

Weave to  
re-create  
the past



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the future

## The Roving

July, 2026

### *July 2026 Greetings, HWOTV!*

A message from our President, Sharon:

July has arrived, bringing sunshine, vacations, backyard barbecues, and, of course, Independence Day. As we celebrate the Fourth of July, I'm reminded that one of our greatest freedoms as fiber artists is the freedom to start a new project...before finishing the last five! I don't know who first declared that buying fiber and using fiber are two separate hobbies, but they clearly understood our guild.

Summer also means travel for many of us. Whether you're heading to the mountains, the coast, visiting family, or simply enjoying a staycation, I hope you find time to relax and recharge. If you're like many fiber enthusiasts, your suitcase probably contains fewer



**Guild Meeting:**

**Date:** July 11,  
2026

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Where:**

Veteran's  
Memorial  
Building, Exeter,  
CA

**Program:**

Fractal  
Spinning

**shoes than skeins of yarn. We all know the real vacation souvenir is discovering a charming local yarn shop along the way. After all, supporting local yarn stores is practically a fiber artist's patriotic duty!**

**Unfortunately, I will miss our July guild meeting because I'll be on vacation in Alaska. While I'm looking forward to the breathtaking scenery, I have to admit that one of the first things I planned for the trip wasn't a glacier excursion,. . . . . it was locating a local yarn shop! Priorities are important, after all. I'm hoping to return with wonderful memories, beautiful photos, and perhaps a skein or two that simply had to come home with me. I'll be looking forward to sharing my fiber adventure with all of you at our next meeting.**

**One of the things I appreciate most about our guild is that no matter how busy life becomes, we always reconnect through our shared love of creating. Every finished project tells a story, every new technique teaches us something, and every meeting reminds us that creativity is even more enjoyable when it's shared with friends.**

**As we enjoy the freedoms we often take for granted, let's also remember the generations before us who worked, sacrificed, and persevered to build the communities we enjoy today. Their spirit of determination and craftsmanship lives on in many of the traditional fiber arts we continue to preserve and celebrate. Whether your July is filled with road trips, family gatherings, fireworks, or quiet evenings with your favorite project in hand, I hope it brings you joy, inspiration, and perhaps just enough time to reduce your UFO pile...or at least organize it into neat, respectable stacks.**

**Have a safe, happy, and creative July! I'll be thinking of all of you while I'm enjoying Alaska, and I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting to hear about your summer adventure,. . . . . and, of course, to show off whatever treasures followed me home from that yarn shop.**

**Sharon Farrar, President**

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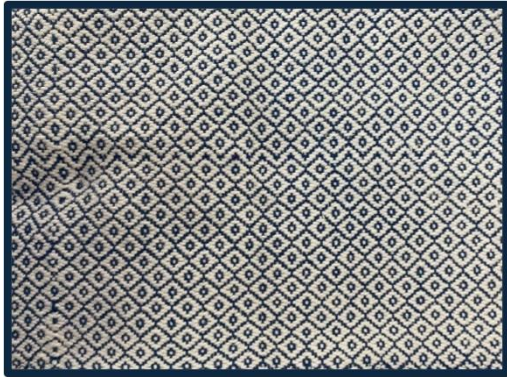
**And NOW.....News from  
Our Vice-President and Program Chairman, Monica!**



“Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.”

– James Matthew Barrie

There was a wonderful show of Rosepath projects at the June meeting. Thanks to all who tried this project. Many were inspired by the technique. If you did not try Rosepath this time around, resolve to try a project soon.



Hope's Rosepath yielded a number of lovely placemats and new confidence!

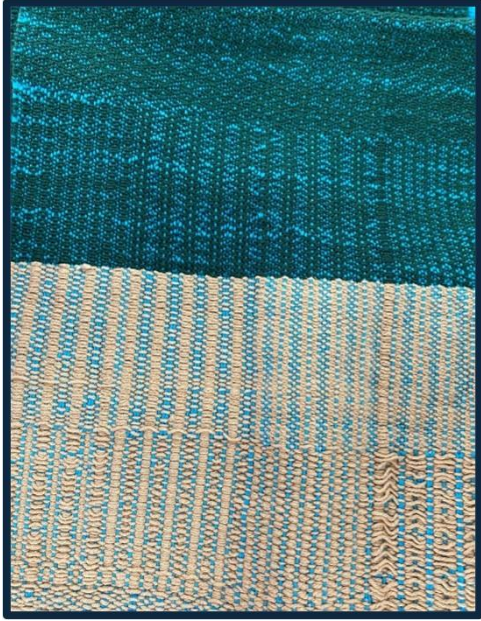


Charlotte's Rosepath mug rug!

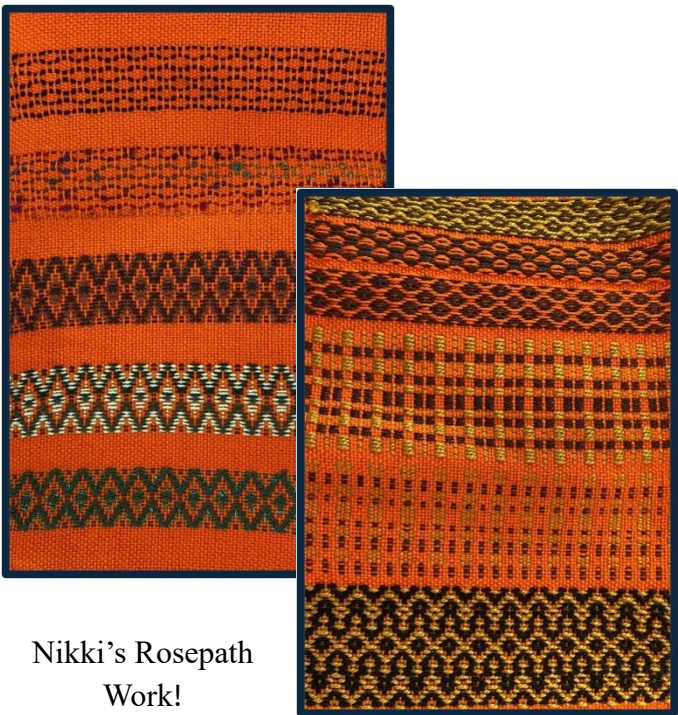


Sophie is a new admirer of Rosepath!





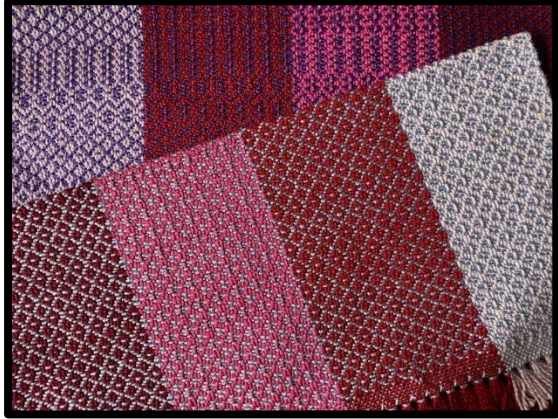
Lisa played with Rosepath using scraps of wool, cotton, and acrylic yarn.  
She declares she needs to explore more of this structure.



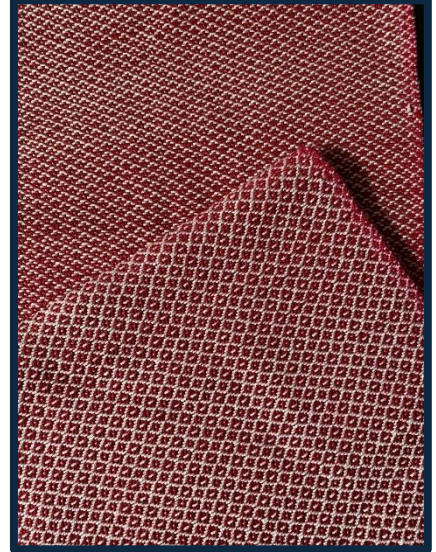
Nikki's Rosepath  
Work!



Our newest member taking on the  
Rosepath project!



Monica played with the MPD  
(green book) sampler and beyond!



## PROGRAMS

Don't forget there is a bag challenge floating around in our world of fiber fun. Laurie K has been supplying a variety of patterns and ideas since the beginning of the year to help you move forward with Dee Dee and Terri's fun challenge. If you have not begun your bag, get busy! The reveal is November 14<sup>th</sup>.

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, Laurie K will offer a program on fractal spinning. This program will benefit those who are challenging yourselves during the Tour de Fleece. It will also help any of you who are using your own handspun for weaving projects. Laurie has a demo lined up, for the program, but encourages all interested learners to bring a dyed braid (she says Dee Dee's braids are ideal, so check your stash) and 2 1-gallon zip lock bags for organization. You will have a chance to split your braid and organize them for spinning. Laurie always goes the extra mile to educate and bring a smile to the group. Join us for this informative program- July 11, 2026, at 10:00 AM!

Felting fun is coming in August. On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Judy A will give the program and Extra Extra time to teach a new-to-us felting technique. This is a hands-on program and there is no cost to members, **but** Judy requested that participating members sign-up for one of the two choices (fox or sunflower), so she can prepare the supplies. If you are interested in this felting program, please contact Judy at the July meeting or contact her by email. If you have taken other classes with Judy, please bring the basic supplies (needles, foam) given out at those programs to help save money and materials.

**JUST A NOTE**...Check the website if you are not sure of what is on the program. Our website, [www.hwotv.org](http://www.hwotv.org) is a valuable resource for all members.

## **OUTREACH**

Handweavers of the Valley have been invited to do outreach at the Taste of Art 2026 in downtown Visalia on October 17, 2026, from 10-5. Last year, we met and educated folks about Handweavers of the Valley and its mission. This is the weekend before Show and Sale (October 24<sup>th</sup>) so please think about whether you would be available to for some or all of the time. During the July meeting, we can discuss and decide if we would like to participate or if this is an event we should skip. Think about this opportunity to share our passion.

## **TOUR de FLEECE**

Tour de Fleece begins on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and continues until July 26th. You do not NEED a team. Grab a guild member/friend/friends and work with them to create your own spinning challenges. If you are shy, create challenges for yourself. The important part of the Tour de Fleece is that

you are spinning and learning and having fun! Thank goodness, we do not have to climb the Alps. We must spin!!

## **Tour de Fleece (TdF) Adapted from Ravelry Guidelines** **(NOT RULES):**

Spin every day the Tour rides, if possible. Rest on the days they rest. Challenge yourself on their toughest days. Unexpected collapses, ambushes and twists of all kinds could be on the cards, so remember to have fun despite the unexpected!

- **Spinning Days:** TdF Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. **Rest Days:** Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> and Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Challenge Days:** Spin something challenging on the challenge days (usually the toughest high mountain stage) **TdF:** the first one is Stage 9, on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, when a demanding week comes to an end with the first authentic mountain test. The second is stage 15, on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> **TdF finale:** Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **Colored Jerseys:** Wear yellow on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> to announce your victory. Why not wear yellow on any day you feel particularly successful?
- **Yellow** is the color of the race leader in the Tour - but here at HWOTV, we are all "race leaders". **Green:** sprinter - think FAST. **Polka-dot:** climber - as in uphill. **White:** rookie.

## **SHOW AND SALE**

Applications are now being accepted for the October 24<sup>th</sup> Show and Sale at the Exeter Veteran's Memorial Building. Currently, we have sold 9 booths and 1 Bits and Pieces table. We are looking for many guild members to help with the Show. Remember, "Many hands make light work." Think about your strengths and how they might enhance our Show.

Don't forget to create a Christmas ornament. Of course, this is voluntary. Make an ornament, donate to the Giving Tree, our volunteers sell it to our visitors on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, and the proceeds will be donated to a charity. Continue to think of charities that would benefit from our TLC.

Spread the news. Please mention the Show and Sale to friends and family. If you participate in Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok, mention the upcoming event. October is a very busy month, and this early mention may encourage folks to put it on their calendar!



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**Squeekie Wheels!** Our dates this month are July 17th and the 24th! Remember we meet at the Exeter Library in the separate room they reserve for us. Meeting time for the 17th - 10AM; the 24th - 3:30. Any questions contact Sophie B at [quailhaven@protonmail.com](mailto:quailhaven@protonmail.com).

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**FOR SALE:**

**Beautiful Gilmore Loom offered by our guild member, Peggy Battisoni!**

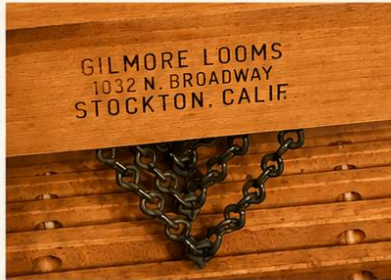
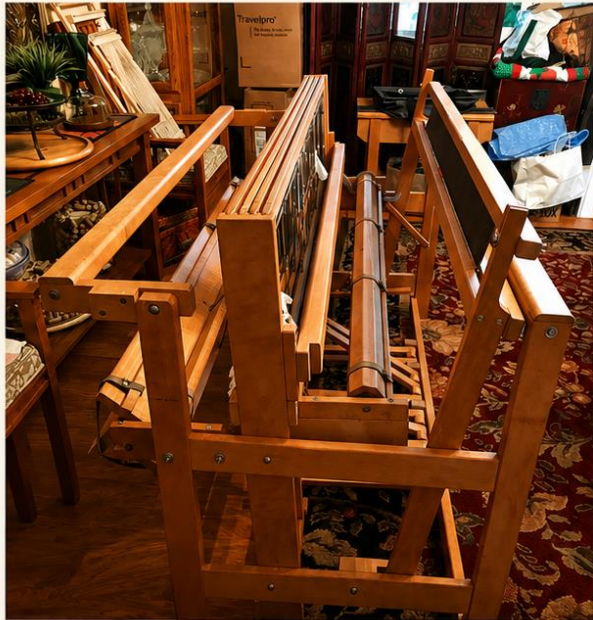
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