

Weave to  
re-create  
the past



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the future

## **The Roving**

### **February, 2023**

**February, 2023 Greetings, HWOTV!**

Dear Guild Members,

Once again I have been inspired by some videos I saw on YouTube, so I dusted off the old drum carder and carried it up to Lake Arrowhead this last trip, along with a bin full of some ugly, funky, felted rovings and chunks of fleece. I am carding and spinning it into a multicolored patchwork yarn. It takes a little getting used to because you have to break all the rules, give up drafting a nice smooth yarn and just let it go, with all the lumps and bumps and noils. I am intentionally trying not to use colors that look good together, actually carding together colorways that I would never normally do. See you at show and tell!!

Lindsay Dion  
HWOTV Co-president

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**Guild Meeting:**

**Date: February  
11, 2023**

**TIME: 10:00 AM**

**Place: Exeter  
Memorial Building**

**Program:**

**And now.....**



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

**February 2023**

Thanks to all who made a Vision Board last month, either at home or at the meeting. It is a very difficult task to identify a goal, and then write it down or draw a representation of it. Sharing is intimidating, for sure. Meeting that fiber arts goal (inside a busy life) is daunting. When you accomplish that task(s) it feels AMAZING, even if it is a partial accomplishment.

If you would like to share your vision board with the group, please feel free to take a picture of it (with your phone) and send the photo to Lisa Takata for a Face Book post.

Instagram news: We have 27 followers, from around the valley and around the world! Join the group and start posting your beautiful work. WOOO HOOO!

February 3, 2023 is our field trip to Anzula Yarn Company in Fresno. The tour begins at 10 AM and should last about 2 hours. Let me know if you would like to carpool; we will designate a few meeting sites.

Don't forget to review the results of the survey guild members took at the end of 2022. Look for patterns, trends, and ah-hah's. Be



ready to share your valuable thoughts on the general section during the meeting.

Our own Judy Askins will give a hands-on program on how to make a gorgeous lily on February 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to create a lily, Judy will make a kit with the supplies for you. **PLEASE PLEASE- RSVP as soon as possible to Judy.** Email her at [cozycatcrafts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cozycatcrafts@sbcglobal.net) or call 559-967-3484 to reserve your kit.

You will need to bring 2 towels and a pair of scissors. When all is said and done and dry, you might use this lovely flower to embellish a hat or an outfit you are constructing.

In March, sit back and take a virtual tour of Uzbekistan's fiber world that will include suzani, ikat, carpet weaving, and felting.

In April, Squeekie Wheels will present Knit a Spinner or Spin a Knitter as the program.

Be inspired by the spinners - and the knitters who are spinners. You may discover a connection to either group as you watch and learn and teach (yes, you are a teacher). Remember, interested members are beginning a challenge to research, spin, and create a project from The Livestock Conservancy's list of conservation breeds. This would be a wonderful opportunity to see what is happening and get involved.

**"I never teach my pupils; I only attempt to provide the conditions in which they can learn." –Albert Einstein**

**'I am not a teacher, but an awakener.' –Robert Frost**

**Don't forget to look at the new section of the Attic on our website. There are a number of looms, spinning wheels, and other nifty items. Here's the website:** [\*\*http://www.hwotv.org/the-attic/\*\*](http://www.hwotv.org/the-attic/)

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## **From DeeDee King:**

**Dear Guild Members;**

### **Dee Dee's 2023 Guild Challenge**

**Dee Dee King**

**A reminder from Dee Dee:**

**Are you keeping up with your yarn diet? So far I have not purchased any weaving yarn for 2023. I am really trying to work from what I already have. Spinners, put more fiber in your diet. You can do it.**



### **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.

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



Book Reviews from the Guild Library

## Book Review:

*A Handweaver's Pattern Book* by Marguerite Porter Davison

Published 1958, 217 pages

This book by Marguerite Davison, is THE classic of all classics and one of the first weaving books I bought when I first started to learn to weave. If you are planning on weaving anything with multiple harnesses (more than two), this book should be in your library. Luckily for us, it is in the Guild library available for you to check out. This is a book of weaving patterns. Davison collected and organized it by types of weaves, such as twills, overshot, crackle weave, etc. I refer this book for almost every project I weave, even after weaving for over 40 years! If you want this book for your own library, be sure to purchase the one with the green cover. This book was reprinted (with an orange cover), and several chapters from the original text were eliminated. A very valuable resource for handweavers. You could weave out of this book forever.

Dee Dee King



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**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 February 17  
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 **February!**

Exeter Public Library

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

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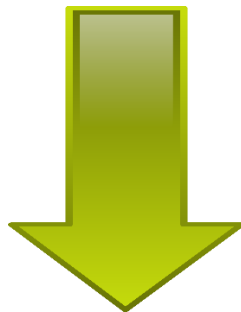


Sorry – no items this month!

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### **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 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIPCODE \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: HOME (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
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RENEWAL ( ) NEW MEMBER ( ) LIFE TIME MEMBER ( )  
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DUES  
Individuals \$25.00 Family \$35.00  
AMOUNT PAID \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: HWOTV**

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**Send to:**

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**Thank you!!**



**SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!**

