

Weave to  
re-create  
the past



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the future

# The Roving

February, 2016



## **February Meeting:**

**When:** February 13, 2016

**Where:** Exeter Memorial Building

**Time:** 9:30 – 10:00 Coffee & Goodies (Meeting to follow.)

**(Guild members with last names beginning E - J, please bring snack to share – Thanks!)**

**Program:** Gail Wright will share her talent in working with fibers as well as an AVL demonstration.

**Presidents' Letter:**

Dear Members,

It is really hard to believe February is just around the corner. January sped by!

FIBER TIME is precious whether it be weaving, spinning, knitting, or sitting with a cup of tea while planning future projects.

Perhaps each of us needs to make sure there is FIBER TIME each day, even if it is only 15 minutes with an inspirational magazine, cones of yarn, fibers to be spun, or contemplation of possible new directions.

We appreciate those of you who stayed, worked on projects, and socialized after the meeting in January. This was a terrific way to start the year.

For the February program, Gail Wright is utilizing FIBER TIME for a demo on an AVL Warping Wheel, which the AVL web site considers "a wonder tool."

Hope to see you all on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

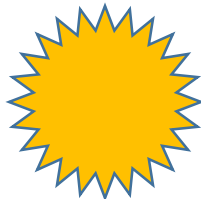
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**Equipment Information:**

**One of our Guild members is wanting to use the Guild's 8-harness Northern brand, table loom. If this is in your possession, please call Sharon Warren, 559-561-3805.**

**Thanks!**



**Note:** Thanks to all who have renewed their membership! Remember that only currently paid members will receive *The Roving* in their e-mail. Otherwise, it can be found by the public on the Guild's web site.

## Fishing for Info

by Lynda Bass



## TWILLS

If one has woven for a while, the term 'twill' has been heard or even experienced at the loom. Twill fabrics are very versatile, and seemingly unlimited in their ability to give a weaver a new design in the fabric. They offer better drape than plain weave, and more give on the bias, after sewn being into a garment. When weaving with eight or more shafts, the patterns available are nearly endless. They are the basis for overshot patterning, for the herringbone, and undulating, dornick, diamond and bird's eye twill. Plaited or braided even diapers and denim, they are all twills. Pick up any hand weaving manual and peruse the pages of twills. They are many and varied.

When we look closely at our denim jeans, we see a diagonal line. This is caused by a step to the right or left in interlacement. This is what makes a weave a twill rather than a plain weave. A plain weave is a direct over under and is straight up and across. The diagonal can move to the right, the left, or can go back and forth, up and down, skip a thread and undulate.

How can it do that on a grid that is the loom? A basic 4 shaft twill is threaded in the order so that the threads go from one shaft to a neighboring shaft (ex. 1, 2, 3, 4, 1...). On a four shaft structure, the treading pattern will determine whether the twill will be balanced with two above the weft and two below (2:2), or if it will be unbalanced as in a 3:1, which will give us a 1:3 on the reverse side. This is just the beginning in the variety that is twill.

In a 2:2 twill for example, the treading pattern will be lifting 1&2, 2&3, 3&4, 4&1, in that order; then begin again with 1 & 2. As the weft travels through the warp a diagonal line in the interlacement will become visible. This is the mark of a twill - that diagonal movement. So, if you haven't tried weaving a twill, check it out!! It is a new and different world than a plain weave and the possibilities are endless.

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**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 buy it there and eat in the dining room (cost is usually \$5.00). “Squeekies” also meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at Cappella’s Coffee House in Exeter from 10-3. Lunch is always good there and it’s a great time to share techniques, etc..

**Kaweah Konnection:** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Presbyterian Church Conference Room in Three Rivers. Contact Sharon Warren if you’re interested. Instructional weaving/spinning DVD’s are occasionally featured and “Show and Tell” is always interesting.

**Guild Dues:** \$25.00 per year for individuals; \$35 per year for families. Dues are payable January 1<sup>st</sup> and are in effect through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year. Membership cards will be issued to Guild members upon renewal.

**Items for the newsletter** (items for sale, new items, announcements, etc.) need to be received by Sophie Britten by the 25th of each month. E-mail is [sophieab@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sophieab@sbcglobal.net) or phone 559-561-4265 (please leave message or call back number).

**See you on the 13<sup>th</sup>!**