

Weave to  
re-create  
the past



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the future

## The Roving

### September, 2020

**September** Greetings, HWOTV!

Well at least the Corona was good for something! When school let out for distance-learning in March, I found that working about two hours a day was getting my responsibilities taken care of. Guess what that meant I had more time for? Weaving! Between that springtime and my regular summer, I got four sets of towels made! I had to go back early for a new position, so I have been back at work for a month now. Guess how much weaving I have been doing now with all this online zoom learning? Not much.

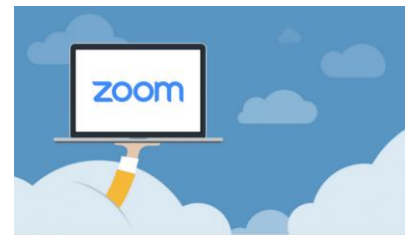
One thing (among many) that has sure changed are HWOTV guild meetings and workshops. I am glad to see you all on Zoom, but I sure miss seeing all of you (and your show & tell projects) in person. However, I am willing to not see you now, if that means you will be safe and healthy to see you later.



**September 12, 2020**

**Please take a look  
at Monica's Notes**

**for upcoming  
events!**



**I will also be glad when I don't have to park carefully around the items from Donna Upton's estate. It will be exciting to get those spinning and weaving things in guild members' hands.**

**Actually, I am fortunate to be able to take such frivolous views of such a serious problem. I have several friends and co-workers who have lost family members to the virus. I hope that all of you and your families are safe and sound.**

**-Julie McIntosh, co-president**

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**And now.....**



**News from  
Our Vice-President and Program Chairman, Monica!**

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If you dove into a new weaving form called Tapestry following last month's meeting, please share your progress and tell of your highs and lows at the September meeting. During our next meeting in September (9-12-2020), we will continue with the videos and discover stripes, geometric shapes, and ways of finishing simple tapestry.

**October**

This is normally our Show and Sale month. The Zoom program is still under construction at this time.

## November

The Yarn BLUF, (Bottom Line Up Front) is scheduled for November, so get your spinning wheels out and work. Keep practicing your singles or your plying. Remember, practice makes proficient!

## December

This is our month to join together and celebrate the Holidays and each other. Although we might not be able to do this in person this year, please remember this is also the time to share our talents with those who are not as fortunate. Please continue to weave, crochet, knit, and/or sew hats, scarves, fingerless gloves, wraps (really anything) that can be donated to cancer patients, preemies, dialysis patients, battered women and the homeless. Handweavers of the Valley has so much to give to our community

## ICYM- In Case You Missed It

Ice dyeing is the easiest thing. Soak the cellulose fiber item (t-shirt, cotton warp, college bound bath towel) in a solution of 1 cup of Soda Ash Fixer per gallon of water for 20 minutes or so. Save the left-over solution for another future project. Then wring out as much of the liquid as possible. Arrange the item in a **colander**, black nursery flat, or something that can drain, put a scant layer of ice on top of the item, then sprinkle dry dye powder (Dharma fiber reactive dyes) over the ice. It doesn't take much dye! Place the loaded colander in the sun and let the ice melt.

When the ice is gone, place the dyed item in a plastic bag to cure for 12 to 24 hours. Rinse thoroughly in cold water, which stops the chemical reaction. Let the item drip dry a little bit, and then wash and dry the item. If you have dyed a warp or yarn, after rinsing, just let drip dry completely, and use. Wash after weaving.

Use Synthrapol, or Dharma's textile detergent to help keep from back staining colors.

NOTES:

Materials available at <https://www.dharmatrading.com/>

Wear a mask and protective equipment, as recommended.  
Color Catchers come in handy in the wash.

### **Tips, Tricks, and Recipes**

If you did not get your "recipe" to the guild, please send your tips/tricks/recipes for Delicious Fiber Arts Experiences to [rooksworld@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rooksworld@sbcglobal.net). We have a variety of tips and tricks, including a rug pattern and a YouTube video on how to manage the warp separator. Submit Something/Anything/Everything from your Fiber Art experience that has made a task easier for you (think light bulb going off- "That's BRILLIANT. Why didn't I think of that?").



### **News from Dee Dee King:**

**Attention Handweavers!** It is true that we have postponed the 2020 Show and Sale to October 2021. This is sad/good news. It is very sad in that I do enjoy seeing everyone at Show and Sale. It is like a huge family reunion, and it includes our weavers and old friends/customers who have shopped with loyalty for over thirty years! It is so fun to catch up. Oh well, next year we may have to extend hours of the show so everyone can get their visits in. Ha.

The good part is that we have an extended time to create. Why not try a new threading or technique that you haven't had time to plan? How about

using a colorway that is new and out of your comfort zone? We have been given the gift of time to experiment.

If you have a question about a technique, say maybe weft faced rugs, and need some technical advice, I would be glad to mentor you. I am sure there are others in the guild who are experts who are willing to share. Keep busy and healthy.  
Dee Dee King

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AND.....In a note from Guild Member Katherine Tucker of Churro fame, she is asking our membership the following:

**“A woman who repairs Navajo rugs contacted me. She’s looking for an electric spinner. Can we ask our group if anyone has a used electric spinner that they don’t need?”**

Thank you.

Katherine Tucker  
661-585-7486

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**Kaweah Konnection:** Kaweah Konnection meetings are cancelled for the next few months. Stay tuned for any future news.

**Squeekie Wheels:** Squeekies remains cancelled for **September**. If there is any change in the shut-down orders, I will send out e-mails to Squeekie members immediately.

Please use part of your time at home to spin up some fabulous yarns to bring to our next meeting. Stay well and WASH YOUR HANDS! You are missed!

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*See you next month!*