

Weave to  
re-create  
the past



Weave to  
create for  
the future

## The Roving

### September, 2023

**September, 2023** Greetings, HWOTV!

Dear Guild Members,

You know what they are, we all have them. Those beautiful yarns in our stash that are too pretty to use. What are we saving them for? Life is short, Burn the candles! (In other words, go ahead and use the good stuff).

I guess for me the fear is that I might not do them justice or the project will not turn out as well as I expected, so they sit on the shelf instead of bringing me the joy of working with them. Therefore, in the spirit of using what we have, take them down and just go for it!

Lindsay Dion  
HWOTV Co-president

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And now.....



**Guild Meeting:**

**Date: September  
9, 2023**

**TIME: 10:00 AM**

**Place: Exeter  
Memorial Building**

**Program:**

**Ice Dyeing!**



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



**September Report**

Thanks to all who shared during the Cohort Report. There are so many resources to tap; it is great to know the positives and the negatives of each of these. Thanks to Kathleen for collating the information in one spot allowing members to make notes on resources. You now have experienced friends to approach if you have a question about one of these resources. You may also want to grab a friend, new or old, and form your own cohort. Explore!!

**In September**, the temperatures should be a bit lower than they have been. With the cooler mornings, we will throw caution to the wind and dye- **ice dye**- on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Do not forget to dress in older clothes. Bring an N95 mask, 10 pounds of ice in an ice chest, nursery flats or old colander (something that will elevate your fiber above the drips and puddles), plant-based fiber products (such as cotton bandanas from Dharma, a cotton/linen warp or weft, hemp fabric- anything from a plant). The guild and Dee Dee will provide such things as soda ash solution, dyes, gloves (you can bring your own if you have an allergy), and plastic bags for transportation as you will be taking your project home to sit for 24 hours. If you are a veteran of this activity, you might reach out to the newbies. When you see Dee Dee, please thank her for her time, knowledge, energy, and materials. She is so very generous with all.

Watch the next newsletter for an update on **October's meeting**.

Prepare your Challenge results for our **November meeting**. Have you been on an excruciatingly painful yarn diet? Please share your results. If you were buying and spinning your own yarn, let us know how that went. Did you try to spin some of Hope's

linen? Please share the results with us. It will be fun to see and hear the many experiences. Mark your calendar for November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**December** closes the year. It is the holiday season. Join the guild, our community, to observe a special time of year and to say goodbye to 2023. We will meet for our party/meeting. During that time, we collect items our members have made throughout the year for those who are less fortunate. This is an optional task. Many of our members donate privately. The point is to share our talents and our gifts with others in need. Last December, members shopped for each other's Show and Tell items. This year at the meeting/party, we will incorporate this idea with our own Holiday Boutique. It is just HWOTV for HWOTV. Shop for those hard to buy relatives during this event. If you want to sell, you are your own banker!

### ~~Celebrate Spinning and Weaving Week (HGA)~~

October 2-8

Would you like to showcase your spinning and weaving? During Spinning and Weaving Week, we would like to inspire others to explore our guild and its efforts at weaving and spinning by moving out into the communities. Set aside a day or two during this week as we travel around!

#### In addition, A Message from Squeekie Wheels:

#### Please celebrate with us at the following locations:

**October 5<sup>th</sup>: Mendoza's Restaurant, Three Rivers 11-1:30**

**October 6<sup>th</sup>: Exeter Library, 10-1 and 2:30-4**

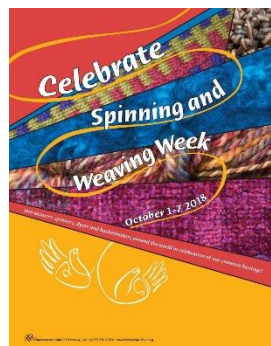
**Not confirmed: (Upon confirmation, we'll let you know!)**

**VLC Monday, October 2nd**

**Porterville Tuesday October 3rd**

**Visalia Library Wednesday October 4th 10-12**

**Dry Creek Nature Preserve on the 7th**



### Future Programs:

The program calendar for 2024 is under construction. There are so many wonderful ideas/areas of exploration floating out in the world. If you share an idea for a program, please feel free to email Monica ([rooksworld@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rooksworld@sbcglobal.net)).

### Workshops

Susan Van Winkle from the San Diego Creative Weaver's Guild contacted us about sharing the cost of some of their guild's workshops. Below, the workshops are detailed. Please read the descriptions. Figure the cost to be about \$200 (wild guesstimate from Monica). The dates noted are for the SDCWG; out dates would fall before or after their workshop. If you are interested in these opportunities, please email Monica ([rooksworld@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rooksworld@sbcglobal.net)) by September 4<sup>th</sup>. I will re-connect with Susan when I have a feel for the interest level. This is not a commitment, just an honest response.

- Coming to San Diego the first weekend in May 2024 Natalie Drummond -Deflected Doubleweave (in person)

Participants have the opportunity to ice-dye their own pre-wound warps of tencel or cotton in a Zoom workshop a month before to work with color palettes of their own choosing or use one of my color palettes. Using ice-dyed warps in weaving with respect to a NEW Deflected Doubleweave draft will be discussed by providing three different ways to use them in the draft according to color and value.

- Coming to San Diego the First weekend in March 2024 - Joanne Hall - Swedish Art Weaves Swedish Weaving, Swedish Art Weaves 2 - 5 days

For most of her weaving years Joanne has been interested in Swedish weaving. Her interest comes from her Swedish heritage as well as a respect for the high quality of weaving in Sweden. A workshop from Hans Krondahl, a Swedish art professor who wove commission tapestries inspired her in the early years. After eight trips to Sweden, attending four weaving conferences in Sweden, taking weaving and language classes, touring Swedish weaving factories and shops and meeting many Swedish weavers, Joanne enjoys teaching Swedish weaving techniques. This workshop is taught in one of two main categories of weaves: the Art Weaves: Bunden Rosengang (bound weave), Rolakan (tapestry), Dukagang and Krabba (laid-in weaves) and Munkabalt (monk's belt). Materials and pre-wound warps can be sent in advance, approx, \$30-50 materials fee, depending on weaves chosen.

- Coming to San Diego the first weekend in November 2024 Robyn Spady - Cutting Loose with Tied Weaves

Tied weaves are whole group of different ways to create patterned fabrics with floats of limited lengths. yes, one threading can provide a multitude of different treading options - from singles and pairs to Dukagang and Taqueté. In this workshop, participants will learn the fundamentals of tied weaves and explore a wide variety of treading techniques to create different results. For weavers interested in understanding terms like summer and winter, single two-tie, taqueté, samitum, and exploring Quigley or Bergman tied weaves, then this workshop is for them! Four- shaft loom minimum; eight shafts recommended. (Note: This is not a round-robin workshop.) Level: Adventure-seeking beginner through Advanced weaver.

### Show and Sale

We have a nice robust group of sellers this year. If you would like to get involved in Show and Sale, the applications are online [www.hwotv.org](http://www.hwotv.org). The deadline for applications is September 9<sup>th</sup> (our meeting day). If you are still unsure of your participation, please reach out to Monica.

If you are involved in Show and Sale, there will be a short meeting at 9:30 AM on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be a check in.

Did you store Show and Sale bags after last year's event? Please let Dee Dee or Monica know ASAP so we can share them in October.



Our Kumihimo disk for our SHOW and Sale. We have 200+ disks to share with the public.



Do you have a treasure you have woven, spun, felted, dyed or knitted? Perhaps you do not want to sell it (NFS=Not For Sale) but would like to SHOW it at Show and Sale. For such items, we have a small frame that would offer the public a bit of information. Interested? Start locating your treasure!

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## **Important News from DeeDeeKing:**

### **Ice Dyeing Fun**

September's meeting will be a fun hands on day. We are going to do "Ice Dyeing", which is a perfect activity for a hot early fall day. You need to supply the item, or items to be dyed and some ice, a receptacle (think colander, or nursery flat tray that can drain), and the Guild will provide the rest. Ice dyeing is a very simple technique similar to "tie dye". It gives lovely, "watered look" results. We will be dyeing cellulose fibers, but I have adapted this technique to protein fibers as well.

- Bring your cotton, linen, rayon, tencel, bamboo, or hemp items to dye. You may dye yarn, t-shirts, scarves, and warps.
- Please clearly mark your items with permanent ink. You think you will recognize your item, but every year we do this, someone can't find their shirt.
- It is o.k. to over-dye a colored shirt. A couple of years ago, Silvia Leidig made some beautiful dyed shirts on pink and light blue shirts. Just remember to soak colored items separately from the white t-shirts, because the soda ash will cause the color to bleed out a little during the first soak.
- The guild will have plastic bags and paper towels, and gloves if you need them.

Ice dyeing is a simple process. You will soak your items in a solution of soda ash fixer and water, then, after squeezing out as much of the soda ash as you can, place your item in a container that can drain freely. We are going to be doing this on the lawn outside the

**Memorial Building. Cover your item with a single layer of ice and then sprinkle a very small amount of dye powder over the ice. It doesn't take much. The ice will melt, carrying the dye through the fiber. As soon as the ice has melted and your item has drained a bit, you place it in a plastic bag overnight. Then rinse! rinse! rinse! in cold water. You can then machine wash and dry as usual, or let dry and use the unique yarn or warp you've created. Easy Peasey.**



**AND.....**

**This is a reminder of the 2023 challenge to the guild. I just wanted to get people thinking about November's meeting.**

### *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.

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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 September 15th . 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, weaving, knitting, or crocheting! Any questions? [sophieab@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sophieab@sbcglobal.net)

See you in **September!**

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

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**Nothing for sale this month; remember you can list  
your items here for free!**

**AND.....be sure to check out the equipment on our  
website – [www.hwotv.org](http://www.hwotv.org) for donated “stuff” at  
bargain prices!**



**SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!**

