

PURPOSE

Handweavers of the Valley

Organized in 1953 through the efforts
of Cora Kyte of Delano, California.

The guild formed to promote, encourage and share
handweaving and spinning. During its early years the members
helped set up looms for the State Hospital in Porterville, California
and contributed time and yarns to a local sheltered workshop.

Today, the Guild is comprised of approximately 100 members
from Central San Joaquin Valley communities with membership
extending as far north as Reedley and Squaw Valley and
south to Delano and Bakersfield. All members share a common
interest in the continuing creative textile process.

The Guild provides several services to its members.
Looms and equipment are available to members on a rental basis.
A library was established in 1958 and with the periodic addition of new
volumes and videos, members have the use of its facilities.

A network of "*Weaving Friends*" in various communities provides help
and encouragement for new weavers. Workshops and guest speakers
help instruct and inform the members on items of interest.



Bertha Huber

"Weave now to recreate the past and create for the future."