

Weave to  
re-create  
the past



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the future

## The Roving

September, 2026

### ***September, 2026 Greetings, HWOTV!***

A message from our President, Sharon:

Happy September, Fiber Friends!

September always feels a little like a fresh start. Summer is winding down, the days are beginning to get shorter, and many of us are starting to think about cooler weather,....and, of course, all the wonderful fiber projects that come with it!

And speaking of projects... our Annual Show & Sale is coming up on October 24! That means it is officially time to take a look at those projects that have been sitting patiently in our sewing rooms, weaving rooms, studios, and closets and ask the important question:



**Guild Meeting:**

**Date:** September  
12, 2026

**Time:** 10:00 AM

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

**Program:**

**Garlic Basket  
making!**

**“Is this going to be finished in time for the Show & Sale?”**  
**If the answer is “probably not,” don't panic. There is still time!**  
**And if the answer is “absolutely not,” well, perhaps it is time to start a new project specifically for the Show & Sale. That seems perfectly logical to me!**

**Our Show & Sale is one of the highlights of our guild year. It gives us an opportunity to share our work with the community, introduce others to the wonderful world of fiber arts, and perhaps find new homes for some of the beautiful things we've created. So, please be thinking about what you might have to contribute.**

**Just as importantly, we need volunteers to make the Show & Sale successful. There are many jobs that need to be done, and they don't all require special fiber skills. Whether you can help with set-up, greeting visitors, working weavers attic, demonstrating, organizing, or cleaning up afterward, there is a place for you. Please don't wait for someone to ask you personally. Look for a job that sounds like something you would enjoy and sign up! Volunteering is also a wonderful way to get to know other guild members. And, as we all know, fiber people are much more fun to work with than most people anyway.**

**I hope we will continue to make our meetings a place where everyone feels welcome, whether you've been spinning and weaving for decades or you're still trying to figure out which end of the loom you're supposed to start with!**

**So, as September gets underway, let's finish those projects, dream up a few new ones, and get ready to celebrate our creativity together on October 24. And remember: unfinished projects are not failures. They are simply projects waiting for**

their moment of glory at next year's Show & Sale.  
Happy spinning, weaving, knitting, felting, and creating!

Warmly,  
Sharon Farrar  
President

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



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***“The purpose of life is not to be happy, but to matter– to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you have lived at all.” – Leo Rosten***

Thanks to all who braved the extreme heat, snarled Hwy 99 accident/fire, chaotic parking due to the Exeter marathon, and high gas prices. Thank you! Thank you!

Thanks to Judy A for preparing and giving the felting program, Felting on a Napkin. Whether you chose a fox or a sunflower, poking the felting needle into the wool, felt really satisfying.

## PROGRAMS

**CHANGE OF PLANS!** Due to unforeseen circumstances, Toni will not be able to lead our September program on making a garlic basket. At the August meeting, members voted to try this task using technology. Go to your web browser (Safari, Google, Bing) to find How to Weave an Open Twined Garlic Basket with Joan Carrigan. Vimeo, a platform, will open and play the video (free of charge). **The guild will provide the reeds for your basket.** PLEASE bring:

- a 5-gallon bucket or bin
- scissors or wire snips
- spray bottle with water, if you have one
- 2 rag towels



Don't forget to look at the resources mentioned during our Red Hot Topic. Look at HH Perkins, Basketweaving.com, Basket Makers Supply, The Caning Shop (<https://www.caning.com/>), North Georgia Basketry ([northgeorgiabasketry.com](http://northgeorgiabasketry.com)), or Basket Weaving with Textile Indie on You Tube. There are many many good articles and videos that will provide excellent information and demonstrations, if you would like to explore the topic.

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, we will meet to refine the details for Show and Sale. If you have questions before this meeting, please email Monica ([rooksworld@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rooksworld@sbcglobal.net)) or text the question.

**The program on November 14<sup>th</sup> is the Bag Reveal. Get your loom threaded and whip up some fabric so you can make a bag of your choice OR sharpen those knitting needles, find a pattern (use one from this year's newsletters or create your own) and knit and purl a cool practical bag of your choice. The sky is the limit. A big thanks to Laurie! She provided the patterns and inspiration for each month's bag in this newsletter. \*check out this month's pattern from Laurie (see below)**

**December is on the horizon. December is the time we pause for our annual Holiday Party. It is always a nice event to celebrate the end of the year and our HWOTV friends. Plan on joining the festivities!**

### **Show and Sale**

**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? Five dollars allows you to sell 2 handmade items at the Community Table. You must be your own banker.**

**Speaking of banking, Vendors, remember to check your payment device (square) and make sure it is compatible with your phone/iPad.**

**Please see Amy if you can offer a few hours of spinning while sharing our mission with our guests.**

**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.**

**At the August meeting, a member asked about the idea of a food truck. The purpose is to offer our customers an easy way to have a snack or lunch. Lisa has also offered to meet with a member of the Exeter Chamber of Commerce in the hopes that HWOTV can create a connection with the many restaurants and businesses in town. We will discuss the possibilities at the September meeting.**



**Please consider making an informational poster (foam core board from the Dollar Tree) to highlight one of your techniques, using photographs, captions and titles. We have had these in the past, and this year, we will probably spread the posters in and around the**

**big hall and Weaver's Attic. Judy suggested freshening your**



posters from the past and including your picture so that customers can find you in the room at Show and Sale to ask questions.

Don't forget to identify your Inspirational Gallery item for Laurie. This is an item that will be displayed as a NOT FOR SALE item. Your chosen item represents some technique that challenged you and you wish to pass on the inspiration. If you have questions, please ask Laurie K. She is a wealth of information.



Vendors knitting/crocheting with commercial yarns must bring your items to the September or October meeting to be judged by a panel of three HWOTV members. The items accepted by the panel may be sold at Show and Sale according to a change in the rules.



Lisa is leading the area called the Giving Tree and Community Table. She will need ornaments on October 10<sup>th</sup> so they can be priced. If we have an abundance of ornaments (thank you for your generosity), we may need to find a slightly taller/fuller tree.

## **Bits and Pieces**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!** Handweavers of America's (HGA) Spin and Weave Week is the first full week of October. In past years, we have visited Visalia, Exeter, Three Rivers, Porterville, Lemoore, and Orange Cove to meet the public and share our mission with those communities. Please feel free to offer suggestions to your officers of how and where to celebrate HGA's Spin and Weave Week this year.



**Play Day is September 4<sup>th</sup> at the Exeter Veteran's Memorial Building from 3-7 PM.** We are hoping to give working people a place to play after work, as well as those who just love to **PLAY!!!** Bring some nibbles, water, and a fun project, perhaps a UFO (unfinished object-sometimes you need social pressure), your Giving Tree ornaments, a now- (over) due!! gift or a fringing task (friends make fringe go faster)!

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!** October 17<sup>th</sup> 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) 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!



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

**Do you have time, energy sewing talent and a desire to volunteer? There is a local school with a sewing class looking for volunteers to help with the basics. If you are interested, please contact Monica for details.**

| <b>Important Dates at a Glance</b> |                                                                                                                                    |
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| September 4                        | Play Day 3-7 PM                                                                                                                    |
| September 12                       | HWOTV Guild meeting                                                                                                                |
| September 12                       | Standard Show and Sale Booths close after our meeting (\$75) / Bring items for jury of commercial yarn projects (knitting/crochet) |
| October 4-10                       | HGA Spin and Weave Week                                                                                                            |
| October 10                         | HWOTV meeting - Bring items for jury of commercial yarn projects (knitting/crochet)                                                |
| October 10                         | Bits and Pieces Tables (\$25) for Show and Sale close at end of meeting                                                            |
| October 10                         | Gift Basket items (Vendors) are due to Amy- Thank you!                                                                             |
| October 10                         | Giving Tree ornaments are due to Lisa – Thank you!                                                                                 |
| October 17                         | Taste the Arts in Visalia (sign up for a shift in September or early October)                                                      |
| October 23                         | Show and Sale Set up @ 9:30 AM until we are done                                                                                   |
| <b>October 24</b>                  | <b>Show and Sale 10 -3 PM</b>                                                                                                      |
| <b>October 25</b>                  | <b>Relax and enjoy the day with thanks and love from your guild</b>                                                                |

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***\*This month's bag suggestion from Laurie:***

Inspired by the talk of felting at the last Squeekie Wheels, this month's knitted bag uses handspun yarn and is then felted into a cute bucket style bag:

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/sunstruck-bag>

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**Squeekie Wheels!** Only one day this month for our get-together! Due to Library staff meeting times, we will ONLY meet SEPTEMBER 25th at 10:00 AM (no afternoon spinning). See you at the Exeter Library in the separate room they reserve for us. I'll be sending out a reminder next month. Any questions? Contact Sophie B at [quailhaven@protonmail.com](mailto:quailhaven@protonmail.com).

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**SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!**

