

Weave to
re-create
the past



Weave to
create for
the future

The Roving

March, 2017

Presidents' Letter

*Green is the grass
And the leaves of trees.
Green is a flutter
That comes in Spring.
Green is the world
After the rain
Bathed and beautiful
Again.*

Hailstones and Halibut Bones
Mary O'Neill

Dear HWOTV,

Spring is on the way... wet though the past month has been, the foothills are a spectacular green be it lime, fern, chartreuse, shamrock, mint, emerald, seafoam, olive, pine, moss, pistachio, sage, willow,inspiration for yarn color cards, paint pots, or a box of pointed, new crayons!

Soon wild flowers will bloom, and the valley spring will be here in all its glory.

As fiber artists, we thrive on color. We see it, feel it, and, at times, it almost consumes us. Fabric shops and yarn stores draw us in, and we enjoy being awash in color. In spring the colors in nature are clean and pure, and duplicating them in



March Meeting

When: March 11, 2017

Where: Exeter Memorial Building

Time: 10:00 AM

Members with last names beginning with N-W, please bring munchies & goodies

March Meeting

Program: Introduction to Quilting

art is challenging.

While we enjoy the season of rebirth, may the beauty of nature contribute to an abundance of creativity. Let us CREATE.... for ourselves...for family...for others...for Show & Sale!

Leonora and Toni

More on March's Program:

“Introduction to Quilting”

Continuing with a topic mentioned in the HWOTV Survey, members can enjoy learning about the fiber art of quilting. Many weavers may have in their stash of past projects, colorful pieces of handwoven fabric. How great to have the possibility of incorporating them into a bag... potholders... placemats...vests... etc. This would be a great way to add additional variety to Show & Sale!

Sad News to Report: Guild member *emeritus*, Jeanette Barton, died on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2017 at the age of 85. She had advanced Parkinson's disease with other complications. Jeanette made a difference in the lives of many weavers. She had been a part of the Loom Room and her shop, Mountain Arts, in Three Rivers was a mecca for weavers for many years. Kaweah Konnection met there for a long time during the 1980s and '90s until she closed the shop in 1996. She will be remembered with great fondness. A book or DVD will be added to the guild library in her memory.
- from Nikki Crain

Dee Dee King shares these memories of Jeanette as well:

It is with great sadness that I learned of Jeanette's passing. She was a master weaver, a kind soul, and positive in her outlook on life. Jeanette taught many a new weaver the basics of our craft and set them on a path of creative fulfillment. She will be missed in this world by those of us who were lucky enough to know her.

Jeanette Barton is the reason I came to be a member of Hand weavers of the Valley. I first met her in March of 1977. My husband and I had moved to Visalia in November of the previous year. We had rented a horrible little apartment and were waiting for our new house to be finished. I had brought two large looms with me from Los Angeles, and they were taking up most of the floor space in our apartment. By that spring, I had cabin fever so bad that one sunny Saturday morning I set out to “find the weavers” I had heard about that were in Three Rivers. There, along the highway that ran through Three Rivers was a cute little shop called Mountain Arts, owned by Jeanette.

On that sunny March morning, Jeanette was just about to leave to drive down to a Hand weaver's meeting that was going to take place in Porterville. Jeanette urged me to follow her down the hill to the meeting, so I did. When we got there, Jeanette introduced me to a whole crowd of very nice people and they invited me to join the group. I had met the "weavers", and was thrilled to be a part of the group. There were expert weavers in that group, and most had learned the craft so that they could create things to decorate their homes. It was an inspiring bunch, with Jeanette one of the most talented.

One of the things about Jeanette that caught my attention was that she was able to successfully sell her craft products. When she asked me if I would like to sell my weavings in her shop, we began a mutually beneficial business arrangement. She sold a lot of my rugs and placemats over the years. She was always very complimentary of my work, which was very high praise from such a master weaver, and it was always a treat to drive up the hill to see her and the shop for a visit to drop off product. I looked forward to seeing such a sweet gentle soul.

**I will miss her.
Dee Dee King**





Birthdays for March: – if we've missed you, please let us know.

Bill Hungerford

Michael Jackson

Julie McIntosh

Hope Overholt

Patricia Thompkins

This is your month; have a wonderful Birthday!

Squeekie Wheels: The latest news from our leader, Ann Belau:

Good news!! History is repeating itself and we can still have our spin-in in Exeter on the **third Friday of the month**. Dust off your spinning wheels and come join the fun. Park on the street behind the restaurant, or at the north end of the parking lot.....we don't want ruin our welcome by taking the parking spaces of their regular daily customers. See you March 17th!

Kaweah Konnection: Next meeting will be **March 8, 2017**. We meet 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.

Items for the newsletter (items for sale, new items, announcements, etc.) need to be received by Sophie Britten sophieab@sbcglobal.net by the 25th of each month.



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That's all, folks!