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The Roving

August, 2026

August 2026 Greetings, HWOTV!

A message from our President, Sharon:

Happy August, Fiber Friends!

I hope you've all been enjoying a wonderful summer filled with creativity, laughter, and perhaps a few completed projects. Or, if you're like many of us, at least a few started projects!

I missed our July meeting because I was off cruising through beautiful Alaska. The glaciers were spectacular, the wildlife was amazing, and yes. . . . I successfully located a couple local yarn shops. Alaska was breathtaking, and provided enough inspiration to fill several future projects. The scenery reminded me that nature is one of the greatest textile designers of all,



Guild Meeting:

Date: August 8,
2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Where: Veteran's
Memorial Building,
Exeter, CA

Program:

Napkin
Felting with
Judy!

weaving together colors and textures that no pattern book could ever duplicate.

While I was admiring glaciers, many of you were participating in the Tour de Fleece, our annual challenge that runs alongside the Tour de France. We may not wear yellow jerseys, but we certainly know how to put in the miles—just measured in yards of yarn instead of kilometers! Whether you spun every day, cheered others on, or simply enjoyed following everyone's progress, I hope the Tour brought you inspiration and maybe even a little motivation to try something new.

Now that August has arrived, it's time to gather again, share our summer adventures, admire one another's projects, and perhaps enable each other with ideas for just one more skein of yarn or one more fleece. After all, fiber doesn't really count as clutter—it's future creativity waiting for its turn. I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone, seeing what you've been working on, and hearing all about your Tour de Fleece successes.

Thank you to everyone who kept the guild rolling while I was away. It's good to be home—and even better to be back with friends who understand why a vacation souvenir is measured in yarn, not postcards.

**See you at the August meeting!
Warmly,**

Sharon Farrar, President

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



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*"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."* – William James

Thanks to Dee Dee and Marta for being available to sell fleece to the guild members. Those two traveled a long way on a hot day to provide additional fleece to those who wanted to experiment.

Laurie offered a wonderful program on fractal spinning to enhance those who are interested in broadening their skills. If you have finished your spinning because of Tour de Fleece, please bring and share it with the guild. Thanks to all who braved the heat, high gas prices, and life to attend the July meeting!

**On August 8th** Judy will share her talents with the guild. She will instruct members on how to felt on a napkin. Judy will prepare the kits for you but if you have not signed up, please let her know if you would like to felt a fox or flower. Judy's email is on the guild's membership list. If you have supplies from Judy's previous programs, please bring them. Make sure you also bring a small pair of scissors.

**In September** we have nationally award-winning gourd artist, **Toni Best**, guiding the group in how to make a functional and fun garlic basket.

**On October 10th** we will have a meeting for Show and Sale preparations. We have many new members, and we would like to give them the support needed to feel welcome and a valuable part of the SHOW and Sale.

If you have a program idea for 2027, please share these ideas with Sharon, Monica, Laurie, or Amy. The programs can be repeats of previous years or unique.

## **SHOW AND SALE**

### **Purpose:**

First, it is designed to introduce the public to the weaving, spinning and fiber arts that our guild members create. We want to foster this interest in the fiber arts, perhaps drawing new members in to learn our craft.

Second, the annual show provides a marketplace for members to sell their artwork.

**Do you want to be a part of the Show and SALE?** There are three ways to be a vendor. For \$75 vendors book a guaranteed 10' x 10' (hopefully, as in the past 12' x 12') footprint of a booth with 2 or 3 tables. The last day to apply for this type of space is 9/ 12/ 26.

**There is a \$25 Bits and Pieces table** (1) if you don't have a lot to sell/display, or if you are unsure of what your life will look like in late October. This application closes 10/10/26. Do you want to get your feet wet? A \$5 Community Table allows you to sell 2 handmade items and you must be your own banker.

**The Inspirational Gallery** has always been a source of awe in the past! Do you have an item you are proud to claim? The woven, knitted, dyed, felted, or spun Inspirational Gallery items are NOT FOR SALE (NFS). Begin to identify those projects and let Laurie K know that you have an item for this important area of Show and Sale.



Please see Amy if you can offer a few hours of spinning and sharing our mission (see above Purpose) with our audience.

Julie is working on Bingo cards for the day of Show and Sale. Last year, we had positive feedback on the Bingo cards from the public and the guild because it encouraged many to visit and chat with all areas of our event.



Amy is asking vendors to donate one item to the prize basket. Guild members are welcome to donate a new item as well, but please chat with Amy about your plans. She will collect all donations on 10/10/26, organize it, and package beautifully for that lucky winner. Don't forget to work on Christmas or Holiday ornaments. Donate these ornaments to the Giving Tree and proceeds will benefit a charity (of our choosing). Please bring these ornaments to the guild meeting on 10/10/26 so that they can be priced for sale on the day of Show and Sale. If you have questions, please contact Lisa T.



Our Weaver's Attic is a great magnet for all fiber artists, young and old! Donate unused fiber, books, and yarn tools to Weavers Attic. These items are sold at Show and Sale. The proceeds benefit our guild's budget and 30 % returns to the Show and Sale budget for following year. Weaver's Attic is a win-win for all. Members clean closets and bins while the public buys goodies to support their fiber obsession.

Please consider volunteering for Show and Sale.

There are so many jobs on Saturday. Offer your time and talents. We value both!!!

If you are on social media, please share or repost the guild's Show and Sale's information. Be sure to tell your friends and invite family members.





Vendors, please send pictures and short descriptions of your items to be sold to Hannah R (IG) or Lisa T (Fb) and they will post them on social media.

## **BITS AND PIECES**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!! October 17th** is Taste the Arts in downtown Visalia from 10-5. Join the fun promoting our guild to the art lovers. Last year we demonstrated spinning, weaving, and gave out Kumihimo disks to kids and kids at heart (adults). Last year Lisa, Hope, Juliet, and Monica were at this fun event. We will ask for more volunteers to break the day into shifts, say, 10-1:30 1:30 -5. All members are welcome to join in the fun! It is a great way to promote Show and Sale!

**Spin and Weave Week with HGA** first full week of October. Think about how we can change this up and bring your ideas to the next meeting.

**There will be Play Day September 4th** from 3-7 PM for all interested in gathering together. Bring some nibbles, water, and a fun project, perhaps a UFO (unfinished object), your Giving Tree ornaments, a now-due!! gift or a fringing task (friends make fringe go faster)!

**Lambtown is October 1-4 in Dixon, CA.** Are you interested? Please visit <https://www.lambtown.org/> for more information.

## **Bag pattern from Laurie:**

**This month's bag pattern is the Little Loopy Bag from Merri Purdy. It's a cute little FREE crochet pattern that would look great with your yarn scraps!**

**<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/little-loopy-bag>**

**Contact Julie asap** if you have a knitted square for Arvada's project. Julie needs to count the squares and complete the task. Roger Goode cancer center is accepting hats for adult cancer patients. If you would like to coordinate a small committee to knit for this charity, please let Sharon or Monica know. Please, consider knitting a hat or two. Soft acrylic yarn is appropriate and appreciated for charity knitting.

**Congratulations to Sharon F.** who won Best of Show and First Place, at the Kings County Fair for her Scottish Highland Cow Afghan. Sharon is a multi-talented member. WOW! That's the way to go!



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Squeekie Wheels! Our dates this month are August 21st and the 28th! Remember we meet at the Exeter Library in the separate room they reserve for us. Meeting time for the 21st - 10AM; the 28th - 3:30. Any questions contact Sophie B at quailhaven@protonmail.com.

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## **FOR SALE:**

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