

Weave to
re-create
the past



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the future

The Roving

January, 2018

President's Letter

Happy New Year, HWOTV!

Hopefully everyone had a lovely, restful holiday season!

This time of year many people ponder resolutions. Thus it seemed appropriate to include in ***The Roving*** Susan Horton's "I can Help You Write Your 2018 Weaving Resolutions!" Take the time to read, ponder, digest.....and decide how you might incorporate some of her ideas into your 2018 plans. The suggestions can certainly be modified a bit to apply to spinners and other fiber folk.

HWOTV has an exciting year ahead! The January Play Day starts us off with a fun, informative, get-to-know-others-in-the-Guild event.

Monica Rook, incoming VP and Workshop Chair, has also lined up three workshops on meeting days plus an April event:

- March - Rigid Heddle
- April - Kumihimo Bracelet
- June - Cotton Spinning
- September - Indigo



January Meeting:

When: January 13,
2018

Time: (9AM Board
Meeting)

Regular Meeting:

10AM – 1 "ish". See
below for planned
lunch and activities.

Last names beginning
with **A-D**, please bring
snacks.

Where: Exeter
Memorial Building

Monica is including info in this ***Roving*** – read and enjoy!!

We wish to welcome Monica Rook as incoming Vice President and Workshop Chair, Margaret Alfonso as new Membership Chair, and Nancy Cisar as incoming Treasurer.

Dues can be mailed to Nancy or brought to the January meeting.

Nancy Cisar
7726 N. First St. # 101
Fresno, CA 93720

The membership form is available on the web site.

There is other 2018 news for HWOTV. In December the Board established a Scholarship Program for Membership. If you know of someone who might benefit from a Membership Scholarship, have them contact either Leonora or Toni, and we will pursue it.

A “Meet the Mentor” Program is in the planning stages. The goal is to provide one-on-one assistance for members who might want support in their pursuit of the fiber arts.

A new door prize procedure is planned that allows winners to pick their prize from a variety of exciting options.

As you can see, we are enthusiastic about what 2018 has to offer. Let this be a MARVELOUS year that allows each of us to grow artistically and become an active part of Handweavers of the Valley!

Leonora and Toni

HWOTV - We have received permission from Interweave to include this Spin-Off blog post in our Newsletter!



I Can Help You Write Your 2018 Weaving Resolutions!

December 06, 2017 | Author: [Susan E. Horton](#) | [2 Comments](#)



Quite a few years ago, I abandoned the idea of New Year's resolutions that were centered on self-improvement and replaced them with resolutions to do things that I wanted to do—a bucket list of sorts. When I told my sister one year that my resolutions were now along the lines of “I’m going to see what that new restaurant downtown is like” and “[I’m going to learn how to weave lace](#)“, she laughingly responded, “But that is what you want to do.” Yes, it was what I wanted to

do. No guilt, no expectations of a total personality change, just some things that I wanted to try or do.

It works for me. You all can go ahead and feel bad about not going to the gym every day in 2017, for not reading all of Shakespeare's plays, or for not yet speaking fluent Italian, but I'm not going to join you. I'm working on next year's resolutions. Currently, they involve visiting Yellowstone Park and finding out if you can weave a [rag rug](#) using velvet as your weft.

Your crafting life can really benefit by reimagining resolutions as things you want to do. Adopt my approach, and you might find more pleasure in your weaving. Imagine weaving resolutions in 2018 like these:

- Weave plain weave on an 8-shaft loom, or weave a 4" scarf on a 20" wide rigid-heddle loom, without feeling guilty.
- Cut off that warp you hate.
- Throw away the cone of mohair that makes you itch when you look at it.
- Add some crazy weft to your very structured runner.
- Try a [different treadling](#) than the one you so carefully planned.
- Warp with the [souvenir skein](#) you've had for 10 years.
- Combine your favorite colors in a way that makes you happy but doesn't jive with [color theory](#).

Maybe if your resolutions are more in line with your intentions and what you want to do, you might find yourself exploring some avenues in weaving you never before considered. It's much more fun than feeling guilty about what you didn't do, and I bet far more productive in the end. Join me. And

I'll let you know what I find out about using velvet for weft!

Weave well,
Susan



(Newsletter cont'd.)

NEWS from Monica Rook, our new Vice-President:

Get your new Christmas cookbooks off the shelf!

Try a new soup or stew recipe for our January Play Day lunch, SOUP YOUR BOWL, but please email rooksworld@sbcglobal.net so we can figure numbers.

You will need to bring a crockpot of soup or stew and utensils. Thank you!

AND...more great news from Monica:

We have a delightful addition to our workshop calendar!

Cookie Hansen will be teaching interested members how to make a Kumihimo bracelet on April 7, 2018 (not a meeting date). The cost for the class is only \$35.00. Not only will participants learn how to make a beautiful bracelet, but you may decide Kumihimo is your new form of weaving embellishment. Toni has offered her home in Visalia the location for the workshop. Interested? Sign up on January 13, 2018. \$20 is due at registration and the balance is due by March 10, 2018. Class size is limited!

There are still openings for the March 10-11 Deborah Jarchow workshop: RIGID HEDDLE JUMP START - Beginner to Advance Beginner. Registrations will continue at the January meeting. Information is available from Monica Rook.



(More Newsletter)

PLAY DAY

January 13, 2018

9:30 Social Time

10:00 Mini Meeting

10:20 PLAY DAY!!

11:45ish Lunch

Goals for the Day:

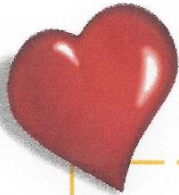
Work on an on-going project or

finish a stagnant project

Gather skills and information

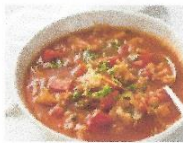
Meet other guild members

Have fun



Soup Your Bowl Luncheon

Soups to warm your heart!



If you would like to bring a
crockpot of soup, stew or
chili, please email:

rooksworld@sbcglobal.net

Bring an unfinished project, or
a dream project

Play Day supervisors will be
available to answer questions
and offer advice

Felting/weaving/spinning/knitting
/gourds



Bring a friend, if you like!



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

Margaret Alfonso

Toni Best

Karen Branch

Vanessa Damron

Terri Judd

Judy Trimble

Sandra Willey

Gail Wright

Kaweah Konnection: Next meeting will be 10AM, January 14th at Harrison Hall, Three Rivers Community Presbyterian Church. Contact Sharon Warren for more information. Instructional weaving/spinning DVD's are occasionally featured and "Show and Tell" is always interesting.

Squeekie Wheels: Squeekies will meet the third Friday of every month, and the new hours will be from 9am until 1pm. The only thing we have to remember to bring is our "inside the library quiet voices". That might be the hardest thing for me to remember, because spinning with such nice people is so much fun.

While you are thinking about it right now, why don't you go jot down the date of our next spin-in on your calendar so you can come join us? Hope to see you there.

January 19, 2018

Exeter Public Library
230 E. Chestnut Street, Exeter
9am ~ 1pm

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