

Weave to  
re-create  
the past



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create for  
the future

## The Roving

**May, 2025**

**May, 2025** Greetings, HWOTV!

You know what they say about good intentions . . . This evening is my last one of spring break. I had two weekends and six weekdays off. I was going to do so much weaving and spinning! I did do some. I was able to go to the Mooney Grove Park open house all day Saturday. I did spend a couple of half day's weaving. But I also ended up spending 2 1/2 days in Vegas for my niece's last-minute wedding. I spent a morning helping my daughter with her unexpected move to a new rental. I spent four meals out with friends. I celebrated Easter with my family. I spent a half day with a previous exchange student who was in the area. The weather warmed up, and I had to bring a couple boxes of warm weather clothes up from basement and take a couple boxes of cold weather clothes back down. I was not able to accomplish most of my weaving and spinning plans. However, I don't regret any of it. I love to weave and I



**Guild Meeting:**

**Date: May 10,  
2025**

**Time: 10:00  
AM**

**Where: Exeter  
Memorial  
Building**

**Program: Get  
started with  
*Tour de Fleece!***

love to spin, but I don't want to focus on them to the exclusion of the rest of my life. It's all about balance.

Julie McIntosh, President

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



### May 2025

Thank you to Juliet, Peggy and Kaye for facilitating a phone tree to notify members of the cancelled meeting.

Thanks to the many hands who participated in the Tulare County Jamboree on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Although it was a long day (10-3), our members were troopers and smiled and demonstrated and chatted with the many adults and kids who stopped by our table.

Thanks, too, to all of you for your patience as we iron out our relationship or schedule with the Exeter Veterans Memorial Building

Don't forget to thank Judy A for the wonderful program on 2-D felt painting. Bring your gorgeous, finished product for Show and Tell on May 10th.

## Programs

All over the world, bicycle teams are preparing for the *Tour de France*. They are working on endurance, engineering, strategies, logistics, and so much more. In May, Laurie K will help with our preparation for Tour de FLEECE. Not only will you tune up your wheel, but she will offer insight into how to participate in the Tour de FLEECE whether you are a spinner, weaver, dyer, knitter, or felter. The idea crosses all disciplines of Fiber Arts. So, be prepared to leave the May meeting with new ideas, focused goals, and a shiny wheel, or rigid heddle loom. The guild will again provide rags, Murphy's Oil Soap, utensils for cleaning minute parts and nice oil. Bring the RH loom or Spinning wheel and the instruction booklet (always helpful).

After the meeting, all interested members are invited to work on preparing Arvada's fleece for the mill. If you have a drum carder, hand carders, flicker, or hackles please bring them on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We have the room all afternoon- a long day! Since it is a long day, bring your snack, lunch, and drink.

June is the time of the Summer Solstice. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have the program on Summer and Winter (yes, I know Winter is long gone).

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, Father Christmas will visit for the program.

## Show and Sale

There will be a short meeting at 9:20 on May 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, suggestions, or concerns, this is the time to offer them to the group.

Save the DATE... May 2<sup>nd</sup>! The Make It Committee will meet at the Visalia Learning Center to make Kumihimo disks for Show and Sale and for other Outreach opportunities. We begin early because we often are invited to events where we can show our love of all things Fiber! Join us at 9 o'clock at 630 S. Atwood St. Visalia, 93277 (it's near Lifestyles/ CHP)

## BIOGRAPHIES

If you have not written your biography, please write a short and sweet version. Members at the February meeting followed this outline. Share what you are comfortable sharing with our group.

Write a small biography about you for the guild newsletter! Please include:

Your name

When you first fell in love with fiber arts

What fiber art are you involved in (currently)  
Where you live

### PLEASE MEET...

My name is Sharon Farrar. I learned to crochet as a child, maybe 8 or 9 years old. I still enjoy crocheting, and also embroidery, and sewing. I am learning to knit and spin. I hope to move onto weaving next. I was raised by very crafty and artistic parents who supported and encouraged all of my creative endeavors. I am still working full-time so my crafting time is limited but I make the most of the time I have.

My name is Amy Patterson. I've enjoyed fiber arts of various types for most of my life, but I started spinning 10 years ago and fell in love. I started weaving a couple years ago and I'm enjoying learning to use different looms. Currently, I primarily spin and weave, but I also enjoy sewing, cross stitch, rug hooking, crochet, knitting and learning new hobbies.

I live in Fresno, Ca with my partner, Scott and our 2 dogs (Finn and Dahili) and 2 cats (Miri and CatCat).

I am Sophie Britten. Knitting was my first introduction (1957) to fiber fun. My interest in spinning began around 2010. I soon progressed by getting a rigid heddle loom. Nikki was my teacher! From the rigid heddle I moved on to four floor looms and feel guilty if one of them is sitting there without a warp! I am still knitting, spinning and weaving. I live in Three Rivers; I am a published author as I wrote "Pioneers in Paradise"- the history of Three Rivers, CA. I am 86 years old, and I still love living in the mountains and being independent!

### MEMBERSHIP

Our Membership list has been sent out. The list was sent via email to all members. PLEASE look at YOUR information and verify it. No mistake is too small for Sophie to correct!

SAMPLE:

Joe Blow	550-730-7787	12345 Rd. 123	Visalia, CA	93277	jblow@ad.com
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My number is 559-730-7787. My email is actually: [jblow@aol.com](mailto:jblow@aol.com)

Thank you for taking the time to look at your information and notifying Sophie. As we correct the information, we can contact our members efficiently and easily. We used it to contact you regarding the cancellation of the March meeting! Thank you!

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**Kaweah Konnection:** Kaweah Konnection- Meets second Wednesday of the month at the Community Presbyterian Church in Three Rivers. Please contact Linda Hayden - [saddleblankets@haydenranches.com](mailto:saddleblankets@haydenranches.com) for further info.

**Squeekie Wheels has resumed our regular schedule!** Plan to bring your wheels and spin up a storm on **May 16th** at 10:00 and then our second Squeekie get-together **May 23rd** at 3:30. Also 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 on **May 16<sup>th</sup> & May 23rd!**

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Exeter, CA

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**SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!**

