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the past



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The Roving

March, 2023

March, 2023 Greetings, HWOTV!

Dear Guild Members,

Well the blizzard of '23 has truly struck. Here at Lake Arrowhead the county plows have stopped plowing all but the main roads so I am snowbound. Luckily I have 4 looms to keep me company. Once again weaving is saving my sanity. Truth be told, this is my idea of Fun! Snowed in with nothing to do but play.

Lindsay Dion
HWOTV Co-president

Note: Board Meeting 9:15 before General Meeting!



Guild Meeting:

**Date: March 11,
2023**

TIME: 10:00 AM

**Place: Exeter
Memorial Building**

Program:

**Silk Road
Adventure!**

And now.....



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

March 2023

Thanks to the members of our guild who visited World Ag Expo on February 15th. While it was a little nerve wracking, our guild was well-represented with many good questions from the audience. Thanks Hope Overholt, Lisa Takata, Charlotte Pavelko, and Hannah Rook for making this a wonderful experience.

Thanks to all members who offered ideas during our discussion about the survey at last month's meeting. The small groups offered a list of important take-aways and as we dug down into the information. A lot of feedback was provided as well as many ideas/solutions. We scraped the surface, so remember to review the results (beautiful graphs/final tallies-paper was handed out in December and January. Dee Dee will provide the notes in this newsletter. Take a peek and continue to work through the survey as we will continue with a short discussion each month. Ideas and feedback are always welcome!

Have you ever had a desire to visit a location on the ancient Silk Road? If you are curious, Monica will present Uzbekistan's Textile Riches as the March program. She will touch on the silk and cotton production, Suzani, ikat, felting, and

dyeing. She will not be sharing all 4, 942 pictures, but a nice representation of the country's textile goods.

The Squeekie Wheel group is responsible for the program Spin a Knitter or Knit a Spinner in April. Plan on bringing your spinning wheel and/or knitting needles for this innovative program. Squeekie Wheels will share specifics in next month's newsletter.

As you produce yarn on your spinning wheel, save some of it for May 13th. It is our Protein Dye Day. Dee Dee King and Lindsay Dion are in charge of this program. Find your silk, wool, alpaca, mohair, cashmere... and your old clothes.

Many are excited for this opportunity to play with color. If you were at last month's meeting, you saw Dee Dee's experiments in low immersion dyeing. This technique was used at Anzula Yarns in Fresno in early February. Dee Dee was quick to spy it and play with it. This might be your day to play with the dye!

SHOW AND SALE

Consider how you would like to be involved in our Show and Sale (October 28, 2023 from 10-3). Some of you will be selling and demonstrating. We have other committees that need your time and energy.

I am looking for chipboard cardboard (a little thicker than a cereal box). I will bring a sample in March. If you have access to this type of cardboard, please start saving it for a Show and Sale project. Thank you!

From DeeDee King:

Dear Guild Members;

Focus Groups: A Vision For Our Guild Survey

The following statements are from each focus group as we discussed the survey results.

Group I:

- Guild members are willing to teach, but maybe intimidated by the wealth of knowledge already owned by guild members.
- We seem to have lost teaching venues that generate interest. Can we adjust hours to accommodate working people?
- Cost of fuel makes it difficult to run around.
- Local areas to generate interest in the guild - schools/churches/demonstrations.

Group II:

- Vast difference in experiences among guild members. How do we offer relevance?
- Maybe have viewing parties to see the HGA Library videos.
- 30% of guild members enjoy workshops, but last two died from lack of interest.
- Lots of knitters in group. Can we expand appeal?

Group III:

- Guild Health only as good as it serves its population.
- Teaching/students want to succeed.
- Workshops are obsolete? Expensive.
- Difficult to assess level of expertise in group.
- Choosing yarn - price and comfort.

Group IV:

- After workshops - no follow up.
- Wealth of DVD's in Library. Have workshops on it. Have a video workshop.
- Crochet should be included in other fiber crafts.

Group V:

- Sharing information is important.
- Many members are also with other guilds.
- Continue to learn - online/contact.
- Knitting or crochet with handspun.

Notes recorded during group discussion.

Handweavers of the Valley Guild 2/11/2023

Dee Dee's 2023 Guild Challenge

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.



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 for further info.

Squeekie Wheels: Squeekie's next meeting has been set for March 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

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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SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!