

The Roving

Sept 2014



From the President

Hopefully you will all come to the September meeting to help with the final group prep for Show and Sale. Nancy Reimer has asked members to bring thrums or any yarns you are not using so they can be tied onto the shopping bags that will be used at the sale. I know many of you have been weaving like there is no tomorrow in order to get ready and I congratulate you on your drive. The Show and Sale is your opportunity to shine and let people know that Handweavers of the Valley has many talented and artistic members. I am always filled with pride when I tell people about our sale and the great members that contribute to it. I am looking forward to shopping.



Sept Meeting
Final Info for Show & Sale
plus Tying Thrums on bags

Date: Sept 13

**Location: Veterans Mem. Bldg.,
Exeter**

Time: 9:30 goodies and chatting
10:00 meeting

**Last names A-G, it's your turn to
bring the goodies**
Please carpool

The August meeting was fiberlicious! Nancy Reimer demonstrated several different techniques on how to get a wide variety of color blendings using a hand-cranked drum carder. You can use it to even out the texture of your roving or bat, add almost secret highlights to fiber so that when you spin it, the color seems to appear as if by magic. Lots of fun, lots of sharing fiber tips, a great way to spend a Saturday!



Dear Handweavers of the Valley and Squeaky Wheels-- we are "The Treadlers", a small new group that weaves and spins with great eagerness to learn. We were welcomed so graciously at Nancy Register's home last spring. Since then, we have joined the guild and traveled, whenever possible, to learn and enjoy these new skills. We have been invited and helped by members in Exeter, Porterville, Three Rivers, Camp Nelson, Visalia and Bakersfield.

It's our turn to Thank You ladies (and gents). You are invited to come meet us and join the fun in Bakersfield whenever you are available. Carole Martin has reserved these rooms, where she lives, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the **4th Tuesday of September and October** in Bakersfield. We will break for November and December due to holidays and resume in 2015.

Here are the directions to the meeting place.

<http://www.villasatscenicriver.com/bakersfield/the-villas-at-scenic-river/map-and-directions/>

Please welcome three new members to HWOTV. Bernice James, Hanford - She is a weaver and brought her jean rugs to show in August; Patty & Janelle Robinett (family membership), Exeter, Janelle is a dyer.

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, 10-12.

Show and Sale Details – *Date:* Saturday, October 25 *Open to Public:* 10 am – 3 pm *Cookies: 2 dozen per member – whether you will be selling or not.* You may bring your 2 dozen to the Sept meeting and they can be frozen for the Show. *Open for Members:* 7:30 am-4:30pm. *Member Inventory Delivery Times: Friday afternoon until 5 pm (preferred) and Saturday morning 7:30-9am.* The hall will be secured overnight. Pickup after 3 pm on Saturday.

The Show and Sale **Inventory Sheets** and **Name Code** forms have been posted on the website – www.hwotv.org Please don't use the Name Code form for fabric care info that info should stay with the garment. The Name Code form is torn off at the time of sale so we can keep track of what sold.

Denni Pearson and Nancy Reimer have done a great job as co-chairs of the Show and Sale for the last 6 years. Sadly this show and Sale will be their last. This said, we are now looking for new co-chairs for the Show and Sale. Denni and Nancy have organized the Show and Sale so that it now runs as a well-oiled machine. The guide lines, rules, and organization are all done and this information will be passed on to the new co-chairs. While it can be a lot of activity compressed into a small time it is rewarding to hear the public take it all in with awe, think about it and why not give being a co-chair a try, you might just like it!

Fishing for Info with Lynda Bass

WEAVING FOR THE LONG RUN - SIT AT THE RIGHT HEIGHT WHILE WEAVING



We left off last issue measuring from elbow and other body dimensions and compared them to specific loom measurements to determine the right height bench. Here's a bit more about rocking benches....

Rocking Bench

For my Mighty Wolf, I needed a smaller bench, and love the one by Harrisville Designs (which I used in weaving classes). It's lightweight and easily adjusts to a steady seat, or slightly rocking. The slightly rocking position is much more comfortable than my former Schacht bench (which could be adjusted to a steady sloping position - but I always felt like I was about to slide off!) - and it's much easier on the lower back! The handles make it very easy to move without bending over too far; it quickly adjusts, so I can move it to the back of the loom for threading at a nice low level. The slope of the bench, when the bench rocks, is about 11-12 degrees of slope. FYI, here are the specs and a photo from the HD website: large (9" W; 32" L; adjustable height 19-25"; 23 lbs) small (9" W; 27.5" L; adjustable height 17-22"; 16 lbs).

large: <http://www.harrisville.com/product-p/a302.htm>

small: <http://www.harrisville.com/product-p/a301.htm>



Yet another home built loom bench, that rocks.

Submitted by [ReedGuy](#)

This bench is made of 5/4 hard maple, the stile is 6/4 for extra strength because it's pegged. I just finished up with the shellac finishing on the surfaces, with a little wax on the mortise pegs, in the bench sleeves and on the brackets. The seat is 42 inches, end to end with a seating area of 36 inches by 12 inches wide between posts. The seat rests on adjustable wooden brackets held by high quality wing nuts that don't require a tool to tighten and loosen. High quality threaded steel rod was used that threads into a 3/4" insert on the back face. This bench rocks if the brackets are installed with the curved faces up. If rocking is too funky, then inverting the brackets makes for a flat bench to. The brackets are 10" long x 2-3/4" wide in the middle. The seat can be adjusted for 19-29" of height.

Various parts to the bench:



TIPS TO KEEP US MOVING

Don't stay seated too long. **Get up and wind a few bobbins, release the warp from the back, even though you can do it from the front.** Be sure and **stretch your neck and back before beginning and after each break so your muscles are ready for their workout.**

For Rent



Patrick Green Triple Picker for picking clean fibers, opening up the fiber/locks to put in your drum carder or just spin from the 'clouds'. This is also a great tool for picking out VM from the fleece. \$3:00 a day, 2 week minimum or \$75.00 per month contact Gail Wright, 786-7774 fiber2play@yahoo.com

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).