

Weave to  
re-create  
the past



Weave to  
create for  
the future

## The Roving

July, 2025

**July, 2025** Greetings, HWOTV!

I love a happy accident. A few summers ago, I wove some cell phone cases, but forgot to account for draw up off of the loom. They did happen to be exactly the right size to conveniently hold the drain put in after surgery for a few weeks in summer 2023. The nurses exclaimed so much about its usefulness, that I donated the rest to the hospital.

The first time I was there for ice dying, I died two different sections of a warp to make stripes out of what I thought was gonna be clay and royal blue. Don't understand the possibility of color splitting with ice dying. The results are so busy that it would have too much for one towel. I ended up dying Just as much of a plain white warp into a complementary golden color that was picked up by the color splitting on both warps and made two separate groups of towels for they are beautiful!

I recently ordered 2" embroidery rings to display some felted Christmas ornaments, but they were much smaller



**Guild Meeting:**

**Date: July 12,  
2025\*see**

**announcement**

**Time: 10:00  
AM**

**Where: Exeter  
Memorial  
Building**

**Program:**

**Christmas In**

**July!**

than intended. I resolved to mail them back the next day.; however, the next morning I had a brainstorm and decided to weave some narrow Christmas colored plaid to cut up and place in the rings for inexpensive things that people can buy at show & sale.

The "cell phone holders" and towels are long gone, but look for Christmas ornaments in October!

Julie McIntosh, President

**\*ANNOUNCEMENT** During July, the Veterans building in Exeter will be undergoing some renovations. Our normal entrance may not be available. If so, try parking on the other side of the building and coming in another door. Our regular room will be available for use, just possibly not our regular door.

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



**July, 2025**

Thanks...Kaye L. has been working on outreach projects for the future. We are ready to introduce the kids and kids at heart to many interesting activities.

Bring your results of the Summer Solar Dyeing. Remember, by sharing you are teaching others how to have fun!

If you have questions about Summer and Winter, please ask. If you missed June's program, extra project sheets will be available.

**July's program, Christmas in July**, is meant as a brainstorm session.

Bring ideas and samples of Christmas (or other holidays) ornaments that have been handmade and would fit on a small Christmas tree at Show and Sale. A few years ago, Donna Smith, our former treasurer, suggested we lean into Christmas ornaments as a part of Show and Sale. Since she is not able to attend our meetings, it might be nice to honor her vision. Think about Dorset buttons, small felted and felt painting projects, inkle bands creations, small handwoven designs. If you can't think of anything, bring your open brain.

**Our August guild presentation** will give you a peek into the abundant **FREE** resources available to makers through NEST, a nonprofit that provides learning, business advice and partnerships to help makers become more successful. Whether you wish to learn how to take better photos of your artwork, build a business/marketing plan or join a network of other makers, NEST has something for you. For two decades NEST helped artisans worldwide develop their craft and find customers and mentors. In recent years [Nest](#) has refocused on supporting US based artists.

**Mark your calendar for September 13<sup>th</sup>**. Our program will be a colorful one! We will play with ice dyeing. You are asked to bring your cotton (fiber) projects items, a colander (it should not be a kitchen item), and a large bag of ice. Your guild will provide dyes, soda ash solution, gloves, masks, paper towels, and plastic bags. If you would like to order the Dharma 14-inch (possibly out of stock) or the 18-inch cotton bags, sign up at the July meeting. The order will go in shortly after the July meeting. Money will be due at the August meeting.

### **Special Request**

Toni will be attending the National Basketry Organization's biennial conference in Tacoma, WA July 22 - 29. The non-profit is asking for donations of basketry materials, completed baskets, **woven items**, books on arts or crafts or anything which seems pertinent. She leaves July 20 and will be glad to take things up or ship them earlier if the items are too large. Please contact Toni if you have donations. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

**Applications for Harvest of Handwovens are open.** You may pick up an application at July's meeting OR download a copy from our website (HWOTV.org) under the Harvest of Handwoven banner at the top of the page.

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

**Tour de Fleece**-July 5-21 (Get your Bingo cards ready)

**Lambtown** - October 3-5<sup>th</sup>, Dixon Fairgrounds, Dixon, CA

**Spin and Weave Week** - October 6- 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be sharing our art and expertise at locations throughout Tulare/Kings County.

**Taste the Arts** (application is in) October 18<sup>th</sup> 10-5 PM. We will keep you apprised of the application process.

**Sunflower Challenge** November 8<sup>th</sup>

**Summer and Winter Sampler** - Along the way, please ask questions and prepare to finish your sampler by November 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Please Meet...**

I am **Nikki Crain**. I grew up in Kansas, Nebraska, and North Dakota. I moved to Southern California in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Early on, I did some embroidery. Later, I learned to crochet and tried to learn to knit. I thought I had found my favorite fiber art with crochet. I did a lot of sewing when I was in high school. I made my graduation dress and later, I made my wedding dress. Then, when I was working at Ash Mountain, I met someone who was a weaver. She invited me to a Guild Meeting. I was welcomed with open arms. I was given supplies for what the guild was making that day. This friend moved into a smaller house

and asked me if I would like to have a loom until she had room for it. She brought her loom to me already warped and showed me how to get started. That did it!! I started buying looms whenever they came available. I now have a total of 9 floor looms and several table and Inkle looms. My husband, Rich, built my studio which is loaded with shelves of yarn.

**And...**

I am **Dale Battistoni**. I started using fiber material during my college years, being an Industrial Arts and Art major. Currently, I am weaving with fiber, rope, yarn, and pine needles for different projects. In my past life, I was a school teacher for 35 years. I am married and living in Lemoore.

**And, finally...**

Hello, my name is **Mazalyn Rummerfield**. I will be 24 this June, I started crocheting around the age of 12 because my little brother wanted a few crocheted items he had seen from his favorite tv show at the time. My grandmother has always played such a big part in my crafting journey, every time I would visit her she always had something new for me to make or do, till this day I am so thankful and cherish all the wonderful times we spend together sewing or just talking about our crafts. She has been my biggest fan and support throughout the years of not being afraid to love the things I do and become the person I am. I then picked up knitting a few years after. I bought my first spinning wheel when I was 22, with no knowledge of spinning or the guild. Soon after I found the guild, and went down the rabbit hole of buying a floor loom thanks to Donna Smith who told my husband about one up for sale just down the road from our home and offered to help me learn. Since joining the guild, I have felt nothing but extremely welcomed, there have been lots of other little crafting groups I've tried to join and felt unwelcome because of my age/experience level compared to the rest of the members of the group. The guild has been the first group I have become a member of HWOTV and stayed while being encouraged and helped throughout my journey of many new crafts by many of you. This

will be my second year being part of the guild and I am just so excited to meet you all and learn so many new things this year!

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**Kaweah Konnection:** Kaweah Konnection will meet again in the Fall. Please contact Linda Hayden - [saddleblankets@haydenranches.com](mailto:saddleblankets@haydenranches.com) for further info.

**Squeekie Wheels!** Plan to bring your wheels and spin up a storm on **July 18th** at 10:00 and then our second Squeekie get-together **July 25th** 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? [quailhaven@protonmail.com](mailto:quailhaven@protonmail.com) (Sophie's new e-mail address). See you on **July 18th & July 25th!**

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