

38th Annual Harvest of Handwovens

38th Annual! There must be a reason why Harvest of Handwovens presented by Handweavers of the Valley is so highly anticipated year after year. The professional level of this show has grown to rival anything found in Los Angeles or San Francisco, yet is unique in our valley. This event, also known as the Handweavers' Show & Sale is always held on the 4th Saturday of October at the Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building, 324 N. Kaweah Ave, (Hwy 65). This year's 38th annual event is held on October 28, 2017. Demonstrations and exhibits open at 9:30 and the sales floor will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Weaving and spinning are the main focus of this talented group, although interests have expanded to include many other fiber-related techniques. Knitting and crocheting are represented using only handspun yarns. Demonstrations of spinning, weaving, felting, bead weaving, color-blending and dyeing of fibers and yarns fascinate visitors to this educational experience. Exquisite pine needle baskets and weaving on gourds will also be highlighted.

Carole Dulitz of Springville will be on hand with her specialty yarns for sale. The raffle is a very popular and exciting part of the show each year. The winner this year will receive a basket filled with items for the kitchen in an autumn theme. The basket will contain mostly items made by members of the guild.

You will want to plan your holiday shopping to include beautiful handmade garments, towels, rugs, throws, jewelry, scarves, baskets and other household items. A special area is set aside for used equipment and discounted books, yarns and fibers. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Admission and parking are free.

Handweavers of the Valley is a non-profit organization that spans a large portion of central California from Bakersfield to Squaw Valley, Three Rivers, Visalia and Porterville. The Harvest of Handwovens contributes to the guild's goal of public awareness of the fine crafts of handweaving and spinning and serves as an educational experience for those wishing to learn more about these ancient arts.

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