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the past



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the future

The Roving

November, 2023

November, 2023 Greetings, HWOTV!

Dear Guild Members,

By the time you read this, we will have wrapped up another successful Sale and Show. Thank you everybody for all your valuable help. It is so wonderful that we are able to keep this tradition going.

"Silent auction" returns for the November meeting. We have some nice items that have been donated by Guild members. Get there early so you can check out what's on the auction block this month.

Lindsay Dion
HWOTV Co-president

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And now.....



Guild Meeting:

**Date: November
11, 2023**

**TIME: 10:00 –
Noon**

Program:

**Challenge Check-
in + Silent
Auction!**



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

November, 2023

A huge thanks to all those who helped with National Spinning and Weaving Week. Throughout the week we visited Visalia, Porterville, Three Rivers, and Woodlake. We demonstrated and chatted with littles and bigs, young and old. It was quite fun to see the interest in our work. Again, thanks to the spinners and weavers who connected to our communities.

So, what fun is around the corner?

November is our Challenge check in. Did you put fiber INTO your diet? Did you go ON a yarn diet? Maybe you lost a little and gained a little. We would love to hear about and see your results. Remember, no one will judge you!

It's a busy **December** no matter where you are. On December 9th we will say goodbye to a memorable year, share laughs with friends, and have a ball of fun!

We will continue our tradition of the appetizer or dessert potluck. Bring what you can. The guild will provide drinks (non-alcoholic). Bring your famous appetizer or dessert to share.

If you would like to participate in the gift exchange game, bring one FIBER~ish gift (wrapped/bagged, no name) with a value of no more than \$20.

In addition, our **1st Annual Member Boutique** will open for business. Bring your interesting inventory. You will be your own banker and your friends will be the customers. At the end of the day, members might have completed Christmas/birthday/Hannukah/ Kwanzaa/just because of this shopping opportunity.

Sellers at the boutique might have an empty bin/car/bedroom as a result of this



happy event.

Finally, as we have in the past, **please bring your handmade donations for those in need.** Knit a hat, a scarf, fingerless gloves, or other items. We collect these items and donate them to various charities around our communities. Remember, you do not have to go through the HWOTV to do this small act of kindness; if you have a favorite charity, feel free to make and donate on your own. The point is to do something for someone less fortunate or in need.

Phew! December's meeting has a little bit for everyone. We hope to see you there!

January 2024 begins a fresh chapter. Kathleen Cone will lead the program to initiate our **Study Groups**. The survey results have been tabulated and we will organize the different areas of interest. Think back to the survey's extensive list of choices...think...think...think!

In **February**, we will work on the **Danish Hearts** for the Basket and Gourd Conference (it is in April). For the folks who have joined recently, our guild makes a little gift for the conference's goodie bag. Last time (2021) we made potholders for that event. One conference, the guild donated felted balls to embellish projects. Please plan on attending this guild meeting. Many hands make light work (and it is always fun to chat as we work).

Alert! Gum shoes needed! Get your magnifying glasses out. In **March**, the program is **Mc Guyver meets Inspector Gadget**. Guild members will share information about gadgets. Begin to think about those gadgets- big or small, simple or high tech, cheap or expensive - that make your work with fiber easy and pleasant. By March, you might have one idea or a list of two or three devices you would like to share with the other members. Keep your eyes and brain open!

Show and Sale

The 42nd Annual Harvest of Handwovens is in the books! Great job. Thank you for the opportunity to see the Show and Sale from beginning to end (and beyond).

Our guild is full of incredibly talented members in the fiber world as well as the real world. Thanks! Your work is inspiring!

We had a strong contingent of spinners and weavers sprinkled throughout the hall on Saturday. Thanks to Dale B, Amy D, Terri J, Laurie K, Juliet V who were in the demonstration area. Sharon Warren welcomed folks in the foyer and wowed them with her spinning skills. Many of you multi-tasked, selling to meet the customers and demonstrating when it fit.

The Make It Committee worked many months prior to the doors opening for the event. Because of them, our younger... and older visitors had a chance to try something that piqued their curiosity. The Battistoni's, Marlene C, and Lisa T punched disks and looms, cut yarn, threaded projects, bagged items. You were incredibly important in spreading the love of fiber arts to young and old!

An organization does not function well without **volunteers**, in my experience. The volunteers are the cherries on top. Thanks to all who came to help with the Show and Sale set up/breakdown.

Over the course of the past few days, we have received many compliments about the Show and Sale, particularly the quality and appearance of each booth. Sellers were engaged, chatty (when possible), and great ambassadors for our guild and our craft. Thank you!

The Inspirational Gallery was front and center to meet and inspire those who took the time out of their busy weekend to visit with us. It was gorgeous! It was stunning! It WAS inspiring. Continue to weave and spin and knit with this gallery in the back of your mind!

Finally, Exeter Veterans Memorial Building staff, are amazing and continue to support Handweavers of the Valley in SO many ways most of the guild will never fully recognize. Thank you to the board of the EVMB for the continued support of HWOTV. Many many thanks to Samuel, Michael, and Jordan for the help in set-up of your booths, move in, and breakdown.

On a personal note, thank you to my family, Mike, Hannah, and Sarah, for rallying around HWOTV and Show and Sale and completing many tasks for the good of the guild.

{A NOTE FROM ME - SOPHIE:} On behalf of myself and those who sold their items from my booth - a **BIG THANK YOU** to our own Monica Rook! She is tireless! It was so great to see her coming around frequently to see if we needed anything, etc. **MONICA**: we couldn't have done it without you!

For the Future

Toni Best and her committee organize *Baskets and Gourds, Containers of our Culture*, a conference here in Visalia. As in the past, members of HWOTV volunteer to help. Toni is asking for 10 volunteers to help with this conference held at the Elks Lodge on Main Street in Visalia. Some years, the organizers need volunteers to check in participants, set up extra chairs, or even check on teachers to see if they need anything. It is a few hours of your time and no task is too difficult. The conference is **April 26-28, 2023**. Save the date!!

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**Kawah 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 November Meeting will be November 17th!** . Remember that we are meeting at the Exeter Library. From 10-12 AM. 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 **November!**

**Exeter Public Library**

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

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**Looms for sale:  
(see below)**



**See below for info:**

The table loom is a Rasmussen.

The floor loom was custom made for a lady in Santa Cruz by a craftsman from Berkeley, who specialized in looms.

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47" weaving width

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36" front to back  
57" across  
39" high

I never used either of them but believe they are in good condition and working order.

I bought them from Jackie Johnson's husband and I think Linda Hayden owned the floor loom for a while.

Floor loom \$375.00

Bench. \$50.00

Table loom \$175.00

Contact Carol Sanders, [carolsanders@yahoo.com](mailto:carolsanders@yahoo.com) for more info.

**Great prices here and great equipment!**

**AND:**

**The guild is selling the bookcase that was in our meeting room. See pictures below:**



If you're interested, contact Monica at [rooksworld@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rooksworld@sbcglobal.net)



**SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!**

