

Weave to
re-create
the past



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create for
the future

The Roving

December, 2018

“The purpose of human life is to serve and show compassion and the will to help others.”

Albert Schweitzer

December is upon us!

HWOTV, we are approaching the end of 2018. It has been a productive year: stimulating workshops, new skills learned, sharing of ideas and completed projects, and a delightfully successful Show & Sale.

As we approach the giving season, perhaps we might reflect on the destruction from fires to the north and the south. Many people have lost family, shelter, possessions, art, and life as they knew it. Perhaps we might each find a way to share with those affected by the devastation.

Perhaps HWOTV might establish a “Fiber Arts Relief Fund” that could help later when things across the state settle a bit. Our guild could reach out to another guild in one of the affected areas and provide support, supplies, etc. There are probably many weavers, spinners, knitters, and felters who



December Greetings!

Christmas Party!

When: December 8, 2018

Board Meeting: 9AM

**General Meeting & Party:
10:00 AM-1PM**

**Where: Exeter Memorial
Building**

**Members: Please bring
appetizers or desserts.**

have lost everything.

Let us think about how we might be of help.

Looking forward to seeing you at the December gathering.

Leonora and Toni

PS: **Board Meeting in December**

The HWOTV Board will be meeting at 9:00 prior to the regular meeting on December 8. The Board is made up of elected officers and Committee Chairs. **Members of HWOTV are welcome to attend if they wish.**



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

It's December and it's party time! December is a time to celebrate the ideals and community of our guild, and look to the new year! We hope to see all of you at the December meeting. There are a few things happening on the 8th of December.

If you have made a giving gift for someone in need, please bring it! Do not wrap this gift.

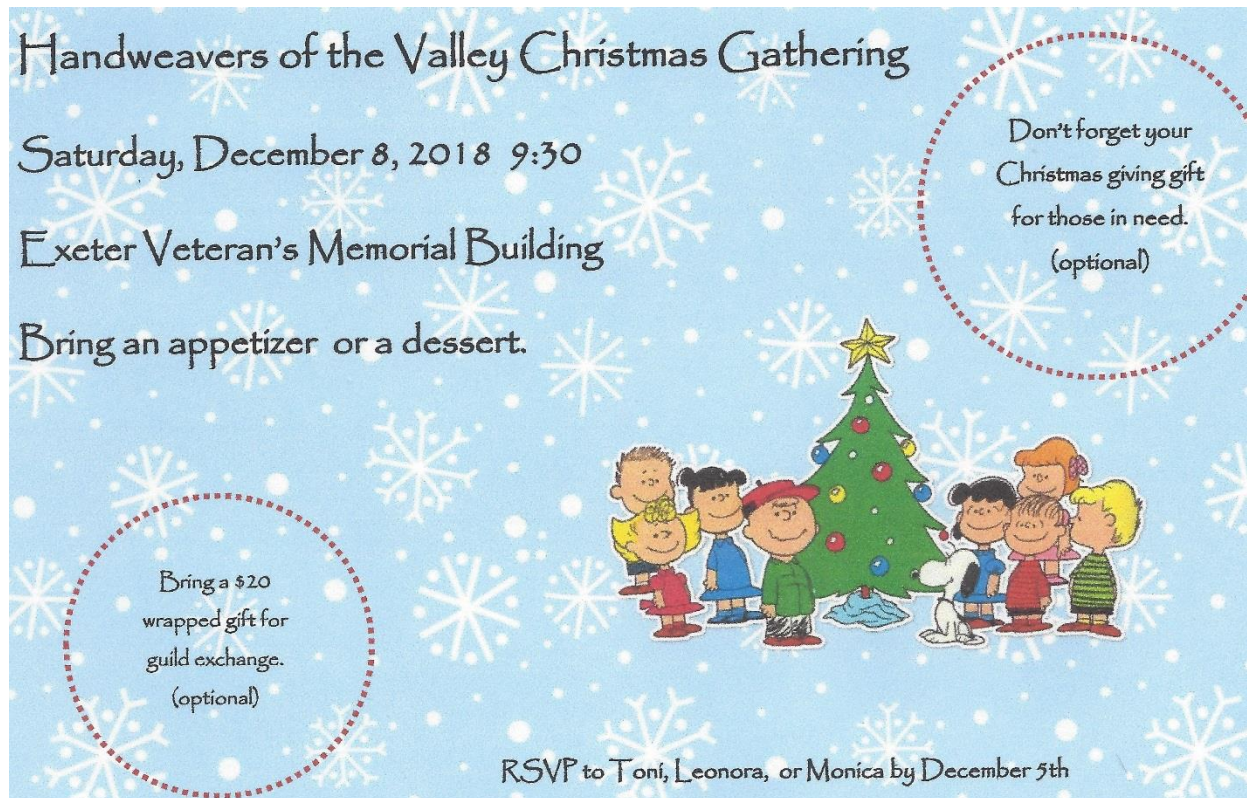
Please bring a hors de oeuvres or a dessert. We will enjoy whatever you whip up!

If you would like to exchange a gift with another guild member, please remember it should be worth no more than \$20. Don't forget to wrap it.

We would love to have all guild members attend this celebration, regardless of food, donations, or gifts.

For those of you unable to attend the November meeting, Women's Woven Voices kit will be available. For those of you who participated by weaving the story of your journey, it is now due. Bring it to the December meeting, please.

By request, the Magazine Madness will be available for those who were not there to choose a magazine.

A festive poster for a Christmas gathering. The background is light blue with white snowflakes. At the top, the title "Handweavers of the Valley Christmas Gathering" is written in a decorative font. Below it, the date and time "Saturday, December 8, 2018 9:30" and the location "Exeter Veteran's Memorial Building" are listed. A central illustration shows a group of cartoon children and a dog gathered around a decorated Christmas tree. Two circular callouts with dashed red borders provide additional information: one on the left asks for a \$20 wrapped gift for a guild exchange (optional), and one on the right asks for a Christmas giving gift for those in need (optional). At the bottom, the RSVP information is provided.

Handweavers of the Valley Christmas Gathering

Saturday, December 8, 2018 9:30

Exeter Veteran's Memorial Building

Bring an appetizer or a dessert.

Bring a \$20 wrapped gift for guild exchange. (optional)

Don't forget your Christmas giving gift for those in need. (optional)

RSVP to Toni, Leonora, or Monica by December 5th

In January, we will begin the New Year with a **Play Day**. Bring a new project, a stagnant project or a perplexing project. Guild members will be available for support in the areas of Weaving, Spinning, felting, knitting and basketry.

Pull out the crockpots and bring a soup or a stew to share during the annual "Soup yer Bowl" (yes, a nod to football).

PLAY DAY

January 12, 2019

9:30 Social Time
10:00 Mini Meeting
10:20 PLAY DAY!!
11:45ish Lunch

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



Soup Your Bowl Luncheon

Soups or stews to warm
your heart!



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

rooksworld@sbcglobal.net

Goals for the Day:

- Work on an on-going project
- Finish a stagnant project
- Gather skills and information
- Meet other guild members
- Have fun



Bring a friend, if you like!

THEN.....LOOKING AHEAD:

We will welcome Deborah Jarchow in February for the guild's program and the Jump Start Rigid Heddle class following the meeting. The class is February 9-10th in Exeter. The cost is \$125 (non-refundable) and a small materials fee for the instructor. Deborah is a wonderful teacher who can teach newbies and those who would like to learn to manipulate the rigid heddle weaving. If you would like to save the cost of a stamp, bring your check to

the December meeting. Otherwise, fees are due (make your check payable to HWOTV and send to Monica Rook 808 S. Redwood St. Visalia, CA 93277). You do not need to own a rigid heddle loom as Deborah will bring looms to rent or buy.



Donna Smith, Treasurer – reminds us that:

Membership dues will be accepted at the December meeting but must be post-dated to Jan 1 for the 2019 dues.



From Dee Dee King:

Dear Guild members:

Thank you for helping make our guild's 2018 annual Show and Sale a big success. If I didn't get a chance to thank you personally, please know that I was amazed and delighted with the many hands that helped out before, during, and after the show. You all are the best! When we called for help, you delivered. You all were much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dee Dee King and Judy Trimble

Co-chairmen,

Show and Sale



News from your Guild Library:

The guild Library has several new acquisitions! They are:

Creative Cloth – a 2-DVD presentation by Anita Luvera Mayer. In this video work shop, she shares her creative approach and teaches a variety of innovative and fun embellishment techniques you can use to make creative cloth for any purpose.

Clothing From Hands That Weave – The book by Anita Luvera Mayer. This is the accompanying book by the same author as the DVD. It is filled to the brim with patterns, tips, notes and more.

Weaving Western Sakiori – by Amanda Robinette. Sakiori is an approach to rag weaving used by the Japanese rural population until the 20th Century, as it coped with the scarcity of new cloth for clothing and household needs.

According to Tom Knisely, ..."Weaving Western Sakiori is a comprehensive guide to the wonderful world of Japanese rag weaving"

The author shares her best methods and tips for successful rag weaving with a variety of materials and looms, including rigid heddle looms as well as floor looms. Charts and worksheets make it easy to find the information weavers need to get started and 21 projects with instructions and drafts that provide inspiration as well as ideas.

[NOTE: This Librarian finds this book to be a wonderful resource to those of us who are experimenting with weaving silk strips and turning them into garments.]

Kaweah Konnection: There will be no Kaweah Konnection meeting in December. The next meeting will be held **January 9th** at Harrison Hall located on the grounds of the Three Rivers Community Presbyterian Church. Meetings are from 10-12. Guild members bring their show & tell items and all of us learn valuable tips and hints from each other. Look for Sharon Warren's announcement in your e-mail later this month or contact her for any information.

Squeekie Wheels: Please look for an e-mail notice from our fearless leader, Ann Belau about a proposed meeting in December.

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.



That's All, Folks!