

Weave to
re-create
the past



Weave to
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the future

The Roving

May, 2018

May Greetings, HWOTV!

Warm weather has arrived, flowers are blooming, and we can look forward to outdoor activities.

The April meeting with Ann Belau's presentation was great! We learned much, saw solutions to a variety of problems faced by a weaver, and enjoyed the sharing of thoughts by a talented individual. Creativity abounded as evidenced by the concept: "I have a problem....How can it best be solved?"

This month we can look forward to Sandra Willey's "Pattern Making" program. There is also much anticipation for the summer's events Monica has planned.

"Christmas in July" will be a part of the July Spin-in. Be thinking of how you might contribute to a less fortunate's holiday. Leonora has turned to knitting hats and admits that knitting in the evening is more relaxing than twisting fringe.

As Spring transitions into Summer, don't forget the Mini Weavers' Attic planned for the August meeting. Check



May Greetings!

May Meeting:

When: May 12, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM

Program: "Pattern Making" with Sandra Willey

Last names beginning with E-M please bring snacks.

Where: Exeter Memorial Building

your supply's inventory. Our personal taste in both color and fiber changes over time, and presenting items for sale at the August Weavers' Attic gives everyone an opportunity to make those special discoveries that could easily be a part of Show & Sale finished products. Keep a box handy in a corner now so you can add materials as you peruse your inventory.

Enjoy the lovely weather before the heat arrives...and spin...
weave...felt...knit...create!
Leonora and Toni



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

- Looking ahead to May 12th, Sandra Willey will present a program on how to make a pattern from your favorite clothing. Don't forget to bring pencil and paper, for notes. Sandra will have a handout for you, as well.
- We welcome Joan Ruane to Handweavers of the Valley on June 9. She will be presenting a Saturday-Sunday cotton spinning workshop following the meeting. There are spots available so please notify Monica at rooksworld@sbcglobal.net if you would like to challenge your spinning skills. The registration will be opened to outside guilds on the afternoon of May 12th.
- We are combining many tasks during our time in July. As a group, we will begin to label and decorate the Show and Sale bags. Dee Dee King will head the annual spin-in. If you are not a spinner, bring your Christmas Giving and begin or continue your work.
- August has become our Wool Day and new Mini Weaver's Attic. For those of you who are new to the guild, this day is a day of great fun. Clean and organize your stash of weaving, spinning, and dyeing items this summer. Bring the unwanted items to the Mini Weaver's Attic. This is **the** place

to sell, negotiate, barter, or trade (last year's day was quite lively). Dee Dee King will also gather the local sheep producers so you can buy next year's spinning stash!

- In September , we have Marilyn Robert from Eugene, Oregon, presenting a guild program and then a workshop on Indigo Dye. The workshop cost will be approximately \$100. plus a small materials fee. Registration (\$50 non refundable deposit due) will open at the May meeting.

More Informatoin on the Cotton Spinning Workshop...

Joan Ruane's Cotton Spinning Designed for All Levels of Spinners

* * Spinner must be able to able to keep their wheel spinning clockwise consistently.

Workshop goal: To give students good basic techniques in spinning cotton so they feel comfortable with cotton and see how easy it is to spin.

JUNE 9th 1-5pm INTRODUCTION TO COTTON SPINNING This class is a basic introduction to cotton spinning and is designed to give the spinner an understanding of both cotton and how and why to adjust their wheel for this fine, short staple fiber. Students will learn how to card and make punis from ginned cotton. They will learn proper cotton spinning techniques and perfect the long draw. The takli spindle will be introduced and how best to spin cotton on this little portable spindle. Introduction to cotton Learn proper technique of carding cotton and making punis Understanding how to adjust wheels for spinning cotton. Blending dyed colored lint for designing heathered yarns and learning to spin off a takli spindle.

JUNE 10th. 9am to 4pm - This class reviews day 1 and reinforces proper spinning techniques for cotton. A quick review of carding and blending dyed cotton lint will reinforce the carding technique. After learning to ply the yarn made from the punis, we will introduce spinning off the seed and then go into spinning prepared sliver. We will discuss preparing the cotton yarn for weaving and knitting and talk about projected best suited for handspun cotton yarns. Review carding and spinning cotton Basic plying techniques. Introduce spinning off the seed and prepared sliver. Working on cotton spinning skills Discuss designing cotton yarn for projects and how to use them. Spinning and plying for a specific project. Finishing your cotton yarns and storing them for future use.

Announcement from Sandra Willey:

At the May meeting I will be demonstrating how to make a pattern from your favorite clothing. Bring pencil and paper, and I will have a handout for you. I will produce a pattern from a basic piece of clothing and discuss fabric preparation and helpful sewing and drafting tools. I hope to see you there.

Sandy Willey

Kaweah Konnection: Next meeting will be **10AM, May 9th** 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.

May 18th

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



The following items are offered by our Guild member,

Gail Orange, e-mail ggo@netptc.net,

8" Manual Duncan Drum Carder W/ fine fiber brush - \$450



ALSO:

48" Gilmore Warping Reel \$225



Please contact Gail Orange, 559-855-5570; or e-mail ggo@netptc.net

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.



