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February 2026 Newsletter Humboldt Handweavers & Spinners Guild

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Calendar Of Upcoming Guild Events 2026

*Meetings are in-person at the Wharfinger Building
in the downstairs Bay Room.*

Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday
(Feb, March, April, May, Sept, Oct, & Nov)

Board meeting begins at 5:30 PM
Social/Snack time at 6:45 PM
Program begins at 7:00 PM

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| Feb 12 | Guild Meeting Smocking w/Bellamy Devine |
| March 12 | Guild Meeting Pine Needle Basketry w/Peggy Blumenstein |
| April 9 | Guild Meeting Spinning w/Lizette Hopkins |
| May 14 | Guild Meeting Sheep & Wool /Foggy Bottom Boys |
| Sept 10 | Guild Meeting Kira Delaney |

December Program:

Introduction to Smocking with Bellamy Devine



Smocking is a traditional sewing technique that gathers fabric to create a decorative, stretchy texture that was used for elasticity in garments before elastic was available. This program includes a beginner-friendly explanation of the technical elements of smocking embroidery. Bellamy will share about the history of the art form as well as their personal connections to the craft.

Bellamy Devine is a textile artist working in traditional art forms such as quilting, smocking, and natural dyes. Their work is made with ideals of low-waste, locally sourced, and looking good in mind. The most recent show of their work was exhibited in the short-run play: Everyone Goes to the Sun at the Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.



HSSG Treasurer Report December 2025

Income

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| Dues for 2026 & later | \$175.00 |
| Total | \$175.00 |

Expenses

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| PO Box rent | \$192.00 |
| Magazines | \$ 69.98 |
| Total | \$261.98 |

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| Checking balance 12/31/25 | \$5676.39 |
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Membership application at bottom of newsletter.

\$35 for 1 year, \$70 for 2 years

Dues can be mailed to:

*Humboldt Handweavers & Spinners Guild
PO Box 370, Arcata, CA 95518*



Ongoing Donations Request:

Ayala still collects tools & materials for Western North Carolina. If you have items to send, call her at 707/339-9795 for pickup. Much appreciated!



ROC Day 2026

Updated Equipment List for Guild Library

There have been new donations of equipment to the guild equipment library that is stored in Eureka.

A new list has been included as an attachment to the newsletter email – complete with photos. All guild members are welcome to check out equipment.

If you are interested in checking out items, contact Becky @ (707) 499-9267. new projects.

PS One of our Schacht Table Looms was checked out and I forgot to write it down. Please call me if you have it. Thanks!



Show and Tell

At our last regular meeting, many people brought their newly finished projects to share with the group. It's so great to see all the creative work that people do!

Here's a little project I wasn't able to share. My first dish towels, woven on a rigid heddle loom. They are linen and cotton. I'm happy with how they turned out for a first try. Next I want to try all cotton.

Bring your finished projects to the guild meetings for a short "show and tell" of your favorite new projects.



Classified Ads and Notices

For Sale: (Due to hip problems.)

Glimakra Julia Countermarche 8 Harness Loom
27-inch weaving width.



Contact: Interested members please call Betsy Neal at
(707) 298-8266

~~ *Guild Sale Items* ~~

Beautiful Wool Rug donated by Linda Holland. Rug
is 28 1/2" by 55." \$200 or best offer.

Contact: Becky @ rebeccasalstrom@gmail.com



Patrick Green Wool Picker donated by Don B.
Wool picker for carding wool. There is some rust on
this one that doesn't affect the use. \$200 OBO
*(This design is now sold by Brother Drum Carders for \$1100.
More info on their page.)*

Contact: Becky @ rebeccasalstrom@gmail.com



Indian Head Spinner

Bulky yarn spinning head. It doesn't not come with
stand or treadle. Please make offer.

Contact: Becky @ rebeccasalstrom@gmail.com



HHSG Mentors

The guild has a new program that connects
experienced fiber artists with members who
could use some help with their craft. A list of
mentors is listed on the current member list.
Contact them directly at the emails provided.



Guild Equipment Library

*Guild equipment is available for loan to members
(See list of equipment attached to email.)*

Contact: Becky @ rebeccasalstrom@gmail.com

Discount code for guild members!

Lunatic Fringe Yarns
Unique Yarns for Unique People

Guild Affiliate Program 2024
Humboldt Handweavers & Spinners Guild
Coupon Code: HumboldtGuild2024

Use this code on our website to save
5% on your order &
earn 5% for your guild!

www.LunaticFringeYarns.com
(800) 483-8749

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HHSG Board of Directors:

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| President | Janet Warren | 616-6820 | Programs | Linda Hartshorn | 599-2729 |
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| Secretary | Maggie Ramsey | 442-2044 | Archivist / Hist. | Edith Butler | 443-3289 |
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Find us on the web @ www.hhsguild.org . Current Newsletter & meeting details are available on the website.

Membership form Yes! I'd like to join Humboldt Handweavers & Spinners Guild

Name _____ Email** _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State & Zip _____

** By submitting your email address for inclusion on the Guild's membership list, you understand that this list may be freely used by all Guild members to communicate Guild messages and other fiber-related information, including the distribution of announcements by owners of fiber businesses who are Guild members.

Our newsletters are delivered by email in PDF format to all members with email addresses. Printed newsletters (without fliers or special announcements) are mailed to members without email or by request. Please mail printed version _____

Annual Dues are \$35. Collection process starts in September.

Make checks out to HHSG (not tax deductible).

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