:**

May 9, 2026

- HWOTV covers most items (dye, gloves, plastic wrap, bags and so on). You bring the fleece/yarn.
- Bring protein fiber (yarn or roving) This includes silk, camel, yak, alpaca, wool, and qiviut.
- Wear old clothes/shoes and possibly a work apron.
- Consider a lingerie bag to contain fiber- mark it (Daiso in Visalia has a nice assortment at a low price).
- Magic pot will be managed by Lindsay /other guild members will manage the Microwave.
- For those who have not established a fiber source, Dee Dee plans to have 4-ounce balls of fiber available from her stash for \$5. She will have Targhee, Falkland and possibly some Rambouillet! Great opportunity! Great price! Thanks so much, Dee Dee!

Also on May 9th, please bring scrap yarn acrylic, wool, cotton, thick, thin, pretty or not-so-pretty for our Red Hot Topic (twining). This will add to a weaver's skill set, offering a nice efficient way to finish an edge.

**In June, the 13th to be exact**, we will have the Rosepath reveal... bring the Rosepath project you began sometime after January's meeting along with stories- negative and positive, and thoughts about Rosepath. Inspire someone in the guild with your project and reflections.

**Tour de Fleece is coming in July**, for those who are interested. With that information, Laurie will present the July program on Fractal Spinning.

## **SHOW AND SALE**

Show and Sale is October 24, 2026. We typically set up the area on Friday. This year's set-up will be Friday, October 23, 2026, at 9:30 AM.

**If you are planning on selling** at Show and Sale, remember that our by-laws state that guild membership dues are to be paid by April 30th. Show and Sale applications will open after the meeting on June 13th. The price for booths will remain \$75. If you are not selling, think about what you would like to add or contribute to the day. Please consider showing your work in the Inspirational Gallery (see Laurie K) or helping with set-up, serving as an attendant for Weaver's Attic, Welcoming Table, or even the Quiet Room. There is a task for everyone.:

**Set Up Transformation:** Friday Morning to Saturday Morning

### **(SHOW AND SALE, CONT'D)**

In the heat of Summer, think of Christmas or the Holidays. Make Holiday or Christmas ornaments to donate and sell on the Giving Tree. In 2025, proceeds went to Roger Goode Cancer Treatment Center in Porterville, in honor of our former treasurer, Donna. Please start thinking of a deserving charity. We will nominate and vote on a charity later.

Don't forget to do your Spring cleaning before it gets too hot. While sorting, make a pile or box of yarn and fiber. Donate this box to the Weaver's Attic, an immensely popular place at Show and Sale. The proceeds of Weaver's Attic help fund the guild's mission. Thank you for your donations.

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Lisa spinning and watching the Giving Tree at the 2025 Show and Sale!

Inspirational Gallery

2 Tables

Guild members sorting and cleaning donations for the 2025 Show and Sale's Weaver's Attic!

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**PLEASE MEET...**

SUSAN TURNBULL (joined in 2025)

I have friends and family who encourage me in all my pursuits. I was an elementary school teacher for 15 years, and I learned how to organize and present information for learning. I am looking forward to selling my home in Wyoming and returning to Bakersfield to live, at which time I expect to be more able to concentrate on developing my skills in all my areas of interest.

**AND...**

JULIET VITZ

I have been interested in sewing and crafting from a young age. Surprisingly, I was inspired by my father. He loved artistic craftsmanship, from rugs to tapestry. The family business was pillow manufacturing. I was so inspired by the many fiber artists who purchased our pillows. I wish I could have stepped into the fiber arts community while my parents were alive.

Spinning, knitting, weaving, and general crafts are my escape. I always have one mindless project going and at least one that challenges me. I really enjoy demonstrating and teaching spinning. I have had many fabulous careers in my lifetime, from high-end retail, to teaching, to manufacturing to non-profit management. I have retired to spend time with my family.

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From Laura with this month's offering for the bag pattern:

This month we have a bag pattern using our weaving skills. This free pattern from the Woolery is written so well, even I understood it!

<https://woolery.com/blogs/the-woolery-blog/rigid-heddle-plaid-tote-project>

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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 15th at 10:00 AM and the 29th 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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SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

