

The Roving

DECEMBER 2012



The Vice Prez Sez:

Is everybody Christmas Shopping?

I have always preferred to give gifts that I have made. As a child I sent my aunt a paper-mache mouse I had made from a kit (I forget what I was supposed to make from that kit, but it wasn't a mouse.) I also remember an elaborate Christmas tree ornament consisting of a crocheted bird's nest with a crocheted hen sitting on glass Christmas ball "eggs." In grade school my Mom taught me how to make little mice out of felt and to sew safety pins to their bellies so they could be worn as coat pins. At 4-H camp I learned how to braid gimp (a flat, vinyl substitute for leather lacing) onto large safety pins to make dragon fly pins. about giving someone something I had made. When I discovered weaving in college, I remember being excited about the possibilities, but disappointed that the equipment was beyond my means. Now I have two floor looms. About this time every year I find myself wishing I had been doing more weaving during the year.

I was sure that when I retired I would have loads of time to dedicate to weaving and sewing and knitting. Somehow, that just doesn't seem to work out. I don't seem to have the energy I used to have, and something always seems to get between me and my loom. But I have also learned that it is my own choices that govern my use of time. As the New Year approaches, I am deciding that I need to re-examine those choices, to choose more wisely, and to be proactive in setting aside time for the creative process. Unlike housework, time spent creating something, whether it be a relationship or a dish towel, feeds the soul.

Happy Holidays to you all!
Sandy

December Meeting

Holiday Party !!

WHEN: December 8

WHERE: Capella's Coffeehouse
132 N E, Exeter

TIME: 9:30- 3:00

PROGRAM:

9:30- 10:00 coffee & goodies
(provided)

10:00 Short Meeting (really!)

Gift Swap - wrapped, handmade
or < \$20

12ish Lunch ala Capellas!

Please carpool.

Must be a member to attend.

“The Day of Dyeing” – was once again a fun-filled time. The weather moved Lindsay’s magic dye-pot indoors and the results were great! Given the turnout and enthusiasm everybody shared, it was apparent that we all enjoy the dye workshops. To Lindsay and Dee Dee for the hard work they put in to make our day possible here’s a big **THANK YOU!**

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 of Guild members meets the 1st Wednesday of each month in Porterville at Sierra Hills Retirement Community located at 2500 W. Henderson Ave from 10am-3pm, 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.

Need your own personal holiday present? Remember, the Conference of Northern California Handweavers will be held May 31-June 2, 2013 in Olympic Valley, CA (www.cnch.org). Mark your calendars now sounds like some California fun!

Dues are due - \$20/year single, \$25/year family. Membership cards will be issued for the new year.

Nancy Register went to the Autry Museum in LA to see the exhibit California's Designing Women and says it was great! It covers the years 1896-1986 and had a few weavings included. She had a flash back from when she began to weave - there is a kimono from Estelle Carlson with her signature colors (Sandy would like it). The exhibit only goes through January 6. The museum is easy to get to and has a cafe that always has interesting daily specials. www.theautry.org



Sandy's Show & Sale Carrot and Apple salad

- 6 large carrots, finely shredded
- 2 Granny Smith or Pippin apples, cut into small pieces, or shredded
- 1 medium bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1/2 cup of either raisins or crasins (dried sweetened cranberries), or a mixture.
- Adjust amounts to taste and mix together.

- In a small bowl mix together until smooth:
- 2/3 cup olive oil mayonnaise (low fat- Kraft makes a good one)
- 1/4 cup May Ploy* Sweet Chili Sauce for Chicken
- 2 teaspoons Sriracha sauce*

Mix the sauce into the carrot mixture and chill

*These sauces are usually readily available in the Oriental section of most supermarkets. May Ploy is a popular brand of sweet chili sauce for chicken, but other brands are just as good. Sriracha is a garlicky hot sauce.

For Sale



Counterbalance loom 40" weaving area \$300 obo
Has been in storage so is dusty. Nikki Crain 561-4048

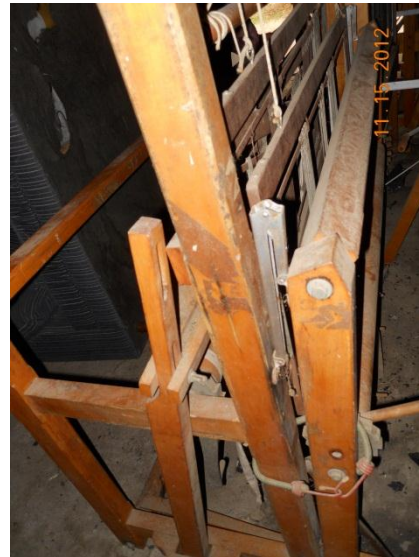


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Nilus Leclerc loom 38" weaving area
\$850 obo. Has been in storage so is dusty
Nikki 561-4048



Nilus Leclerc table loom, approx. 20" weaving area. \$300 obo
Nikki 561-4048



This is a counterbalance loom that is collapsible to save space
\$300 obo Nikki 561-4048. Has been in storage so is dusty

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34" wide with 24" weaving area, spring loaded treadles! Most likely red oak. Metal heddles included. Quite sturdy. \$300 obo Karen Dennis 561-4705



54" Walling loom, 46" weaving width. 4 harnesses, solid maple, custom-made by Bill Walling for Jan Hughes. 6 treadles and a bench. It's a sweet loom. Bench has damaged corner, but no rough edges. \$800 obo Karen Dennis 561-4705



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).