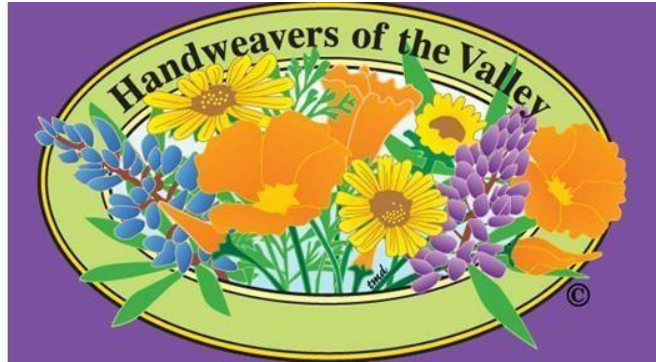


Weave to
re-create
the past



Weave to
create for
the future

The Roving

May, 2016

President's Message:

Greetings!

Spring with its infinite variety is moving along. Sorting, organizing, and cleaning seem to occur this time of year whether it is the house, garage, or studio. Rearranging fiber supplies allows the mind to wander and open up to inspiration. Color and texture can be a focus with the possibilities of future projects ever present. Whether one sorts by fiber, color, or upcoming activity, our raw materials are a marvelous source of creative endeavor. Here's to **INSPIRATION** in its many forms!

News and futures: * There is no regular May meeting. The next meeting is June 11.

* Toni and the Gourd Conference want to thank all Handweavers of the Valley who participated and volunteered during the Baskets and Gourds – Containers of our Culture recently held at the Elks Lodge in Visalia. The Conference was extremely successful, and the HVOTV involvement was thoroughly appreciated!

* eScrip: Handweavers of the Valley is now part of the eScrip program.

When one makes purchases from businesses included on the list, a % of the sales goes directly to the specific non-profit listed when one signs up. Klara has completed the paperwork for the Guild. The procedure: Go to www.eScrip.com

No Guild Meeting will
be held in May, 2016



Look for Handweavers of the Valley [Lemoore address Zip = 93245]

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Set up an account. It is NOT necessary to list a credit card.

For example: A Savemart Rewards card #...or phone # can be used.

There is quite a variety of On-Line merchants on the list as well.

May everyone enjoy May and its promise.

Think FIBER!

INSPIRATION is everywhere!

Enjoy CREATIVITY!

Leonora and Toni

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Regional Conferences

There are many regional conferences throughout the states every year. What can be seen at these conferences? There are generally a myriad of classes in weaving techniques, dying, spinning, and sometimes the business of weaving.

Many of our members attended CNCH this year, in Modesto. I did not take any classes, but enjoyed the market place, the gallery and meeting up with old friends, from around the state. I think our members had a great time, as well. It is always a good place to see many vendors in the same place. You can compare and contrast what is currently being manufactured in the fiber world from fiber to tools.

In the market place, I saw new concepts for spinning wheels at Spinolution; Clemes and Clemes had some new spinning ideas, as well. Village Spinning and Weaving with all they carry, books, fiber, tools had a prominent spot in the market place. AVL was there with their newer workshop loom and others, as well as Jannie Taylor, their teacher extraordinaire. Nifty tools that can help you at the loom were found at Glimakra and Gilmore, too! There were beautiful rugs from Interwoven in Stockton. Giovanna Imperia was there with her lovely and interesting yarns for kumihimo and loom weaving. Beautiful silks could be had at Red Fish DyeWorks and Teresa Ruch Designs. Hand dyed sock yarn and rovings so varied from mohair

locks to silk, cotton and linen made an appearance. Sally Fox was there with her naturally colored cotton, all organic, and some new knitting and designing ventures. Tien Chu had many pieces up in the gallery and all around. It was good to see them in person, rather than in a magazine.

In addition to the beautiful fabrics, fibers, tools there was information about upcoming conferences and fiber gatherings. Here are two:

Dixon's Lambtown Festival in Dixon, CA the first weekend in October and next year's CNCH which will be held at Asilomar in Pacific Grove, CA on May 4-7.

I have tried to make a point of attending conferences over my weaving life and I have to say it always gets my juices flowing and I find it to be a positive thing, all around. So look some up, get together with friends and come see what others do in the fiber world! Maybe I will see you there!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING GUILD MEMBERS:

Chris Davis

Jacque Ireton

Sophie Britten

May is your month; have a very Happy Birthday!



Library News!

***Handwoven Baby Blankets*, by Tom Knisely (thanks to Hope Overholt for giving this book to the Guild Library!)**

***Color and Texture in Weaving*, by Margo Selby**

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Since there are no Guild meetings planned for this month, these groups are still meeting and they hope you will be able to attend them:

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 buy it there and eat in the dining room (cost is usually \$5.00). “Squeekies” also meet on the 3rd Friday of the month at Cappella’s Coffee House in Exeter from 10-3. Lunch is always good there.

Kawah Konnection: meets on the 2nd 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.

Reminder:

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 or phone 559-561-4265 (please leave message or call back number).



See you in June!