weave to re-create the past



Weave to create for the future

The Roving

July, 2023

July, 2023 Greetings, HWOTV!

Dear Guild Members,

Hi everybody, really excited for wool day this month. There should be a lot of nice things for your shopping pleasure. I am looking forward to finding some new fodder for my spinning wheel.

Back by popular demand will be the silent auction. Please bring your donations to me before the meeting (If they do not get used this time I will save them for the next auction). Remember all proceeds from the silent auction go directly to the Guild.

Lindsay Dion
HWOTV Co-president

And now.....



Guild Meeting:

Date: July 8,

2023

TIME: 10:00 AM

Place: Exeter

Memorial Building

Program:

Wool Day, Spin to Knit or Spin to Weave and Silent Auction!



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

Well, bust my buttons! The June program was a blast! Thank you to <u>Lisa Takata</u> who offered a wonderful program on Button Fun. She was right on the button with the information, supplies, and hands-on experiences. Thanks, Lisa. Thanks to the many who attended.

Thanks to the Make-It Committee! Over the last month, the committee has made over 250 Kumihimo disks to gift as part of our outreach during Show and Sale. For bigger hands, there are over 50 baskets and 30-ish cardboard looms. Way to go!

On your mark. Get set. Go! It is Tour de Fleece. The Tour de Fleece begins on July 1st and runs through July 21st. Just as the riders and teams spin through the challenging course, you might get on your spinning wheel and challenge yourself. Of course, that means spinning each day (you set the details) with like-minded friends or join an online group through Ravelry. Yes, you may rest on July 10th and July 17th. Read a bit more about Tour de Fleece.







Wool Day







JULY 8^{th} <u>EARLY START</u> 9-10 AM get your roving, fleeces, and inspiration! Each shepherdess is her own banker. Buy your wool from our local folks. Support these small herds and the shepherdesses.

- Katherine Tucker of Desert Churros will sell beautiful Navajo Churro Roving from her flock
- Audrey Adams will bring raw Shetland Fleeces for sale.

- DeeDee King will offer solar dyed Cheviot roving at a very reasonable price. The solar dyeing process is gentle on the fiber, leaving it open and easy to spin. She has a lot of beautiful colorways to interest you!
- Bonnie Herzog has Shetland and some mohair.
- Cecilia Parsons is bringing white and colored Shetland fleeces. She is shearing some of her show sheep this week and will have a variety of colors. Cecilia will also have some black and silver Cotswold fleeces and possibly a surprise Rambouillet fleece or two. Come take a look.
- Arvada Spina loves her animals. Arvada will bring fiber from her Angora
 goats and cashgora goats, cleaned and picked. The available colors are white,
 grey, and beige.

Knit a Spinner or Spin to Weave

The title of this month's program has confounded many. The goal of this program is to inspire those who spin to try knitting as well as weaving. For those who knit we hope you will explore spinning; the same holds for those who weave. We also hope you will have fun and make connections with fellow guild members. Squeekie Wheels will moderate this program. They will discuss their gathering and the current Conservation Breed project. There will be an optional opportunity for all to work on a knitting project as well as examples of woven items made from our handspun fibers. If you would like to take a spinning wheel or a spindle for a spin (try it out), a few extras will be available.

Eager to participate? IF YOU HAVE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR STASH, bring wool yarn (good for felting), wool roving, #11 circular needles, drop spindles or maybe dust off and bring that spinning wheel that you have wanted to learn to use.

If you know how to do one or the other, please bring your equipment and join the fun. If you are weavers and have no desire to spin or knit, come to support those newbies as a cheerleader!

In August, we will hold our Cohort Report. The guild will hear from those who have participated with others (guild friends or online audience) to learn from a particular source of information.

Mark your September calendars for our annual Ice Dyeing Day. It is always fun to see the warps, wraps, bandanas, and shirts that color our world after Ice Dyeing Day. Dharma Trading Co. https://www.dharmatrading.com/ has inexpensive bandanas and scarves or prepare a warp or two to dye.

SHOW AND SALE

Applications are available online or on meeting days. You can find the application at www.hwotv.org (go to Members, drop down to Show and Sale).

This is our Show and Sale. Hopefully, everyone is busy weaving, spinning, felting, dyeing, and just generally busy. If you do not want to sell, remember, you can display your work in the Inspirational Gallery (items are NFS) or demonstrate your talents, or lend a hand where needed. Keep these opportunities in the back of your brain.

Judy Askins presented the idea to place information boards in the foyer during October's Show and Sale. She created a prototype for our last meeting (see below). If you would like to make a board to show your fiber art process-how you spin dog hair, the steps to solar dyeing, the process to warp your loom, and so on, please let Judy know by our July 8th meeting.



Judy Askins shows her presentation board, a foam core board, with pictures illustrating the process and text explaining the steps she follows for her Eco Printing.

Bits and Pieces

We are still looking for a small group to help the TC Museum clean an old Burnham loom that is in the museum's storage area.

The website has been updated. Take a peek!

If you are on Facebook, please take a look at our page, Handweavers of the Valley. Lisa keeps the page fresh and informative. Thanks, Lisa!

Our Instagram page is up and busy thanks to Hannah. Please feel free to follow our news at @handweaversofthevalleyca



<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 July 21st.

Remember that we are meeting at the Exeter Library. From 10-12 AM, the third Friday of each month! Be sure 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 July

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



Nothing for sale this month; remember to offer anything from your equipment, stash and sell it here!

AND.....be sure to check out the equipment on our website – www.hwotv.org for donated "stuff" at bargain prices!



SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!