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January. 2024

January 2024 Greetings, HWOTV!

Dear Guild Members,

I am currently waiting in the airport. Since I'm not driving, I didn't bring my wheel or my inkle loom. Last December, while visiting my sick mother, I got quite a few inkle bands woven.

The purpose of this trip is to visit with two previous exchange students that had lived with us for a year each. That being said, of course I'm going to explore any German fiber options that are available. Hope they're ready to be patient with me in fiber related stores/museums/places. I think every fiber related place should have a comfortable couch so that traveling companions can sit comfortably while we are free to browse guilt free!

I can't tell you how many times I rushed through a place because I felt sorry for my companions who were standing around, uninterested. I think the solution to this problem is to travel with one of you, so that we can wallow in fiber to our heart's content! Any takers?

-Julie McIntosh, HWOTV President



Guild Meeting:

**Date: January
13, 2024**

**TIME: 10:00 –
Noon**

Program:

Study Group

Intro

Here's an important news item to bring everyone up to speed:

Update on Slate of Officers for the 2024-2026 Term

In the discussion for the office of president for our guild, Lisa researched the laws regarding the California non-profits and Co-Presidents. She found that California non-profits (much like her home guild of Arizona) are not allowed to have Co-Presidents. A support role needs to be an appointed role as an Assistant to the President.

At the December meeting, there was a proposed change in bylaws. The guild members were offered additional wording, "until a replacement is found and elected." Hope moved and Cathy seconded. The membership approved this move. This is the current wording:

Article 5 Section 3 The term of office shall be for 2 years. No one may serve 2 consecutive terms as president unless the nominating committee is unable to fill the office, then the officer may continue serving in that position until a replacement is found and elected. (12/9/2023)

Because of this modification in the bylaws, voting was postponed until January. At the January meeting, Monica, the current Vice President, will open the meeting as there is no official President until the slate is approved. Julie will continue as President UNTIL a replacement is found and elected to that office.

On January 13th, this slate will be presented to the membership for approval:

- **President**: Julie Macintosh with Lisa Takata assisting
- **Vice President**: Monica Rook
- **Treasurer**: Donna Smith
- **Secretary**: Hannah Rook with Dee Dee King assisting

And now.....



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

January, 2024!

First, a look back at the end of 2023. We donated many (about 70) warm items to a variety of charities in our community. Thank you for making a difference in our corner of the world. Our gathering was fun! The food was delicious and the folks were charming- we even had a prospective member join us for the party! The boutique was very successful; many items were sold and of course, many last minute shoppers bought items.

It's 2024! It's a new year and we are ready to roll!

In **January**, we will form our study groups for the year. The groups will reflect your responses to the Study Group Survey in late 2023. Kathleen Cone will facilitate the process. Additional information is available in the newsletter.

Also, at the end of the January 2024 meeting (12~ish to 1:30~ish), we have a new adventure called **EXTRA! EXTRA!** For those who want a bit of support as they tackle weaving- start to finish, this is your opportunity. Stay after the meeting in January and we will talk and plan a simple common project as well as warping tools.

February

In February, we will concentrate our efforts to make 150+ Danish hearts for the Basket and Gourds; Containers of Our Culture Conference goody bags. We will

need your hands and weaving talents! You will have quite a bit of fun learning a new skill as we support Toni Best and the gourd/basket folks.

March

"McGuyver meets Inspector Gadget" is the subject of the program on March 9th. Do you have a special gadget that is particularly helpful in your fiber arts work? Locate and be willing to share 1 to 3 different gadgets, whether they are big or small, sophisticated or simple, cheap or very expensive. Yes, you may bring the item to the meeting so that others can see what it is that helps you. You are the teacher!

AND.....Don't miss the South Valley Art Tour!

April

As the flowers begin to blossom around Visalia, Judy Askins will teach us how to make a felted lily. Judy has taught us how to do other beautiful felting projects in the past. Use this new felting skill (and knowledge) to create embellishments for your handwovens or felted hats. Save the date!!

The Best of the Valley Quilt Show is April 12-13th in Lindsay.

Basket and Gourds; Containers of Our Culture, a conference for basket weavers and gourd artists, is April 26-28th.

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### **From Kathleen Cone regarding Study Groups:**

Our January meeting will be dedicated to forming study groups for the 2024 guild year. At this meeting we will all participate in picking the sections we want to consider for groups. Looking at the different spinning and dyeing groups it seems that maybe they could be combined into one spinning group and one dyeing group. If this is done, members could decide where to start and then work their way through the various subgroups.

Each group will decide among themselves how often and where they are going to meet. An idea might be to meet by zoom one month and then in person the next. Also, you might want to meet at various homes on a rotating basis. The plus of this is each person will have the luxury of not having to drive to a meeting at least once in the rotation.

So that we can have a productive meeting in January, I'm asking you to be thinking of various ways to set up a group and which group you might want to join since you can see who is interested in each group (this table was distributed by Kathleen earlier). I also suggest that you might want to reach out and contact different members to discuss what ideas they have.

The success of the study groups we form will depend entirely on us. It is up to all of us to participate in gaining knowledge and trying new skills or investigations. A study group will not sustain itself if some members only sit, listen, and then don't participate. This is our chance to support each other and encourage learning.

I am a true believer in the value of members working together on a common goal. By doing this we support each other, we nurture ourselves and others, and we receive so much from the other members in the group. Remember, if you join a study group, you are going to be participating in learning and producing finished items.

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### **Opportunity to Volunteer**

Toni Best is looking for 10 or so volunteers to help at the conference which is held on April 26-28<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge on Main Street in Visalia. Some years, the organizers need volunteers to check-in participants, set up extra chairs, or sort and alphabetize lunches. It is a few hours of your time and no task is too difficult.

In return for your service, the conference gives HWOTV an outreach/seller's booth free of charge. Start thinking about this opportunity to get involved. We will begin sign-ups at the January meeting and continue the conference.

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EXTRA! EXTRA!

What is it all about?

This little adventure is in response to the many times people have expressed hesitation, confusion, and fear when it comes to weaving. The guild is here to help. It begins on January 13th (after the meeting - 1:30PM- you might want to bring an extra snack). Using a common project, and short lessons, we will guide you through each step of the weaving process. As you can see from the table below, the first

project is a scarf. Between January and February, you will decide on the specifics of your project and gather the materials. We will share warping board techniques in February; you will go home and use your warping board (dust it off first) and do the same with your materials. You will learn efficient ways to sley your reed and thread your loom. Weaving should be easy-peasy through April.

Month	Subject
January	Planning a Project (Scarf) Warping Tools
February	How to Use a Warping Board
March	Sleying the Dragon (sleying the reed/threading the loom)
April	Weaving
May	Trouble Shooting
June	Finishing Methods
July	Planning a Project (Kitchen Towels)
August	REPEAT IF NECESSARY How to Use a Warping Board
September	Sleying the Dragon (sleying the reed/threading the loom)
October	--Month off--
November	Trouble Shooting/Finishing Methods
December	EXTRA! EXTRA! Sharing and Critique

Show and Sale

Plan...we will have a short check-in for Show and Sale at 9:30 before February's meeting (February 10, 2024).

NOW.....for all of you who are wondering.....

Here's DeeDee's Challenge for 2024!!!

Dee Dee King's 2024

Happy New Year to all of you, my fiber friends! Let's hit the ground running for the new year and plan some fiber fun projects. I am issuing the newest challenge to my guild family....I would like to see something made using the color orange this year. As it turns out the "color of the year" is Peach Fuzz.

Orange is a color many avoid in their art, so be brave and move beyond your comfort zone and create something using this versatile hue. Two years ago, the color of the year was periwinkle, and that looks very exciting paired with orange. Let your imagination run wild.

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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 December Meeting will be January 19th!** . 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 **January!**

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

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Three items for sale this month: From Karen Bodner, a vintage tapestry loom~~

We have a 2 harness with treadles vertical (small footprint) tapestry loom available.

This loom was made in Austria, brought here and loved by a woman who can no longer weave. She made several oriental style rugs on this loom including the tree of life. I have seen this loom and it is truly a treasure.

The footprint of this loom is 60" X 24" The height is 74" Weaving width 48".

\$500 +tax OBO. All offers will be considered.

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ALSO

From Jannie Taylor – One of Central Coast Weavers has the following for sale:

I have a WPA era counter balance, 4 shaft floor loom that I need to remove from my studio. There are two reeds and a continuous warp rack and about 250 spools of

cotton warp in neutral colors and a bench. It is currently set up in my studio in Sanger, CA. I purchased loom from Mennonite quilt store in Reedley many years ago and made the rack. Loom doesn't have a label but I'm fairly certain it's about 100yrs old. It is VERY sturdy. She has 36" weaving space, is 45" wide, is 41" long/deep. Spool rack is about 7' tall, 18" deep and about 6' wide. 2 newish 12 dent reeds (one attached to back to keep warp from tangling before it wraps around the drum. I think the wood is oak. Extremely sturdy and heavy. Perfect for rugs. Everything for weaving is included, asking \$500 for all. Transportation arrangements can be negotiated.

Thank you,

Terry Gilmore Email: tivydave@earthlink.net





THIRD: FROM MONICA ROOK:

Here's a vertical warping reel! She is asking \$60.00.

Contact Monica Rook, rooksworld@sbcglobal.net if you're interested.



**MEMBERSHIP DUES 2024: SEE ATTACHED
COUPON AND PLEASE MAIL PROMPTLY.**

THANK YOU.



Dues coupon - Handweavers of the Valley

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SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

