

The Roving

September 2013



President's Message: It's hot out today and muggy too. I for one can't wait until the summer is over. The next four months are going to be very, very, busy for the Guild. It is very hard to get enthusiastic about Show and Sale in this kind of weather, but this is just what we have to do. Denni Pearson and Nancy Reimer have done a wonderful job of building on the Show and Sale event that has been guided by DeeDee King for so many years. Thanks to the direction in design and activities taken by Denni and Nancy over the last couple of years, coupled with Nikki Crain's efforts in publicity, we have an event that is well organized, interesting, educational, and widely known. Our event may even get a mention in a weekly newspaper supplement that is issued to newspapers throughout the western states. If you are weaving, spinning, or felting for the sale we need your products. We also need helpers. Denni and Nancy have sent us a thorough information package for sellers as well as presenters/demonstrators. Please be sure to contact them to sign up to help with set-up on Friday, or take down on Saturday. We need numbers and muscles to haul the equipment.

September Meeting

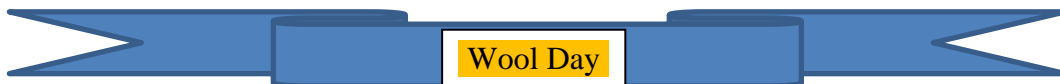
Wool Day and **Show and Sale Details**

Date: September 14

Location: Exeter Memorial
Building, Exeter

Time: 9:30-10 coffee & goodies
**Members with last names A-F, it's
your turn to bring the goodies**

Please carpool



Several of our Guild members raise fiber yielding critters – alpacas, sheep, goats – and they are our September program. These members will talk about their animals and will have their fiber (raw and in other various forms) available for sale. Last year we had:

Sandy Risley – Coopworth and Shetland wool, various other wool rovings

Kathleen Rising – Shetland wool rovings

Kathy Guenther – Many different types of wool rovings and some mohair

Teri Judd – Domestic wool rovings

Sylvia De Groot – Suri alpaca dyed locks and carded bats

Linda McLung – Alpaca fiber

Beth Lovett – Wool rovings from her sheep

Lindsay Dion – Sun dyed super wash rovings, dyed mohair locks, carded art bats, spun art yarns

Dee Dee King – dyed rovings, alpaca/wool rovings, dyed mohair locks, spun yarns

It was a great time and lots of beautiful fiber! The meeting will be in the usual room and the fiber will be on display/for sale in the other room. See you there!

Show and Sale Details –

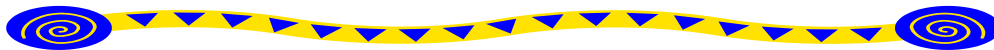
Date: Saturday, October 26 **Open to Public:** 10 am – 3 pm **Open for Members:** 7:30 am-4:30pm

Member Inventory Delivery Times: Friday afternoon until 5 pm and Saturday morning 7:30-9am. The hall will be secured overnight. Delivery on Friday is preferred. Pickup after 3 pm on Saturday.

Cookies: 2 dozen per member – whether you will be selling or not. You may bring your 2 dozen to the meeting and they will be frozen for the Show.

The Show and Sale **Inventory Sheets** and **Name Code** forms have been posted on the website – www.hwotv.org – and copies will be available at the meeting as well. 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.

Guidelines for Sale and Show items are attached at the end of the newsletter.



Guild Programs for 2013:

Sept – Wool Day sale

October – Show and Sale October 26

Nov – Protein Dye Day – all the hairy things

Dec – Christmas Party – potluck or catered we need to decide at the location is the Wellness Center in Lindsay

Upcoming Events:

September 7-8 Heart of California Bead & Adornment Expo: 10am-5pm at the Ramada Inn on the corner of Shaw and Fwy 41 in Fresno – www.heartofcaliforniaexpo.com.

November 15-17 We are now accepting sign-ups for Jason Collingwood's workshop to be held on November 15, 16, and 17, 2013. (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). Total cost, including lunches will be approximately \$200.00. Registration will be opened to other guilds after the August meeting. A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit will guarantee your place. Jason will take 20 students.

October 7-13 Spinzilla - Monster Spinning Contest Join the Meridian Jacobs Team Now!

Celebrate Spinning & Weaving Week, **October 7-13**, by joining us in Spinzilla. Teams all over the country are out to compete for fame and glory (and prizes). Join your favorite team before September 23 and plan to spin as much yarn as you can during Spinning & Weaving Week. You can spin at home and send photos and yardage (singles) or you can join us here at Meridian Jacobs for a couple of special Spinning Days to be announced. In any case, after you sign up you'll be eligible for prizes to be drawn by the Spinzilla Committee and by Meridian Jacobs. To sign up and learn more click [here](#). Only 25 members are allowed per team so sign up soon!**Join by September 23 and Spin October 7-13.**

Ongoing Groups

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 (\$11). 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.



Show & Sale Photo Call.....

We need all of your 2012-2013 photos of the Handweavers of the Valley doing their thing for the new SLIDE SHOW.

Please get your photos to Chris Fischer ASAP The higher the resolution the better the slide show. (300bpi or more)

Please e-mail the pictures to pfcfpf@sbcglobal.net, or mail a labeled disc to Chris Fischer, 248 E Monte Vista, Visalia, Ca. 93277.

If all else fails call Chris at 734-1818 to make arrangements.

Please remember that the slide show takes a lot of time to put together and Chris needs to start now. Please send all photos as soon as you can, so that she can get started. Thank you for your help.

Show & Sale Committee

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Guild has agreed to provide a Friendship Coverlet for the 2014 raffle at Show and Sale. Vanda McArthur has agreed to be our coordinator for the project. We need weavers to sign up for the project. Each person will thread their loom with an overshot pattern that they choose for themselves. They then weave a square (15" by 15") in a color that they also choose, AND then weave a square of the same pattern in each other person's color, plus one square for the raffle coverlet. All squares will have the same background color so they can be joined in a harmonious whole. If you have already signed up for the project, send your pattern selection to Vanda by e-mail. We do not know how much warp each person needs to order until we have the number of participants finalized. If you have not already signed up, please send Vanda an e-mail to sign up. If you do not have books with overshot patterns, I (Susan) have several, and you are welcome to call and stop by to select a pattern (call first). The warping and weaving will be an ongoing project from now through the first half of 2014, so there will be time to do this after Show and Sale, and after the Collingwood workshop. If you are not familiar with overshot as a pattern weave, there are many guild members that can act as resources. More details to come as the sign-ups and pattern selections are completed.

SHOW AND SALE RULES AND GUIDELINES START HERE

“ANNUAL HARVEST OF HANDWOVENS SHOW & SALE” 4th Saturday in October

Plan your inventory early in the year...Design, Dye, Spin, Felt, Weave & Sew. Selling your creations is both exciting & rewarding. Handweavers of the Valley guild profits & the funds earned from Show & Sale help purchase equipment, library books, DVD's, workshops, programs...

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE:

Full members of the Handweavers of the Valley whose dues are paid in full preceding April 30th.

POLICIES:

1. Reproductions of items from Handwoven and/or Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot, etc. will not be allowed to be sold at HWV Show & Sale.
2. If members have no one to watch their very young children on the day of Show & Sale, they should not plan to work at Show & Sale. Loose children are a liability consideration.
3. All items brought for sale must be handwoven, handspun or fleece. Handwoven items for sale must be at least 50% handwoven --- handspun yarn needs to be hand crafted (or sold as yarn) – no machine knitting except where used as ribbing, etc. on handwoven items.

WHAT SELLS WELL:

- * Trendy items from fashion & décor magazines (what's "IN" now).
- * Fine garments & scarves.
- * Tote bags & purses.
- * Placemats & mug rugs.
- * Dishtowels & table runners.
- * Quality rugs.
- * Christmas items afghans, small items such as bookmarks, eye glass cases & greeting cards.
- * Toys & baby blankets.
- * Small inexpensive items are great for children to buy.

PRICING:

RULE OF THUMB – Price 3 to 4 times the cost to make the item with consideration for our market.

NOTES:

- * Please remember the necessity of a well finished piece. Be proud of your work!!! A fine piece of handwoven fabric deserves the best possible finishing...smooth seams, hems, neat trims, careful pressing, etc.
- * All handwovens submitted for sale should have the following attached: Designer Label; Care Tag – Fiber Content; Care Instructions (Prewashed, Hand Wash, Machine Wash, Dry Clean, etc.); Price; HWV "Hang Tag" – Will be removed by clerk at time of sale for record keeping.
- * Please wear your HWV name tag during the Show & Sale.
- * Volunteers are necessary to insure advanced preparations, set-up, smooth running of the show itself, tear-down & clean-up.
- * Please offer help at a meeting or by contacting Show & Sale Co-Chairs...Denni Pearson & Nancy Reimer