

# The Roving

**August 2014**



## From the President

I can't believe it is already August. This is when I am glad I am not teaching anymore because now I can welcome August and not dread it. I don't miss those hot August days in the hot classroom. I do love my air-conditioning.

I heard from several people that attended DeeDee's Spin-In what a good time they had. The weather was great and everyone went home with a door prize. If I had known that I might have made it. You all know how I like Goodie Bags and Door Prizes. Maybe next July. Some of the members even spent the night at the Pierpoint Resort. What a great idea!

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**August Meeting**  
**Carding Machine Demonstration by**  
**Nancy Reimer & Friends**

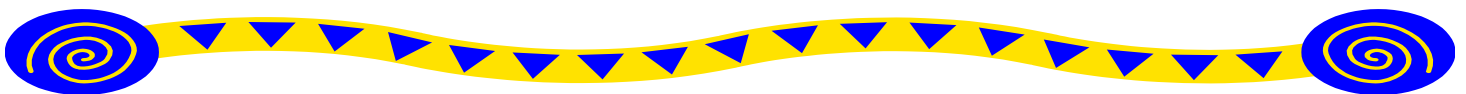
**Date: August 9**

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

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

**Last names Q-Z, it's your turn to**  
**bring the goodies** ✦

**Please carpool**

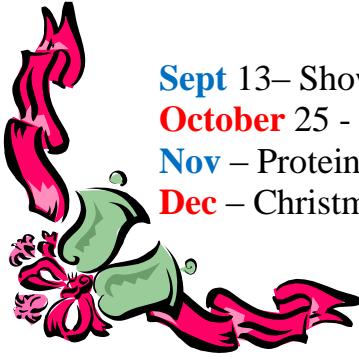


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Be sure to check out our Facebook page. If you have pictures you would like to add, send them to Judy Trimble, she's our Facebook Administrator.

**Squeekie Wheels** – the spinning group of Guild members meets the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month in Exeter at the at Capella's Coffee House, 10-3ish.

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



## Guild Meetings

**Sept** 13– Show and Sale Last Notes

**October** 25 - Show and Sale October

**Nov** – Protein Dye Day – all the hairy things with Lindsay and DeeDee!!

**Dec** – Christmas Party –

Kathleen Cone Just wanted to remind you that you should have all your squares done now and please bring them to the August meeting. I know we all encountered various obstacles with this project, but I did enjoy the process. I would like to do another study, but not where I have to make something for others. I can't deal with the pressure. What do you ladies think? Maybe discuss it in January?



*Fishing for Info* with Lynda Bass

WEAVING FOR THE LONG RUN

SIT AT THE RIGHT HEIGHT WHILE WEAVING

Have you been finding your back aches after weaving? How about your knees? While reading Weavolution, I found some messages that addressed that issue. Walt Turpening has been weaving custom stools for years. Here are some measurements and tips from him, to make weaving at your loom more enjoyable for you and your body, so you can weave for many years to come.

Walt's Measurements

I thought I'd share this from Walter Turpening, posted many years ago on the Weaving yahoo group (and reposted with his permission). We were discussing benches a little in another thread. I've used this method on several benches/ chairs and it's always worked well for me. Lower Leg length (LL)-from floor up to the back of knee (where the little crease develops when the knee is bent) Treadle Height (TH)-from floor up to top of treadle where the ball of your foot rests before treading

Add LL to TH to get Lower Torso bench height: ex. LL = 18", TH=3" gives a LT=21"

Elbow Height (EH)-seated from seat up to bottom of elbow with fore arm horizontal and upper arm vertical.  
Breast Beam height (BB)-from floor up to top of breast beam. Subtract EH from BB to get Upper Torso bench height: ex. BB=30", EH=8", gives UT=22"

Choose the higher of the two bench heights to assure that your elbow clears the breast beam and that your knee is at or below your hip when you begin to press down on the treadle.

Now in the case where you and the loom are not a perfect match, treadle risers are easily done. A local woodworker should be able to do the job and a local lumber yard (not a box store) should be able to point you to one. Simple wood blocks attached with the best quality double sided carpet tape should do the trick. Their thickness is calculated by reversing the above equations.

To be continued

The list of Guild weaving equipment is attached. Contact Sharon Warren for more information.

### **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](mailto:fiber2play@yahoo.com)

### **For Sale**

Nikki Crain is helping Jeanette Barton find new homes for her looms. The looms have been in dry storage in a barn and have accumulated some dust, but otherwise are good, solid looms. If you are interested, call Nikki to get details – 561 4048 and make an offer.



Nilus Leclerc loom 38" weaving area



Counterbalance loom 40" weaving area

This is a counterbalance loom that is collapsible to save space ~



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



# **Guild Equipment**

**As of 4/10/13**

Drum Carder with doffing awl

Wool Combs

Rag Cutter with two heads

8 harness table loom

7' Triangle loom, stand & DVD

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Incredible rope machine

Ashford spinning wheel

Kromski spinning wheel

Ahrens floor loom 36" wide (folds to 20" to 24")

Hand cards with cover

15" Dorothy Table loom

8 harness Northern floor loom (counter balance) (no one seems to be able to get a shed with this loom)

4 harness Dundas

If you are interested in borrowing this equipment please contact me.

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