

Weave to
re-create
the past



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The Roving

August, 2022

August, 2022 Greetings, HWOTV!

Dear Guild Members,

I am looking forward to seeing what everybody has to share at the August meeting. These last couple of years of covid shutdowns have given me the opportunity to explore some new crafting ideas that I've been wanting to try.

Also, hope you have all been working on your upcycled/recycled projects for Deedee's challenge? I have some fun stuff to show you that I've made.

Lindsay Dion
HWOTV Co-president

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MEETING INFO:

Date: August 13,
2022

TIME: 10:00 AM

Program:

Try It,
You'll Like It!



And now.....



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

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August

Thanks to all our Weaver's Attic vendors and Wool Growers who enthusiastically (always with a smile) sold products last meeting. We appreciate you so much!

Are you locating those very cool unique tools you have in your tool box? August's program, **Try It, You'll Like It**, is about sharing with the other guild members OR sharing some of those handy items you use in your fiber journey. You might consider sharing your passion for Viking knitting or knotless netting (on a gourd), or Dorset buttons, or felting! Expect

Optional SAMPLE

Net Making

When I was in college, I took my first weaving class from an outstanding and knowledgeable fiber artist. Not only did she share her passion for weaving, but she also made sure we were exposed to more of the fiber arts. Carole taught us how to net. Fast forward to my days of poverty as a young teacher, one summer I was hired by an owner of one of the Cook Inlet fishing boats, the drift fleet, because I had the skill to repair nets. Nets in the fishing fleet are damaged by logs, fish, sun, and deck hands (me). I spent several summers as a deck hand and repairing nets. One year on my return from Alaska, I made my 5th and 6th grade students a huge equipment bag using my seine twine, shuttle, and mesh gauge.

A few years ago, at a fiber arts convention, I notice a young man with a netting shuttle and gauge. He was making a lovely example of a triangular shawl using white textured yarn. It turns out he was teaching netting! Could this very old and simple craft/art go mainstream? Try it, you will like it!

to inspire someone in our guild to ask you questions about your item or technique. Consider writing a small paragraph explaining the hows, whens, and why of your choice.

September

September is our Ice Dyeing program. Bring a plant-based item to dye. Dharma Trading Co. in Northern California (<https://www.dharmatrading.com/>) has many blank items.

Joann's and Michaels often have cotton T-shirts (on sale). Think about winding a cotton, bamboo, or hemp weft to ice dye on this Saturday. You will need to bring your mask, 5-10+ pounds of ice in an ice chest, colander/nursery tray and your item(s) to dye. Your guild will provide the soda ash solution, dye, gloves, paper towels, and plastic bags.

Note: a handy thing to have on hand at home is a box of Color Catchers, found in the laundry aisle at your store.

Also at this September meeting, Show and Sale participants (sellers) will be invited to visit the Guild Storage Unit to survey and claim props for Show and Sale. You will need to tag your prop. It will be your responsibility to pick up your item from the unit on October 21st and return it to the unit on October 22nd following our Show and Sale.

Finally, we have Rosalie Neilson teaching Huck Lace Towels- A Virtual Workshop in Color and Design. There is more information in the Workshop Opportunities portion of the newsletter. Take a peek! Sign up for one or both wonderful opportunities!

October

****Change****No Meeting. This is your time to weave and prep your items for Show and Sale.

WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES

ROSALIE NEILSON~ HUCK LACE TOWELS-

A VIRTUAL WORKSHOP IN COLOR AND DESIGN

September 17,19, and 24th.

Please remember, I am collecting a \$100 (non-refundable) deposit for this workshop. It will be applied to the cost of the workshop. Email me if you are interested in attending one or both fabulous opportunities for growth. This is a virtual class (ZOOM) with plenty of weaving time in the evenings (Kathleen Cone found this true).

My (Monica's) estimate for the cost of this class is approximately \$175 (based on 10 participants), plus materials fee of \$25 for a coil bound collection of drafts, exercises, design pages, transparent overlays and Huck Lace templates.

The structure of Huck Lace provides a treasure trove of pattern for weavers. It is a shaft-efficient weave structure where an 8-shaft loom produces 6-block patterns; and a 4-shaft loom produces sixteen different ways to combine textures of warp & weft floats with plain weave.

Weavers will learn how "blocks" or units of huck lace are threaded on four and eight shafts, and how they can be combined to expand design possibilities. Discussions will focus on converting a profile draft into a threading and treadling, and how literally thousands of designs are created with a single threading draft by changing the tie-up.

Participants will use printed Design Pages and Transparent Overlays from Neilson's book *An Exaltation of Blocks* to explore thousands of design possibilities for 6-block Huck Lace. A Transparent Overlay Template is used to determine the tie-up.

Patterns will be translated into woven towels. The Towel Project will consist of three 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " sections of Huck Lace, each a different color, separated by a one-inch stripe of plain weave. The overall width of the project is 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ " suitable for looms 18" wide or larger. For looms less than 18" wide, the stripes of plain weave are narrower, yielding an overall width of 15 $\frac{1}{3}$ ", suitable for looms 16" wide. For looms wider than 18", a fourth Huck Lace section with another 1" border can be added for a total width of 22". A six-yard warp yields five towels.

JANNIE TAYLOR ~ ROUND-ROBIN WEAVING WORKSHOP: EXPLORING SHADOW WEAVE

My (Monica's) estimate for the cost of this class is approximately \$175, plus materials fee. The workshop is November 11th, 12th and 13th 2022. Sign ups coming...

Students will gain an understanding of Shadow Weave by weaving samples of Shadow Weave designs on 4, 6, 8 and more shafts. Color drafting for Shadow Weave; influence of color, value, and scale in Shadow Weave designs; and using Shadow Weave to create beautiful and unusual clothing, accessories and household textiles will all be covered. Students will each bring a loom, pre-threaded to a design provided by the instructor. Each workshop participant will leave the class with their own annotated Shadow Weave workbook and set of samples.

Important Reminder from DeeDee King:

Save The Date!

Handweavers of the Valley Guild is going to have their annual Show and Sale on October 22,2022. The format of the show will be a little different, but it will be much easier for the guild to produce. It will also be twice the fun!

The hours for the public will be 11 to 4, but guild members will be able to get in to set up starting at 7:00 that morning. Please bring your lunch. We are counting on guild artists to demonstrate fiber techniques during the show.

There will be "booths" if members wish to sell their products. Each booth will be its own banker, and while some guild members accept credit cards, it isn't a necessity. A small statement on the postcard that will be mailed out to past customers will warn them that not all sellers have the ability to take credit cards, and to be prepared for this.

There will be no hospitality area, nor a Weaver's Attic. Plan on coming to the party, it should be a grand time. All guild members who attend are asked to wear something handmade (using their guild skills), handwoven or handspun.

ALSO – Remember to note that the revealing of the November Challenge has been moved to the December guild Meeting - gives us an extra month!

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Kaweah Konnection: Kaweah Konnection meetings will be on hiatus for the summer! Please contact Linda Hayden for any more information.

Squeekie Wheels: **Squeekie's next meeting has been set for August 19th!** Yes – we are resuming this fun group at the Exeter Library. From 10-12 AM, the third Friday of each month! It will be so great to get together again. Remember to bring your show and tell items so we can all see what you've been spinning!

**Exeter Public Library
230 E. Chestnut Street,
Exeter; 10am ~ 12:00 pm.**



Guild members: Here's a wonderful buy - in a VERY gently used Schacht Loom:

**Schacht Standard Floor Loom, high castle
Four Now, Four Later
Bench, Tools, \$1,000.00!**

**This loom is located in Three Rivers! This information comes through
Nikki Crain: Seller's name is Charles Ward, e-mail:
forwardind@sbcglobal.net, **Ph: 559-737-1903**. If you are the lucky
buyer, be sure to contact Nikki (weave@gotsky.com) as she has all the
paperwork. See pictures below:**





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**SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!**

