

WARPED NEWS

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WEAVING NEWS

Many lovely rugs have come off looms in the last month. Among them is this beautiful rug from Ray Snedeker with the delicate floral embroidery. We are encouraging Ray to enter this into the SD Fair.



MORE BEAUTIFUL RUGS

By Karen Greeley



SPINNING NEWS

Second Saturday Spinners will meet Saturday, April 11, from 10 AM - 2 PM to do some ad hoc wool dyeing.

NEW SKILLS

Margie

White taking on the AVL Loom. A study stream of weavers have taken the time to weave part of this project.



RUG HOOKING

During Robyn Sendelbach's visit to the North County Wool Gatherers she was taken by the similarities between tapestry and rug hooking. This is a sample of a rug made with wool.



TAPESTRY NEWS

More beautiful work by Karen Greeley. Join us at the next Tapestry Meeting to see more of our member's efforts on April 16th at 11:00 AM.



NEXT MEETING

18 April 2026

Meeting begins at
10:00 AM
Coffee and Snacks at
9:30 AM

Our next Guild Meeting will focus on Fiber Art Fiesta preparation. Please join us as we prepared the barn and gather all the yarn and equipment we will have for sale. Get a preview of our awesome and affordable inventory!

Next Event

Vista Fiber Arts
Fiesta
May 2-3, 2026

AGSEM
WEAVING BARN AND
SPINNER'S COTTAGE
OPEN

THURSDAY,
SATURDAY AND
SOME SUNDAYS
10AM - 2 PM

FOR SALE
8-shaft, 12 Treadle
Gilmore Loom
\$600



LIBRARY

The Library is available every Thursday and Saturday. We are adding books. Let us know if you have a recommendation.



Marge returns this year with twin boys!

GUILD OUTREACH

A big thank you to Jill Sparrow-Koch who volunteered to lead Girl Scout Troop 1592 in their Silver Award gardening project. They are researching native California plants that can be used for dyeing with plans to establish a raised flower garden in front of the Zuest Family Spinners' Cottage. They will have a demonstration booth at the Fiber Arts Fiesta to educate the public on easy to obtain native dye plants.

2026 VISTA FIBER ARTS FIESTA UPDATE

Help us get ready for our biggest fiber event of the year. The month of April will be dedicated to getting the barn and cottage ready, organizing barn sales and promoting the event. Our schedule of events is full of fiber fun with:

- Classes (\$40) in Broom Making, Knitting, Crocheting, Needle Felting and Drop Spindle with 14 attendees already registered.
- Make & Take (\$5): Spend 40-50 minutes to try Inkle Band Weaving, Rigid Heddle Weaving, Bobbin Lace, Hand Carding Wool and Cherokee Style Baskets.
- Demonstrations in rope making, weaving, spinning, broom making, sheep shearing & wool processing.
- Learn spinning wheel care & maintenance from John Britt or vintage sewing machine care & maintenance from Lou Sendelbach.
- Listen to Music provided by DnR.
- Shop till you drop with a field full of quality Vendors.

We need volunteers on both days to:

- Greet visitors at the gate to answer questions & guide them.
- Assist with Make & Take, specifically Rigid Heddle mug rugs.
- Demonstrate weaving & spinning.
- Help with sales.

Please help us spread the word via flyers, postcards & social media.

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North County Wool Gatherers

Robyn Sendelbach was invited to visit a guild meeting of the North County Wool Gatherers, an active rug hooking group that meets monthly in Fallbrook. She was impressed with the size of the gathering with at least 20 creative women who are passionate about their art. They are chapter members of a national rug hooking guild and said to be one of the larger guilds in the organization. See them as they demonstrate during the Fiber Arts Fiesta.

VISITING GUILDS

We are pleased to be hosting the following guilds during the Fiber Arts Fiesta:

- San Diego Creative Weavers Guild will demonstrate and provide Kid's Crafts. Susan Van Winkle will lead the rigid heddle Make & Take as a member of both guilds.
- San Diego County Spinners will be assisting with Make & Take activities providing a hand carding with color opportunity.
- Greater Los Angeles Spinners will be teaching the Drop Spindle Classes.
- Misti Washington Baskets Makers will demonstrate in Booth #42-43.
- Norge Lodge Knitters will demonstrate in Booth #39.
- North County Wool Gatherers will demonstrate in Booth #38.
- AGSEM Rope Makers will demonstrate in Booth #3-4.
- The Weavers from the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians will return to lead the basket Make \$ Take.

JUNE GUILD MEETING AND WORKSHOP

Get ready for June when Susan Van Winkle will lead a workshop in sewing a simple top from your handwoven yardage. See Susan for questions about the structure and amount of yardage needed.

