

The Roving

February 2012



President's message:

The January meeting was a success. We had over fifty attendees.

What a wonderful experience, hearing from Carol Dulitz, even though much of her story was tinged with tears. She brought along her friend Priscilla Girard, who showed us some stunning designs, and ways to add yarns as embellishments to fabric creations. Priscilla's fashions elicited much interest. I saw many guild members purchase wash-away stabilizer rolls to begin their own projects. The Guild also enjoyed browsing through Carol's "stash" of fiber and yarns. Many thanks to both Carol and Priscilla for their presentation.

The February meeting presentation will be a demonstration of the basics of tablet (card) weaving; and will include possible loom set-ups, techniques to achieve patterns, and free-form designs. Attendees will be able to try their hand at manipulating the tablets to produce weave structures. Susan Jackson will be the presenter. There is no fee.

Toni Best is asking guild members to contribute their thrums (leftover loom yarns after weaving) or very short pieces of yarn (too short for a project), to make bundles of yarn to place in the bags that are given out to registrants at the Containers of our Culture; Gourd and Basket Conference. If you have any yarns to give, please bring them to the next Guild Meeting.

Meeting Date

Saturday February 11
Exeter Memorial Bldg.

Program: Susan Jackson
Beginning Tablet (card) Weaving

Meeting starts at 10:00

Coffee & Goodies 9:30- 10:00 (last names H-O, please bring a goodie)

Please carpool.

Standing Committees for 2012

Audits	Lindsay Dion	By-Laws	Guild Board
Historian	Michael Jackson	Library	Nancy Register and Kathleen Cone
Equipment	Sharon Warren	Membership	Marlene Collins
Newsletter	Karen Dennis	Publicity	Nikki Crain
Programs	Sylvia DeGroot	Refreshments	Jacque Ireton
Sunshine	Charlotte Pavelko		
Show and Sale	Denni Pearson and Nancy Reimer		
Workshops	Judy Trimble-weaving; Sharon Warren-spinning		

Other continuing Committee Chairs

Website	Bonnie Napier	Education	Shari Pratt
Member Biographies	Hope Overholt		

Please feel free to give **Sylvia DeGroot**, our new Program Chair, suggestions for topics, and speakers/teachers you would like to hear or learn from. Several classes/teachers were mentioned at the last meeting; make sure you follow through with Sylvia with a written memory note too! The Programs for 2012 are:

February- Susan Jackson- Beginning Tablet (card) Weaving

March- Cathy Proctor- Nuno Felting

April- Vanda MacArthur- Bobbin Lace

May- Redbud Festival Three Rivers: no meeting

June- DeeDee King- Spin-In at Camp Nelson

July- Lynda Bass- Silk Painting

August- DeeDee King- Rep Weave Symposium

September- Wool Day and Show and Sale last notes

October- Show and Sale October 27- no meeting

November Lindsay Dion and DeeDee King Wool Dye Day

December- Guild Christmas Party.



Be sure to check out our Facebook page. If you have pictures you would like to add, send them to Judy Trimble. She's our Facebook Administrator.

Squeekie Wheels – the spinning group, meets the 1st Wednesday of each month in Porterville at Sierra Hills Retirement Community, 2500 W. Henderson Ave from 10 – 3, bring your lunch or get it there (\$7). They also meet on the 3rd Friday of each month in Exeter at the at Capella's Coffee House, 10-3ish.

Kawaeah Konnection meets on the second Wednesday in Three Rivers at the Presbyterian Church.

Upcoming Events:

Stitches West: Santa Clara February 27-28. Classes, fashion show, Vendors Market and more. The website is www.knittinguniverse.com/STITCHES. Tickets are \$10.00 on line.

Three Rivers Arts Studio Tours: March 23-25 Purchase tickets between February 4th and March 2nd for the best value - \$15.00 each. After March 2nd, the cost is \$20.00 each. Tickets available on-line at www.threeriversartstudiotour.com or call 559-561-4671.

Best of the Valley Annual Quilt and Doll Show: Lindsay, April 1-6. A juried and judged quilt show, accompanied by a display of handcrafted art dolls, plus a large Vendor Mall. The Featured Artist is Judie Fleming of Visalia, Hoffman Quilts, Hoffman Dolls, Quilt Appraisals and more. \$10/one day pass, \$15/3-day pass.

Baskets and Gourds – Containers of Our Culture:, April 21 – 22 Elks Lodge, 3100 W. Main, Visalia The Gourd Society has graciously offered the Guild a sales booth at the show, so come and bring your handwovens to sell! Saturday Classes are from 9 – 3. The Vendors Booths open 9 – 4. There will be a no-host bar and buffet dinner from 6:00 – 8:30. Don Weeke, the keynote speaker, will share his art during dinner. Silent Auction – all day; ending at 6:30 p.m., winners to be announced during dinner. Sunday, April 22, 2012 Classes 9 – 3. Class fees are \$65.00 and there also may be a materials fee. Visit www.calgourds.org for details or contact Toni Best capineneedles@sbcglobal.net.

Convergence 2012: Handweavers Guild of America's biannual conference is being held in Long Beach July 15-20. Their website is; www.weavespindye.org.

For Sale

Harrisville loom - 4 harness, top gadget tray, warping board. Good condition. \$400 obo
sarahschachter@sequoiahistory.org

Saxony spinning wheel - \$250 obo Sharon Warren 561-3805 or sharwarren@att.net

8H, 45" maple, sturdy, McComber parts. Sectional back beam. Maple, completely refurbished. All new
"wide eye" heddles, 10 treadle; one reed 10 dent; \$500. Call
Donna Hilligas 782-1229

Items for the newsletter need to be received by Karen Dennis by the 25th of each month. E-mail is knjdenni@att.net or phone 559-561-4705 (please leave message or call back number).