

Weave to  
re-create  
the past



Weave to  
create for  
the future

## The Roving

October, 2026

### October, 2026 Greetings, HWOTV!

A message from our President, Sharon:

Happy October, Fiber Friends!

October has arrived, bringing cooler mornings, changing leaves, and that wonderful feeling that the crafting season is beginning in earnest. There is something especially inviting about settling in with a cup of coffee, a basket of fiber, and a project waiting to be created. For our guild it also means one thing: we have a busy month ahead!

The first full week of October is Spin and Weave Week, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the traditions, skills, creativity, and artistry that bring our fiber community together. Whether you spin, weave, knit,



**Guild Meeting:**

**Date:** October 10,  
2026

**Time:** 10:00 AM

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

**Program:**

**Show & Sale  
Preparation!**

felt, or enjoy any of the many ways we work with fiber, this is a great time to appreciate the skills that connect us to generations of makers before us.

October also brings several exciting events for our fiber community. Lambtown Fiber Festival in Dixon, October 2–4, is always a wonderful opportunity to see beautiful fiber animals, shop for supplies, learn something new, and connect with fellow fiber enthusiasts. It is also a great reminder of just how large and diverse the fiber community is.

On October 17, we have Taste of the Arts in downtown Visalia. Events like this give us an opportunity to share the creativity and craftsmanship of our Guild with the broader community and introduce others to the wonderful world of fiber arts.

And, of course, October culminates with our own **Annual Show & Sale on October 24!** This is one of the highlights of our Guild year and a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talent and creativity of our members. The beautiful work displayed and offered for sale represents countless hours of planning, learning, spinning, weaving, knitting, felting, sewing, and creating.

With so much happening, October can certainly be a busy month for our members as we prepare for and participate in these events. But it is also an exciting month,. . . .a time when we get to step outside our individual studios and share our passion with others. I encourage everyone to participate in whatever way you can. Bring a project, demonstrate a skill, volunteer, attend an event, purchase something handmade, or simply come and enjoy the fellowship of fellow fiber artists. Our Guild is at its best

when we share our creativity and enthusiasm with one another and with our community.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time, talent, and energy to make these events successful. I am looking forward to seeing all of the wonderful things our members have created and to celebrating another busy and creative October together!

Happy Spin and Weave Week—and happy creating!

Warmly,  
Sharon Farrar  
President

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



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*“No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another.”*

– **Author Unknown**

The September Program was a fun and exciting event. We had a group of very focused basket weavers twining, weaving, laughing, and creating. Thank you for inspiring and coaching each other.

Don't forget to bring your finished or unfinished basket for October's Show and Tell. We can't wait!!

## **PROGRAMS**

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.

Have you begun your Bag? The program on November 14<sup>th</sup> is time for the big Bag Reveal. If you have not, get your loom threaded and whip up some fabric so you can make a bag of your choice, sharpen those knitting needles, find a pattern (use one from this year's newsletters or create your own) and create a practical bag of your choice. The sky is the limit. (PS: *check out Laura's Bag pattern of the month in this newsletter - it's one of the best!*)\*

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 on December 12th!

## **Show and Sale**

The deadline for booths has passed. We will have a full house this year. Thank you!

**\$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, applications are open until 10/10/26! Applications are on the website. Remember, you are your own banker. Five dollars allows you to sell 2 handmade items at the Community Table. You must be your own banker.**

**Vendors, do not forget to document your items. Take and send gorgeous pictures and pertinent information to Lisa and Hannah so they can post to social media. Again, this year, the Dynamic Duo (Lisa and Hannah) will buy ads to promote our event to a very wide audience and generate interest.**

**Don't forget to check your payment device (Square) and make sure it is compatible with your phone/iPad. This is not something you want to leave to the last minute. You do not need extra stress!**

**Please see Amy, our Demonstration Leader if you can offer a few hours of spinning or weaving. All you need is a smile, time and your skills.**

**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.**

**On October 10<sup>th</sup>, Amy will be collecting donated items from the Vendors to populate the prize basket. Guild members are also welcome to donate a new item as well. Amy will collect, organize, and package the items beautifully for that lucky winner on the day of Show and Sale.**

**At the August meeting, a member asked about the idea of a food truck. After discussion at the September meeting and a vote, we will not invite a food truck. As we have in the past, we will encourage our patrons to visit and support the local restaurants and businesses.**



**Please consider making an informational poster (foam core board from the Dollar Tree- \$1.25) 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. Thank you! Our guests love to learn about our art!**

**Laurie is asking for items for the Inspirational Gallery. This is an item that will be displayed as a NOT FOR SALE item. Your chosen item represents some technique that challenged you during your journey. You will pass on the inspiration and perhaps set a new fiber artist on a wonderful journey. She will accept them on Friday, October 23, 2026, between 9:30 AM-3:00 PM. If you have questions or difficulties with delivery window, please ask Laurie K.**



**Vendors knitting/crocheting with commercial yarns must bring your items to the 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 and tagged.**

**If we have an abundance of ornaments (thank you for your generosity), we may need to find a slightly taller/fuller tree.**

**Have you cleaned your studio/area lately? Get that Spring cleaning started (yes, it is Fall, but you must begin**

**sometime)! Marlene and Emma are asking for donations for Show and Sale's Weaver's Attic. You donate your excess yarn to the guild. Weaver's Attic will sell it. You and the guild benefit. You have a cleaner leaner stash, and the guild earns money from the sale. It's a WIN-WIN situation!**

**Remember, if you have easels, mannequins, dress forms, or other display tools you would not mind sharing with members of the guild for Show and Sale, please let Sharon, Laurie, Monica, or Amy know. Please bring them to the EVMB on Friday, October 23, 2026, don't forget to put your name on it... use tape and a Sharpie. Thanks in advance for your generosity.**

### **Bits and Pieces**

**We are on the move! It's Spin and Weave Week! Pack your inkle loom or rigid heddle loom or spinning wheel or spindle or knitting or felting... and your SMILE! We will begin each day at 10 AM and conclude about noon~ish.**

**HWOTV will be at the following locations:**



| <u>Day</u>     | <u>Location</u>                                                  | <u>Host</u>             |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Monday 10/5    | Orange Cove Library<br>815 Park Blvd.,<br>Orange Cove, 93646     | Charlotte               |
| Tuesday 10/6   | Panera Bakery<br>4103 S. Mooney Blvd.<br>Visalia, 93277          | Laurie                  |
| Wednesday 10/7 | <b>REST DAY</b>                                                  | <b>Sandman (zzzzzz)</b> |
| Thursday 10/8  | Casa Mendoza<br>40869 Sierra Drive Unit C<br>Three Rivers, 93271 | Sophie and Company      |
| Friday 10/9    | Exeter Public Library<br>230 E. Chestnut<br>Exeter, 93221        | Squeekies               |

**Join the fun and enjoy the company as we share our guild's mission with various communities around the Valley. We hope to see you throughout during the week! Call a friend if you want or need to carpool.**

**The Play Day on September 4<sup>th</sup> at the Exeter Veteran's Memorial Building from 3-7 PM was a nice get-together. We are hoping to organize another Play Day on November 6<sup>th</sup>. We will check with members at the October meeting. So, if you would like a place to play after work, mark your calendar and organize a fun project, perhaps a UFO (unfinished object-sometimes you need social pressure), a now- (over) due!! gift or an intimidating project.**

**Join the fun promoting our guild to the art lovers of our community. October 17<sup>th</sup> is Taste the Arts in downtown Visalia**

from 10-5. 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 our guild and Show and Sale!

| Important Dates at a Glance |                                                                                     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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)       |
| <b>October 23</b>           | <b>Show and Sale Set up @ 9:30 AM until we are done</b>                             |
| <b>October 24</b>           | <b>Show and Sale 10 AM- 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:**

If you are a knitter (which I am) and you tried spinning up a fractal yarn (which I did), then this lovely free knitting pattern would make great use of that yarn for our final bag challenge (which I need to actually do!) The Sacchetto bag by Annie Baker Designs has an interesting design with easy instructions and would be a great way to highlight the shifting colorplay of a fractal spun yarn:

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/sacchetto>

[Ed Note:] *Thank you, Laurie* for all these wonderful bag patterns you have found for us! Thank you for the time and effort on your part to find just the perfect ones!



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**Squeekie Wheels!** In addition to the Spinning and Weaving Week at our various venues, remember our normal third Friday meeting, October 16th at the 'ol spinnin' ground! In plain English, that's 10:00AM at the Exeter Library in the separate room they reserve for us. Plus, there's always the added bonus of the Library's spinning wheel for anyone to try. Any questions? Contact Sophie B at [quailhaven@protonmail.com](mailto:quailhaven@protonmail.com).



**FOR SALE 26" 8 HARNESS 10 TREADLE**  
**GILMORE LOOM!**

**[Set up dimensions 34 x 36 x 38 as per [www.gilmorelooms.com](http://www.gilmorelooms.com)]**

**[Current Gilmore loom listing price is \$3170.00]**

**Price: \$500.00**

**Includes: hard eastern maple and poplar loom, 12 dent reed, 1 reed hook, Gilmore shuttle, 2 bobbins, 2 lease sticks.**

**Also available 15 dent reed @ \$15.00**

**Loom is located in Exeter, CA**

***From the seller: "I consider the Gilmore my favorite loom and at one time owned 4! They are sturdy and extremely easy to use providing a most pleasurable weaving experience."***



**This is a fantastic price for a fantastic loom!**

**Contact Info:**

**Leonora Pescosolido**

**[Lwpesco@gmail.com](mailto:Lwpesco@gmail.com)**

**Phone # is on HWOTV Membership List**

**ALSO:**

**Need cotton?**

**24 cones of unmercerized 6/2 cotton; most are full pound cones;  
a few partial cones.**



**Price: \$250.00 for all (not selling separately).**

**Woolery price \$33.99/cone**

**Cash, check or Square accepted**

**Pickup here in Three Rivers or I can meet you at a Guild function.**

**Contact: Sophie B. [quailhaven@protonmail.com](mailto:quailhaven@protonmail.com)**

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**SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!**



