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the past



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The Roving April, 2024

April, 2024 Greetings, HWOTV!

Sooooooo . . . It is Sunday evening and this weekend I WAS going to warp my loom with some towels that I've been looking forward to for a while. The warp was all wound and ready to go. Unfortunately, I was not! Starting with Friday night I've been down with something (best guess: cold? Was negative for COVID). When starting to think about what to say in this article, I was using the phrase in my head, "the best laid plans of mice and men...". However, being an English teacher, I had to reference the original before using it. While Steinbeck titled a novel after the phrase, it actually comes from a Scottish poet, Robert Burns. It reads, "The best-laid plans of mice and men/ Go oft awry,/ And leave us nothing but grief and pain,/ For promised joy!"

I don't agree with the poet that "the best laid plans" result completely in "grief and pain" when they go awry. First, there's the pleasant anticipation. It's the same reason I buy a \$1 lottery ticket once in a while right after the last drawing has happened, so I have several days to enjoy dreaming about the what ifs. Pretty good entertainment for a dollar. Second, it wasn't a one time event. That warp chain is still sitting there,



Guild Meeting:

**Date: April 13,
2024**

TIME: 10:00

Program:

**Making a felted
lily!**

and will be there the next time I am free and feeling well. The pleasant anticipation is simply extended. Thirdly, at least it wasn't something that couldn't wait that I missed out on. I am very glad I didn't miss out on Judy's tutorial on Lily felting, or the Gourd Conference, or something else in my life, like a loved one's wedding! See! I have just about explained my way around to believing it was actually a good thing and that I didn't mind being sick and not getting the warp on the loom this weekend. Almost.
Julie McIntosh, HWOTV President

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



**Congratulations to Lisa T for participating in Fibershed's Borrowed from the Soil Challenge! Lisa and the other designers gathered recently to showcase their final designs from this challenge. Over the course of a year, each designer explored how to weave longevity, compostability, and respect for the soil, only using local natural fibers grown on climate-friendly farms and ranches into their designs. Lisa used locally produced materials from Ducor, Aptos, and Brooks (California) to create garments for the show in Point Reyes**

Station at the end of February (during the big storm). Lisa has pictures on Facebook if you want a peek! Also, if you would like to hear a bit about Sally Fox's natural colored cotton journey, pop into this podcast:

<https://longthread.fireside.fm/s9e2>).

Thanks to Charlotte, Lisa, and Hannah for donating time and energy to Club Night on March 6<sup>th</sup>. It was a fun and exciting event. We connected with many families as we offered spinning and weaving demonstrations as well as outreach materials.

Phew! We have finished our project for Basket and Gourds: Containers of Our Culture. The 150+ hearts will be given to the participants of this conference as part of the goody bag. Thank you to all who tied bows, wove hearts, cut felt, played with colors, stuffed chocolates, tidied, and fiddled with our Scandinavian hearts. We have sent the basket and gourd folks our love!

Thanks to all who participated in the dispersal of the knitter's yarn estate. Not only have we saved space in the landfill, but many of you will create beautiful garments from the yarn. There are still many knitting books and magazines (and some yarn/tools) available for you.

Suggested donation is \$2.<sup>00</sup> per skein or book. This generous donation will continue to give for many years to come.

In April, Judy will be teaching how to make a felted lily. We will have the opportunity to make a second lily as well. By now, you should have registered and received your "ticket" from Judy. Don't forget to bring your supplies (a

towel, a pair of scissors) and she will have a kit for you. It will contain all the necessary items for success and joy!

May will be the Dye Day Hand-off. As Dee Dee steps back from this particular annual program, she will supervise the dyeing process. Bring wool, silk, yak, qiviut, anything that is a protein fiber and experience the fun of color. You may want to wear old clothes, bring your own mask/gloves if you are picky and... your protein fiber/yarn!

## VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Volunteers for Basket and Gourds; Containers of Our Culture Conference on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> are still needed. It is just around the corner! Toni and her crew are looking for a few more volunteers to help at the conference which is being held at the Elks Lodge on Main Street in Visalia. The organizers need volunteers to check-in participants, set up extra chairs, sort and alphabetize lunches, and offer helpful hands. It really is a few hours of your time, and there is no task too difficult. In return for this service, the conference offers HWOTV an outreach/seller's booth free of charge. We will continue to accept help! The Sign-Up sheet will be on the back table. Thanks in advance!

If you are interested in selling in the guild booth, please let us know ASAP! Julie, Nikki, Lindsay, and Hannah are signed up so far.



## Best of the Valley Quilt Show

Best of the Valley Quilt Show is April 12<sup>th</sup> (FRIDAY) and April 13<sup>th</sup> (SATURDAY) at the McDermont Field House (365 N. Sweetbrier Ave, Lindsay, CA) from 10-4 both days. Admission is \$10 (kids under 10 are free). Consider driving down to the show after the guild meeting with a friend!

## Your Weaving Legacy

Sophie sent out the HGA document for Your Weaving Legacy in a separate email after last month's newsletter. Have you organized your collection of fiber, books, samples, and equipment with this document? Bravo, if you have! If you have not yet organized, please keep notes or comments on the usability of the PDF as Julia Blake, Assistant Editor of Shuttle, Spindle, and Dyepot Magazine, has requested feedback. Remember, your treasures will probably be passed forward to another friend, or family member and hopefully, not a landfill.

## SHOW AND SALE

Show and Sale is October 26, 2024. If you would like to show your work (and inspire others) in the Inspirational Gallery, save the date. If you would like to sell your handwoven goods and fibers, applications will open at the May meeting and close at the end of September's meeting. If you were a seller last year or are planning to sell this year, please be sure to think about the proposed changes discussed at the last meeting. There will be a vote on these changes during the meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>. If you can't make the meeting,

please email me ([rooksworld@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rooksworld@sbcglobal.net)) by April 3<sup>rd</sup> and I will make every effort to deliver/pick-up your ballot.

**EXTRA! EXTRA!**

This month, we check-in with the folks to see if there were any problems with dressing the loom. We then, will send them off to practice weave with straight selvages, correct ppi, and other good practices.

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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 for further info.

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT Squeekie Wheels: There are now two opportunities during each month to gather and spin! Laurie & Julie have started a second get-together on the fourth Friday of the month.

Squeekie's April Meetings will be 19th & 26th! Remember that we are meeting at the Exeter Library. First meeting at 10:00 AM on the 19th; second meeting on the 26th at 3:30. 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?

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See you in **April!**

**Exeter Public Library
230 E. Chestnut Street,
Exeter, CA**

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**Horizontal Warping Reel for Sale**

**\$50.00**

Contact Monica Rook: [rooksworld@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rooksworld@sbcglobal.net)



**SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!**

