

Weave to
re-create
the past



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the future

The Roving

February, 2018

President's Letter:

Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Happy Heart Month, HWOTV!

As teachers (now retired) we always looked forward to February with its two Monday Presidents' holidays...and the variety afforded by Valentine's Day. Enjoy the month!

What an exciting and rewarding January Play Day. We wish to thank Monica for her enthusiastic planning...the HWOTV who supervised playground stations,... and the members who played. It looks as if 2018 will be an exciting year for the Guild!

Hope you enjoyed reading Susan E. Horton's ***Weaving Resolutions*** post in the January *Roving*. While she gave a variety of suggestions for a change of pace in 2018, even adopting just one of them could spice up your fiber life. Leonora is intrigued by the "Combine your favorite colors in a way that makes you happy but doesn't jive with color theory." Toni is looking forward to adding "some crazy weft" to one of her structured pieces.

Let's all consider participating in **Show & Tell** in 2018... perhaps several times during the year? It is always exciting to learn what others are doing - their successes as well as the



February Meeting:

When: February 10, 2018

Time: 10AM See below for planned activities.

Last names beginning with **E-M**, please bring snacks.

Where: Exeter Memorial Building

not so successful projects.

The **Meet the Mentor** program will be introduced at the February meeting. Please consider becoming a contributor. All too often we feel comfortable in our own world – perhaps unaware of those around us who might want guidance, advice, or instruction. What a marvelous opportunity, as a Mentor, to foster another's interest in the fiber world by working one-on-one!

Membership dues were due January 31. This may be your last *Roving* if you have not renewed! It would be a shame to miss out on what will be an exciting year for HWOTV!

Looking forward to seeing you at the February meeting.

Leonora and Toni



Coming Attractions from Our Vice-President and Program Chairman, Monica!

February

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, Judy Askins will provide a program on how to felt soap. Judy requests you bring a flat rectangular bar of soap with rounded corners. (NOT DOVE). She would like you to bring a towel, as well. You should leave the February's program with another wonderful felting experience. After this Saturday, you might just want to weave some felting into your current project.

Out of respect for Judy's time and talents, please email: rooksworld@sbcglobal.net to secure your position in the hands-on portion of the meeting. (Judy needs to know how much wool to bring)

March

Deborah Jarchow is visiting EVMB on March 10-11. There are only 6 spots left for the class and if you wish to claim one of them, please email Monica Rook at rooksworld@sbcglobal.net The cost of the class is estimated at \$100. There is a \$50 deposit (non-refundable), due at registration and the remainder (\$50) is due on February 10, 2018. Please remember, Deborah will loan participants rigid heddle looms for this workshop.

Class Description:

Class Level: Beginner to Advanced Beginner

In this course you will be able to jump right into rigid-heddle weaving if you haven't tried it, or bump up your current skills if you're already a weaver. There will be 2 tracks in the class - one for beginners and one for those that are already familiar with the basics.

During the 2 days, beginners will learn how to easily warp the loom using the direct-warping method. Then they'll explore warp-faced and weft-faced weave structures and color-and-weave patterns, and learn to use pick-up sticks to create patterns that are woven into the cloth. Learn tips to keep selvages straight and practice different ways to finish the ends. If you haven't tried rigid-heddle weaving, this class will start you on the right path so you can go home with weaving confidence.

If you are already a rigid-heddle weaver, don't miss this chance to refine and review techniques, round out your rigid-heddle skills, and develop your confidence. Delve into many techniques like clasped weft, inlay and complex pick up techniques like honeycomb and waffle weave. Learn tips to help improve your techniques!

Supplies to bring: *Rigid heddle loom with at least 8" wide weaving width and 7.5 or 8 dent reed, Warping peg, threading and sley hooks, clamps**, 2 brown paper grocery bags, 1 tube from inside a paper towel roll, 2 shuttles, 2 pick-up sticks, tapestry needle, sewing needle, scissors, tape measure, 30 yards of waste yarn (worsted weight acrylic works nicely) Yarn - 400 yards each of 2 solid contrasting colors, or 200 yards each of 4 solid different colors of yarn. All yarn should be worsted weight, strong, smooth, not hairy and at least 2 ply (no singles).

Early April

Cookie Hansen will be teaching a class on how to create a beaded kumihimo bracelet on April 7th at Toni Best's home from 10-4. The class is only \$35 with lunch included (thanks Toni). Email Monica Rook at rooksworld@sbcglobal.net or claim a precious spot in the class after the HWOTV meeting in February.

April

Ann Belau will spin a yarn or two about her journey as a weaver. First known to the HWOTV as a knitter, then a spinner, she has found her way to the loom bench where she produces many gorgeous and unique items for Show and Sale each year. Ann will detail this journey from beginning to end.

She will share the hows, wheres, whys and tips she has learned that have become so important to both her weaving, and to the finishing of her work.



More from Monica:

Looking Ahead to a Christmas Giving Party

Most of us have just closed the last ornament box, stored the wrapping paper, and cleaned up the tinsel. As you placed your ornaments in the box, Montecito was experiencing devastation beyond belief. You probably thought of those families who no longer have special Christmas items. Then your attention may have turned to those who do not have Christmas items as you know it. You may have thought of others in various areas of your community, state, country and then the world.

You may have reflected at that point that YOU are incredibly blessed by the many possessions and community assets blanketing you. Wouldn't it be wonderful to share some of our fortunes and talents?

A proposal:

Prepare a handmade item (your choice) for a charity... get together as a guild in December to wrap the gifts, and send some of your happiness and love to someone in need. Like-

mindful guild members might like to focus on a specific charity or group, might band together to create blankets for the Linus Project or Twiddlemuffs for Alzheimer patients.

Ideas to get you thinking:

www.knotsoflove.com

www.warmupamerica.org

veterans

homeless

cancer caps

dialysis gloves

AND.....

Prepare... to Meet Your Mentor

Curious about something? Would you like someone to teach you a fiber-related technique? Do you want to inspire another? Would you like to share your fiber-related knowledge with others?

If you need a mentor, or would like to mentor someone in the guild, please sign up at February's meeting, email one of your officers, or mention your interest during Show & Tell at the monthly meeting.

Possible Mentors Positions: (It's up to you)

Weaving - all aspects

Spinning on a drop spindle or spinning wheel

Dyeing

Felting

Baskets

Knitting/Crochet

The Purpose: A Mentor Program is designed to encourage individuals to ask and answer questions as a pair of guild members in the journey of fiber arts. It is the hope that

through this program, the Mentor and the Mentoree will continue to blossom in many areas of the fiber arts.

The Who: Interested guild members need a place to learn from those who are knowledgeable treasures and for those who are treasures to impact the future of HWOTV.

The When: Timing is up to the two who are involved.

Finally, THANKS!

Thanks to Sandy Willey, Audrey Adams, Dee Dee King, Sophie Britten, Hope Overholt, Judy Askins, Donna Hilligas, Leonora Pescosolido, Nancy Cisar, Toni Best, and Charlotte Pavelko for donating soups, breads and "paper goods" on January's Play Day. Many of you brought goodies to add to the festivities!!! Thank you! We will have to do this again, soon.

From DeeDee King:

Good News for this year's Show and Sale!

One of the best raffle prizes, as far as ticket sales, at past show and sales was the "12 months of dishtowels" one that we did a couple of years ago.

This year we are again doing dishtowels for the raffle prize. To get you thinking of this year's theme I wanted to announce early and hopefully, guild members would feel challenged to create a towel that is perfect for the occasion.

I would like to have a "Holiday Collection" of towels, ones for the following eleven special days throughout the year: New Years, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Memorial Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas/Chanukah. Some of these holidays lend themselves easily to color and design like red/pink/white for Valentines, or greens for St. Patrick's Day, but others will be a challenge.

Let me know if you would like to make a towel to donate to the raffle prize this year, and what holiday you chose.

Thanks so much, Dee Dee King



News from your Library:

A very generous Guild member has donated a new book to our collection. The title is ***Eco Colour, botanical dyes for beautiful textiles***, by India Flint. A short review is from the author's own words:

“..... what this book is for: While commercial users of natural dyes demand industry standards, uniformity of dye material and colour-swatch conformity to agreed benchmarks, this book has been written in the hope of offering a more adventurous path to plant colour. Modern life surrounds us with a constant cocktail of toxins.

This book should equip readers with the skills and information to extract dyes from a range of natural sources, analyze substances for their potential as mordants and apply a range of print dye techniques.

The instructions and suggestions offered here may not always lead to permanent colours. On the other hand, you will have the satisfaction of being an explorer in your own backyard, searching out hitherto undiscovered potential. If a colour doesn't last forever, the cloth can simply be dyed again. After all, our bodies change with time as well; our skins wrinkle and our hair goes grey. Faded cloth is far more easily restored!



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

Sylvia DeGroot

DeeDee King

Silvia Leidig

Happy Birthday, Ladies – this is YOUR month!

Kawah Konnection: Next meeting will be 10AM, February 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.

February 16th

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

Items for the newsletter (items for sale, new items, announcements, etc.) need to be received by Sophie Britten sophieab@sbcglobal.net , 559-561-4265 by the 25th of each month.

