

Weave to
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the past



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The Roving

January, 2023

January, 2023 Greetings, HWOTV!

Dear Guild Members,

It is the Day After Christmas as I'm writing this. I'm anxious to get back to my weaving projects after setting them aside for the holidays. Warping some dishtowels with some fun tweaks that I hope will work. Also have an idea for some hand dyed scarves, maybe weave them 3 across, since I don't want to mess up the threading on my loom (Could be a recipe for disaster. We will see).

See you all at the January meeting. I've been gathering inspiring pictures for my vision board.

Lindsay Dion
HWOTV Co-president

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And now.....



Guild Meeting:

**Date: January
14, 2023**

TIME: 10:00 AM

**Place: Exeter
Memorial Building**

Program:

Vision Board

Board Meeting-9:15



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

January

It is a time to look forward to the future. Come prepared with some thoughts about where you would like to see yourself in 2023. Yes, it is primarily a Vision Board for Fiber Arts, but you may incorporate other ideas; it is your board, your vision. The guild will provide poster boards, crayons, markers, kid watercolor paints, glue, papers, washi tape, stickers and much more. If you have a favorite pair of scissors, a dear quote, colored glitter, or other supplies, you certainly may bring your own. At the end of the Vision Board worktime, you will take your board home.

February

Judy Askins will teach us how to felt a lily, which you may use to embellish a hat, pin, or other items. Judy has taught other felting tasks to the guild. It is always a successful program and a fun time. By the way, the HWOTV guild meeting is **February 11th**!

Anzula, a local dye company, is offering a tour to the members of HWOTV! If you would like to take a field trip to the Anzula Yarn Company in Fresno and watch the process at this local yarn company, mark your calendar for **February 3rd**. I will request a firm RSVP if we have enough interest for that date. Of course, we can carpool, as needed. After I get a feel for interest, I will contact Anzula and send out the information to you! Stay tuned!

March

Travel is opening after a few years of restrictions and the world of fiber is waiting for you! Monica will take you on a virtual trek to the Silk Road (Central Asia) with slides and stories of silk, cotton, Ikat, Suzani, rug weaving, and the feel of Uzbekistan.

April

Get ready! In April, we will Spin a Knitter or Knit a Spinner. Think about the ramifications of this program...and get ready to create!

Loose Ends and Other Ideas:

Last December, we finished the survey, and it is tabulated. Look at the results and consider the trends or the surprises in the numbers. If you have comments, ideas, considerations, please share them with the HWOTV officers

MORE:

Are you a SPINNER? This might be for you! Some members of Squeekie Wheels, which meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at the Exeter Library (10AM-12PM), are going to work on a small side project. This side project will propel interested parties to stretch skill sets and create a meaningful record for use. The following are the notes of the discussion at the December Squeekie Wheels. If you are interested in more information or participating, please contact Squeekie Wheels Sophie Britten, sophieab@sbcglobal.net.

Basics:

\$1.00 registration fee (an affordable investment in the process)

Select 4 Conservation Breeds.

For each of the 4 breeds, buy/find 4 ounces (or 2 ounces for if you want to have a limited, yet fulfilling experience with a breed's wool).

Spin it.

Make a project (woven, felted, knitted, crocheted...) using the 4 ounces (2 ounces).

Optional:

Make a sample binder that includes wool prior to spinning process. Think about:

A short history of the breed (country of origin, micron, conservation status...)

A sample of the spun wool, plied wool

Your thoughts about the breed

Picture of your project

Supply:

Lisa ~ Navajo Churro and CVM

Hope ~ Shetland fleece

Charlotte~ Jacob fleece

Sophie ~ Dorset fleece

Others interested will check stashes and report back to group

Some Resources:

The Livestock Conservancy

www.rarewool.org

FB group: SE2SE

Please chime in with other resources

List of Conservation Sheep:

List information from LivestockConservancy.org | info@LivestockConservancy.org
PO Box 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312 | (919) 542-5704

The Critical list includes sheep whose annual registrations number less than 200 and whose global population is less than 1000. • Florida Cracker • Hog Island • Santa Cruz • Navajo-Churro • Gulf Coast or Gulf Coast Native • Teeswater

The Threatened list includes breeds with fewer than 1000 annual registrations and a global population of less than 5000. • Black Welsh Mountain • Clun Forest • Cotswold • Dorset Horn • Jacob - American • Karakul - American • Leicester Longwool • Lincoln • Romeldale / CVM • Soay - British

The Watch list includes breeds with fewer than 2500 annual registrations and less a global population of less than 10,000. • Barbados Blackbelly • Oxford • Shropshire • St. Croix • Tunis • Wiltshire Horn

The Recovering list includes breeds that used to be in the Watch list but are still in need of monitoring. • Shetland • Southdown*

*The Babydoll Southdown is not a purebred Southdown. Southdowns have always been white, so the presence of color in the Babydoll breed means that it was outcrossed with another breed at some point. The Southdown associations do not accept the Babydoll as a pure Southdown, nor does the Royal Breeds Survival Trust in the UK, which is where the Southdown originated.

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## From DeeDee King:

**Dear Guild Members;**

The Yearly Challenge

The results of the 2022 challenges issued by Dee Dee King (Recycle, Reuse, and Use it up!), and Hope Overholt (spinning flax fiber into linen yarn) were presented to the guild during our December meeting. They were very interesting and full of ideas for future projects. Julie McIntosh started us off by describing and showing her scarves that she wove out of a mixed warp using a variegated ribbon rayon and cotton that she got from another weaver a few years ago. They were lovely. Judy Akins confessed that her "stash" grew in 2022. Marlene Collins showed the group a table runner she created by using thrums (tied together) for weft. It made a wonderful, colorful, rustic fabric. She shared that tying thrums together is a wonderful activity for T.V. time in the evenings. Hope Overholt shared a cleverly put together little bag she sewed using fabric she was given a long time ago. Her new bags are designed to hang on the loom (for a place for storing small things like thread nippers, measuring tapes, etc). Members gave Hope all sorts of suggestions on how to make the bag even more useful for a weaver. Lisa Takata shared that she is using a twining loom to make a rug. Dee Dee King's use it up project was to take some wool and wool/silk scarves that did not sell and make bags out of them by sewing three widths together and adding a cotton webbing handle. Nikki Crain shared a blue jeans rag placemat with a rainbow colored warp. She said that if you want to cut blue jeans up to use as rag wefts be careful to wear dust masks as it is a very linty process! She also showed some lapel pins she made using folded short lengths of inkle bands. Monica shared some lovely bleached linen yarn she spun from the flax fiber Hope handed out previously. All in all, it was a very fun activity and I hope that you want to participate in the upcoming challenge for 2023.

### Dee Dee's 2023 Guild Challenge

I have too much yarn! When companies like Webs first got started, they would offer "odd lots" of yarns for bulk pricing. You didn't have much choice in color, but the price was fantastic. I used to buy a lot of yarn that way from different companies, so I have a very selfish challenge for the new year that is really suited for me. I know that not all of you have a stash of yarn that is great (as in large), but I think that everyone probably has a few bins of yarn that they don't quite know what to do with. You spinners are not exempt from having a stash of excess fiber to spin as well. So, with that in mind I propose that we go on a "yarn diet", or you spinners "add more fiber to your diet" in an effort to reduce our bulky stashes. Here are a few guidelines to help in your efforts to "lose weight" (yarn and fiber).

- Go on a yarn diet (weave until you can't anymore before buying anymore yarn)
- Spinners try to use up your stash fiber by spinning it up.
- Keep track of what you use up, so at the end of the year we can compare how well we "reduced".

- I say that yarn or fiber you need for a study group project would be exempt. Also, any custom orders that you need a special color for would be exempt as well.

This should be a fun challenge, and I have already started my "yarn diet". Challenge accepted. Thanks for the idea of a yarn diet from the Ravelry group, Warped Weavers.

## Dee Dee King

DeeDee submitted this book review as well:.....



## Book Reviews from the Guild Library

At our last guild meeting in December, it was noted that some interest in our library needed to be sparked. One of the ways suggested to do this was for guild members to do a book review on a book that is in our library. I volunteered to get us started. Did you know that our guild library is full of wonderful publications. Not only are there weaving books, but books on spinning, dyeing, felting, and almost any fiber techniques. There is a rich resource of information in our library available for your use weaving friends!

I have a few very favorite weaving books that I use all of the time. They could be deemed the "classics". It would be tempting to review all of my favorite weaving books right now, but I am going to hold myself to one book at a time.

***"The Weaving, Spinning, and Dyeing Book"***. published in 1987 by Rachel Brown is my all time favorite weaving book. It is a fantastic book for a novice weaver, and it is full of ideas for the more advanced weaver to try as well. There are a few color photographs, but many of Rachel Brown's ideas are illustrated by line drawings that are easy to understand. Rachel Brown was a fantastic spinner who helped develop the Rio Grande spinning wheel. She had a yarn shop/studio for years in Taos, New Mexico. Rachel addresses a wide range of fiber techniques in this book; weaving, spinning, and dyeing. The weaving portion covers frame loom weaving, inkle weaving, belt looms, card weaving, tapestry and treadle looms. She even concludes the book with a chapter of how to market your handmade fiber crafts. Sadly, Rachel passed away in 2012, and her book is no longer in print but I have purchased used copies from Amazon for reasonable amounts. I try to gift this book to beginning weavers whenever I can get a copy. Luckily we have this gem in our guild library.



**Kaweah Konnection:** Kaweah Konnection meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Three Rivers Community Presbyterian Church, 10:00AM. Please contact Linda Hayden [saddleblankets@haydenranches.com](mailto:saddleblankets@haydenranches.com) for further info.

**Squeekie Wheels:** **Squeekie's next meeting has been set for January 20th**  
Remember that we are meeting at the Exeter Library. From 10-12 AM, the third Friday of each month! Remember to bring your show and tell items so we can all see what you've been spinning! Any questions? [sophieab@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sophieab@sbcglobal.net)  
See you in **January!**

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

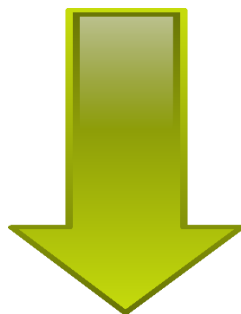
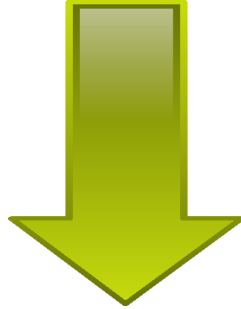


**Sorry – no items this month!**

**Important - please read:**

It's that time of year again – time to re-new your Guild Membership and be assured that you are on the mailing list to receive the newsletter every month as well as important notices about meetings, helpful hints pertaining to our craft and to keep the fellowship going strong. The dues coupon is on the following page so

you can easily print it out and mail to our Treasurer, Donna with your check!  
Many thanks for keeping our guild thriving and well.





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**MEMBERSHIP FORM - Handweavers of the Valley**

Please complete the following HWOTV Membership Form & return with payment of dues:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY- State \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
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DUES  
Individuals \$25.00 Family \$35.00  
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**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: HWOTV**

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**Send to:**  
Donna Smith  
36140 Hwy 190  
Springville, CA 93265

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**Thank you!!**



**SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!**

