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Weave to create for the future

The Roving

April, 2023

April, 2023 Greetings, HWOTV!

Dear Guild Members,

So, I admit after a week and a half of no power (and no end in sight) I fled from Lake Arrowhead! Figured I should just get out before I could become part of the problem. As soon as I got back, Springville made the news for the Tule river flooding. Fortunately I have plenty of weaving projects here to keep me occupied. I pray you all are safe, hope to see you at the April meeting.

Lindsay Dion HWOTV Co-president

Note: Board Meeting 9:15 before General Meeting!





Guild Meeting:

Date: April 8,

2023

TIME: 10:00 AM

Place: Exeter

Memorial Building

Program:

Silk Road
Adventure!

And now.....



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

April 2023

In like a lion, out like a lamb. Happy April (almost)!

As you know our March meeting was cancelled because of terrible conditions all over the valley. We will do a few adjustments along the way, so please be patient with your program chair. Please!

Also, before you begin your drive to the guild meeting on April 8^{th} , check your emails for news of cancellations, as the Exeter Veterans Memorial Building is currently being used to shelter evacuees.

In April, we will punt...

Because many of our folks/programs/interest groups have been impacted by the floods, we will postpone the scheduled April program UNTIL July. Squeekie Wheels, the host group, will send more information closer to the July meeting. In place of Spin a Knitter, Knit a Spinner, Monica will present the program, On the Silk Road through Uzbekistan, originally scheduled for March.

Get your protein fibers ready for our May Dye Day on May 13th. Our very own dye masters, Lindsay Dion and Dee Dee King, will offer a great dye experience. We will use protein dye and if we are lucky, Dee Dee will share the secrets of her "play" using the oven.

Need a fabulous button to complete the new wrap, ruana, scarf or another handmade item? June is your month to play and learn. In June, Lisa will present button making techniques that might just serve your embellishment needs.

On-Going Business

Remember to review the results (beautiful graphs/final tallies-paper was handed out in December and January). Dee Dee provided the notes in last month's 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!

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!

Finally,

DYE RETREAT INFORMATION

In February, I presented the concept of a dye retreat on May 6, 2023, at the

Anzula Yarn location in Fresno. The day, which is a Saturday, is \$200/person. It

includes the experience of dyeing in the pot and in the oven, Anzula style (see

below), and a catered lunch. It is an all-day event. It is open to HWOTV and

others. We need a minimum of 10 people and no more than 20. Here are the

answers to the question you asked in February. HWOTV members who wish to

purchase (retail) Anzula yarn will find an extensive list at the end of this segment.

Remember, RETAIL!

Q1: Wool, silk, or both?

Anzula:

Any protein fiber. If you have plant (cotton, for example), it should be blended

with protein fiber so it takes the dye.

Q2: How much yarn or roving will you supply per person and what is the cost per

skein/pound?

Anzula:

Anzula can supply anything we normally carry. Anzula recommends getting orders

well ahead of time so we can order it.

Monica:

A price list is available if you need/want to buy yarn and roving from Anzula.

Q3: How much can a person dye?

Anzula: As much as you can bring, including outside yarn, roving, and fabrics.

Q4: Colors? How many?

Anzula: All the colors we have.

PRICE INFORMATION ... Keep looking...





Summer 2022
All prices in USD.
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65% non-refundable deposit
required with first order.
Prices effective 7/21/22

Hand Dyed Yarns

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Hand Dyed Yarns

Name	Weight	Lot/Bag	Content	Yardage	Wholesale Lot (Each)	Minimum Retail, Each
Nebula Fingering / Sock	4 oz. / 114 g	6	84% Superwash Merino, 16% Stellina	+/- 400 yd / 365 m	\$102.00 (\$17.00)	\$34.00
Serenity Fingering	1.76 oz. / 50 g	10*	100% Cashmere	+/- 185 yd / 169 m	\$250.00 (\$25.00)	\$50.00
Silken Fingering / Sock	4 oz. / 114 g	6	50% Superwash Merino, 50% Tussah Silk	+/- 370 yd / 338 m	\$109.50 (\$18.25)	\$36.50
Squishy Fingering / Sock	4 oz. / 114 g	6	80% Superwash Merino, 10% Cashmere, 10% Nylon	+/- 385 yd / 352 m	\$111.00 (\$18.50)	\$37.00
Squishy 50g Fingering / Sock	1.76 oz. / 50 g	10*	80% Superwash Merino, 10% Cashmere, 10% Nylon	+/- 167 yd / 152 m	\$145.00 (\$14.50)	\$29.00
Squishy 25g Fingering / Sock	0.88 oz. / 25 g	10*	80% Superwash Merino, 10% Cashmere, 10% Nylon	+/- 83 yd / 75 m	\$72.50 (\$7.25)	\$14.50
Squishy Skeinettes pack of 5 minis	3.5 (0.7) oz./ 100 (20)g	6	80% Superwash Merina, 10% Cashmere, 10% Nylon	+/- 335 (67) yd / 306 (61) m	\$111.00 (\$18.50)	\$37.00
Squishy Skeinettes chain of 8 minis	5.65 (0.7) oz./ 160 (20)g	6	80% Superwash Merino, 10% Cashmere, 10% Nylon	+/- 536 (67) yd / 488 (61) m	\$174.00 (\$29.00)	\$58.00
Vera Sport	4 oz / 114 g	6	65% Tussah Silk, 35% Linen	+/- 365 yd / 333 m	\$120.00 (\$20.00)	\$40.00
Wash My Lace Lace	4 oz. / 114 g	6	100% Superwash Merino	+/- 980 yd / 896 m	\$99.00 (\$16.50)	\$33.00

^{*}Only available in full lots. ** Limited Dyed Stock Available Only

Squishy Skeinette Packs

Adorable sets of 5 mini skeins in coordinating colorways.

67y / 61m each – 335y / 306m total

Wholesale: \$18.50 – Retail: \$37.00

No minimum order for Anzula Stock Themes.

12 Themes Available:

Age of Aquarius Autumn Leaves Citizen Skein Dr. Strangeskein Knit at Night Knitting in the Rain

Ocean's Anzula Rebel without a Stitch Somewhere Over the Skeinbow Summer Breeze Wuthering Hanks New! Into the Woods

Create Custom Squishy Skeinette Packs or Chains!

- Choose your 5 or 8 favorite Anzula colorways.
- Choose your own name for your collection.
- Minimum order for custom themes is 18 sets per theme.

Squishy Skeinette Chains

Chain of 8 mini skeins in coordinating colorways. 67y / 61m each – 536y / 488m total Wholesale: \$29.00 – Retail: \$58.00 No minimum order for Anzula Stock Themes.

13 Themes Available:

Bird of Paradise Rainbow
Citizen Chain Sherwood
Mermaid Lagoon Sweata Weatha
Mojave Sugar Plum
Nightshade Wendy Darling
Ocean Zinnia Fields

New! Poolside

New Colorways!

Ohm & Monstera



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Colorways

1 Red Shoe	Clay	Heidi	Nimbus	Rust
Alice	Claret	Herb	Ohm*	Rye
Apricot	Clover	Hibiscus	Olivia	Saffron
Arizona	Coco	Hippo	Opal	Seabreeze
Aqua	Cornflower	Honey	Orchid	Seafoam
Aspen	Country Green	Irene	Paprika	Seaside
Au Natural	Creamsicle	Iris	Parakeet	Sexy
Aurora	Curry	Jade	Peach	Shiitake
Avocado	Daffodil	Jasmine	Peacock	Slate
Ballerina	Dany	Juniper	Penny	Sophia
Bark	Ducky	Kale	Periwinkle	Spruce
Birdie	Dusty Rose	Keola	Persimmon	Storm
Black	Echo	Key Lime	Pesto	Taffy
Black Cherry	Elephant	Lapis	Petals	Tan
Blanche	Emerald	Lenore	Petunia	Teal
Blueberry	Endora	Lipstick	Pewter	Teddy
Blush	Fern	Lottie	Plum	Temperance
Bubblegum	Fiona	Madam	Poppy	Terra Cotta
Butter	Floradora	Maiden	Prince	Tesla
Canary	Forest	Maple	Prudence	Tiffany
Candied Apple	Frankie	Mariana	Raspberry	Toffee
Cantaloupe	Freesia	Marigold	Rhino	Victoria
Cardamom	Garnet	Mercury	Riot	Violet
Cedar	GGMadelt	Misfit	Robin	Vixen
Charcoal	Grace	*Monstera	Rootbeer	Watermelon
Chipmunk	Grape	Moss	Rosebud	Wine
Chiva	Gravity	Navy	Roxy	Wisteria

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New Yarns!

Name	Weight	Lot/Bag	Content	Yardage	Lot (Each)	Minimum Retail, Each
Hazy Lace	1.76 oz. / 50 g	10*	75% Baby Suri Alpaca, 25% Silk	+/- 459 / 420 m	\$165.00 (\$16.50)	\$33.00
Lana Fingering	3.5 oz. / 100 g	6	30% Superfine Merino (19.5mic), 40% Silk, 30% Yak	+/- 465 yd / 425 m	\$133.50 (\$22.25)	\$44.50



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Silk & Silk Blends

All available natural or hand dyed.

Mulberry Silk Sliver

Natural: White

Wholesale: \$22.50 - Suggested Retail: \$45.00

Mulberry Silk & Superfine Merino - 50/50

Natural: Cream

Wholesale: \$17.00 - Suggested Retail: \$34.00

Camel & Camel Blends

All available natural or hand dyed.

Baby Camel

Approx. 18 microns, 55 mm / 2.2 in

Natural: Light Brown

Wholesale: \$25.00 - Suggested Retail: \$50.00

Baby Camel & Merino – 50/50

Natural: Light Brown and Cream

Wholesale: \$23.00 - Suggested Retail: \$46.00

Extra Bleached Tussah Silk

Natural: Light Brown

Wholesale: \$19.00 – Suggested Retail: \$38.00

Superwash Merino & Tussah Silk – 65/35

Natural: Cream

Wholesale: \$15.00 - Suggested Retail: \$30.00

Baby Camel & Tussah Silk – 50/50

Natural: Light Brown and Cream

Wholesale: \$24.50 - Suggested Retail: \$49.00

Exotics & Exotic Blends

All available natural. Select blends available hand dyed.

Bamboo Superwash Merino & Bamboo – 50/50

Natural: White Natural: Cream. Available hand dyed.

Wholesale: \$10.50 – Suggested Retail: \$21.00 Wholesale: \$12.50 – Suggested Retail: \$25.00

Corn Superwash Merino & Tencel – 50/50

Natural: White Natural: Cream. Available hand dyed.

Wholesale: \$11.25 – Suggested Retail: \$22.50 Wholesale: \$12.00 – Suggested Retail: \$24.00

Milk Protein Soy Bean

Natural: Cream. Available hand dyed. Natural: Sand

Wholesale: \$13.75 – Suggested Retail: \$27.50 Wholesale: \$11.25 – Suggested Retail: \$22.50

Alpaca & Llama

All available natural. Cream fibers are available hand dyed.

Baby Alpaca Baby Llama

Approx. 22.5 microns Approx. 22.5 microns

Natural: Cream, Sand, Chestnut, & Black. Natural: Cinnamon, Silver, & Black. Quantity limited. Wholesale: \$16.00 – Suggested Retail: \$32.00 Wholesale: \$12.50 – Suggested Retail: \$25.00



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Yak & Yak Blends

All available natural. Select blends available hand dyed.

White Yak (depigmented)

Approx. 21 microns.

Natural: White. Available hand dyed.

Wholesale: \$26.50 - Suggested Retail: \$53.00

Light Brown Yak

Approx. 19 microns, 40 mm/ 1.6 in

Natural: Light brown. Available hand dyed. Wholesale: \$26.50 – Suggested Retail: \$53.00

Dark Brown Yak

Approx. 19 microns Natural: Dark brown

Wholesale: \$23.00 - Suggested Retail: \$46.00

Sheep's Wool

All available natural or hand dyed.

Blue Faced Leicester

Natural: Cream

Wholesale: \$10.50 - Suggested Retail: \$21.00

Corriedale

Natural: Gray, light brown, dark brown, & almost black.

Wholesale: \$9.00 - Suggested Retail: \$18.00

Merino Cross - 25 microns

Natural: Gray, medium brown, and dark brown. Wholesale: \$9.00 – Suggested Retail: \$18.00

Fine Merino - 19.5 microns

Natural: Cream

Wholesale: \$11.50 - Suggested Retail: \$23.00

Fine Superwash Merino - 19.5 microns

Natural: Cream

Wholesale: \$12.50 - Suggested Retail: \$25.00

White Yak & Merino - 50/50

Natural: White. Available hand dyed.

Wholesale: \$24.00 - Suggested Retail: \$48.00

White Yak & Silk - 50/50

Natural: White. Also available hand dyed. Wholesale: \$25.50 – Suggested Retail: \$51.00

Dark Brown Yak & Merino - 50/50

Natural: Dark brown & white. Available hand dyed. Wholesale: \$19.00 – Suggested Retail: \$38.00

Superwash Blue Faced Leicester

Natural: Cream

Wholesale: \$11.00 - Suggested Retail: \$22.00

Merino - 22 microns

Natural: Cream

Wholesale: \$10.50 - Suggested Retail: \$21.00

Organic Merino - 20.5 microns

Natural: Cream

Wholesale: \$11.50 - Suggested Retail: \$23.00

Superwash Merino – 22 microns

Natural: Cream

Wholesale: \$11.00 - Suggested Retail: \$22.00

Australian Superfine Merino - 16.5 microns

Natural: Cream

Wholesale: \$19.50 – Suggested Retail: \$39.00



name	bag	yardage	wholesal	le retail
Fingering 101	6	420 y / 384 m (115g)	\$16.2 (\$97.50/ba	
80% superwash merino, 20% n				
Straight Up DK 100% superwash merino	8	255 y / 233 m (115g)	\$15. (\$126.00/ba	
Lil' in the Middle	8	130 y / 118 m (100g)	\$15.	
97% superwash merino, 3% po	lyamide		(\$122.00/ba	191
Touch Me	10	132 y / 121 m (50g)	\$16.	
50% rayon, 36% silk, 14% cotto	on		(\$160.00/bo	ıgJ
NEW! The Chain	8	65 y / 60 m (100g)	\$15.	
100% merino			(\$126.00/bo	ıgJ
NEW! Loopy de Loop	6	874 y / 800 m (100g)	\$17.	
89% superfine alpaca, 11% po	lyamide		(\$105.00/bo	ıgJ
		colorways		
Adelita	Dora	Kiss the Girl	Panther	Ramona
Anchorman	Falcor	Like A Virgin	Phoebe	Rock the Boat
Bubbles	Frida	Lt. Worf	Pretty in Pink	Rocky
Cali	Godzilla	Major Nelson	Purple Rain	Токіс
Cherry Bomb	Groot	Master Splinter	Queen B	Velma

Ordering Policy (summary): All yarns are hand dyed to order. A non-refundable deposit of 65% is required prior to dyeing your order and the balance and shipping costs are due on shipping. Orders can not be canceled once we have started dyeing your order.

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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.

Final Item from DeeDee:

Here are her instructions for Oven Dyeing! It was omitted in the last newsletter but included here:

Experiments With Low Immersion Dyeing

Our Guild fieldtrip to Anzula's shop and dye house a few weeks ago got me thinking about a different way to dye wool. I couldn't wait to get home to try out some ideas that were sparked by our visit to Fresno. I noticed a pile of shallow baking pans about the size of brownie pans in the dye room at Anzula, as well as a stove. I asked our tour guide what they did with those things, and she said that they used them to dye yarns in the oven! It was an intriguing idea that I wanted to explore.

When I got home I got right on ordering some baking pans. I didn't want to use the disposable foil type pans, as they are not very sturdy. My thoughts were that you don't want to have any flex when dealing with hot water. As it turned out, when I was discussing my experiments later at the last guild meeting, Lindsay said that she has had the foil pans disintegrate when using vinegar! So, I guess my instincts were

right in avoiding them. I ended up ordering some lasagna pans (9.5×11.5) made from stainless steel from Walmart at a very reasonable price. (I think they were 2 for \$12).

The nice thing about using your oven to heat your dyebath is that ovens keep a constant temperature. Acid wool dyes "strike" at 180 to 200 degrees, and to be able to maintain that low temperature without boiling makes it easy to dye wool without damaging it. Anybody who has tried to use a microwave oven, or a boiling dyepot knows how easy it is to overcook your fiber and ruin it. Here is the method I used with very nice results. I was space-dyeing roving, but Anzula dyes skeins of wool using this method as well.

Method

Note: I turn my acid wool dyes into stock solutions. I like to use my dyes as liquids rather than powder. My stock solutions are made by placing the 1/2 ounce Jacquard powdered dyes into a quart canning jar and mixing it with warm water to fill the jar up. These stock solutions last a very long time. The liquid does not seem to travel as much as the fine dye powder does.

In a baking pan, place 1/4 cup white vinegar and about four cups of warm water. Gently press 4 ounces of roving into the water until it is all wetted; you can add a little more water if needed. You do not want it to float or have too much water. Let it sit while you prepare the dyes. I used four different colors for my space dyed roving. I mixed 1/4 cup of dye stock solution with warm water to make about two cups. (I was dyeing two pans of roving the same so 8 ounces of fiber total). Wearing gloves, pour the dye solution on the roving (I do four wide stripes of dye per dyepan). Poke the roving gently and raise it up slightly so the dye penetrates all the roving. Add the rest of the dye colors one at a time. Place pans in the oven set at 200 degrees for 1 1/2 hour. Let pans cool in oven overnight if you can. The next day, hang the roving outside to drain and dry. Easy peasy.





<u>Kaweah Konnection:</u> Kaweah Konnection meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Three Rivers Community Presbyterian Church, 10:00AM. Please contact Linda Hayden <u>saddleblankets@haydenranches.com</u> for further info.

Squeekie Wheels: Squeekie's next meeting has been set for April 21st.

Remember that we are meeting at the Exeter Library. From 10-12 AM, the third Friday of each month! Remember to bring your <u>show and tell</u> items so we can all see what you've been spinning! Any questions? <u>sophieab@sbcglobal.net</u>
See you in <u>April!</u>

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



Sorry - no items this month!



SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!